

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 14, 2011

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 14, 2011 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Rust, Councilpersons Wood, Bagnato, Sochia, Jock.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Streeter Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Assessor & Code Officer Alan Fukes, Ernest Wood, Justice David Beekman.

Supervisor Rust called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bagnato to accept minutes of Organization Meeting, Public Hearing, and Regular Meeting held on January 10, 2011 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to approve the Financial Report for December 2010 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Rust reported to the Board that the January Monthly Report was not ready.

Clerk French told the Board that there is a correction on the General Fund, Abstract 1; Voucher No. 23 the amount should have been \$392.06 make the total abstract \$12,427.26.

*Mrs. Bagnato made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to approve the correction.

Voucher Nos. 31 to 30 General Fund Abstract 2 in the amount of \$11,306.79 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 12 to 31 Highway Fund Abstract 2 in the amount of \$16,106.62 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 4 to 7 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 2 in the amount of \$607.00 were audited and approved by the Board.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bagnato to pay the bills. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to make the following transfer in the General Fund:

From A1355.2 Assessor equipment to A1355.4 Assessor contractual \$1,000.00 to pay for new lap top. Adopted unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Judge Beekman asked the Board to fund a helper for him at the court. He stated he needs some extra help for a period of three to six months until he becomes more familiar with how the software programs works and other items that need to be taken care of. He would like to hire retired Justice Tebo to help him.

The Board discussed this and stated that they would allow retired Justice Tebo to help him out for a three month period at no more than six hours per month at \$9.50 per hour. The will reevaluate at the end of that time and determine if a longer time is necessary.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bagnato to approve the temporary help to the court for three months. Adopted unanimously.

Correspondence:

SLC Planning Board: 2011 Newsletter, Board Referral Information Sheet and Status of Land Use Regulations.

NYMIR: Proposed rate adjustments for 2011. They have submitted an application to the NYS Insurance Department for rate decreases, to be effective January 1, 2011 and thereafter.

SLC Treasurer: Spreadsheets showing the disbursement for the current year of 1st quarter Sales Tax Distribution.

Old Business:

Front End Loader: Supv. Rust reported to the Board that he had checked with NBT Bank and that for a three year Statutory Installment Bond the interest rate would be 3.20% (guarantee for one month only). He also talked with the Town Attorney in regards to his fees for a lease/purchase or bonding. It would be approximately

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\$750.00 to \$1,000.00. Mr. Streeter reported that the State Contract still is not available so we will have to bid. Mrs. Wood questioned if we go through the process of bidding are we going to purchase this time. Supv. Rust responded that we will be purchasing this time.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bagnato to put out for bids to purchase a new 3.0 Cubic Yard 4-Wheel Drive Loader. Bids must be in the Town Office by 3:00 p.m. on March 16, 2011. Bids will be opened on March 18, 2011 and acted upon at the Regular Meeting on March 21, 2011.

Adopted unanimously.

2006 Ford 450: Mr. Streeter reported that he has looked into prices of a truck to replace the 2006 Ford 450. We would keep the sander. He stated that we could purchase a gas engine instead of diesel for \$35,529.00; the diesel would be \$43,072.00. The V-Plow would run about \$5600.00. He stated that we could put the 2006 out for bid and should be able to get a minimum of \$30,000.00 for it.

Committee Reports:

Code: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He has issued two permits.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. The new lap top has been purchased and is in Canton being updated.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that they cleaned up the Christmas decorations.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Streeter presented a written report. Met with Bob O'Neil on summer work schedule. SLC bids should be out in March. Had a discussion on "three breath death" from NYS Haz-Mat training.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Streeter reported that they have one new member. Phillip Wagner. They will hold a chicken dinner on March 5 at Town Hall. Held a Haz-Mat refresher course.

Town Facilities: There is a tree near the old garage at Highway Department that needs to come down. Need to contact National Grid it is near wires.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported that the front steps leading into the Town Hall are in bad shape and will need to be addressed in the spring. He cleaned the snow off all of the roofs.

New Business:

Agreement with County to Spend Highway Funds: Mrs. Bagnato made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to approve the Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds with the county. Adopted unanimously.

Holding Harmless Agreement: Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bagnato:

WHEREAS, the Town of Hopkinton is desirous of St. Lawrence County Department of Highways providing shared services such as paving, shoulder widening, signage, road stripping, blasting and other routine maintenance activities to the Town, and

WHEREAS, both the Town of Hopkinton and the County of St. Lawrence are desirous of promoting partnering efforts for the safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, in this joint cooperative endeavor, the Town of Hopkinton and the County of St. Lawrence desires to be reimbursed for their expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Town is aware that the County may incur liability in the providing of the services and wishes to indemnify the County in this regard,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hopkinton hereby agrees, to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County of St. Lawrence from and against liability, loss, damage, claim or action resulting from the work performed by St. Lawrence County Department of Highways. The Town of Hopkinton does not indemnify and hold harmless the County for any liability, loss, damage, claim, or action which arises during the actual performance of services by the St. Lawrence County Department of Highways. Said St. Lawrence County Department of

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Highways and the Count of St. Lawrence assumes the liability for losses, damages and claims for the actual physical performance of the work, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following request for General Liability (GL) coverage is as follows:

General Liability Insurance

On an "Occurrence" basis, with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$2,000,000 General Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Products Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Personal Injury

\$ 50,000 Fire Damage Legal Liability

\$ 5,000 Medical Payment Expense

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that St. Lawrence County Shall is an additional insured on the GL Policy, via ISO endorsement CG 2026.

VOTE: Supv. Rust Aye, Councilperson Bagnato Aye, Wood Aye, Sochia Aye, Jock Aye.

Supv. Rust also reported to the Board that he wrote a letter to Assemblyman Blankenbush in regards to the 2% Property Tax Cap.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Vickie French