

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, September 16, 2013 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilpersons Lyon, Sochia, Crump arrived at 6:50 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT: James Hollenbeck Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Assessor & Code Officer Alan Fukes arrived at 6:50 p.m., Richard Schrader, Barney, Ernest Wood, Victor Barboas Courier, Loren Shattuck, Alysia Maynard Potsdam Humane Society, Lucille Waterson Potsdam Humane Society, Ronald Streeter arrived 7:00 p.m.

ABSENT: Councilman Potter.

Supervisor Wood called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 on p.m.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on August 19, 2013 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to approve the Financial Report for August 2013 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Voucher Nos. 249 to 264 General Fund Abstract 9 in the amount of \$3,676.11 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 160 to 170 Highway Fund Abstract 9 in the amount of \$35,111.69 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 22 to 23 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 9 in the amount of \$3298.63 were audited and approved by the Board.

Ms. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to pay the bills. Adopted unanimously.

Privilege of the Floor:

Alysia Maynard, Potsdam Humane Society spoke to the Board about the services that are offered at the Humane Society, such as the low cost spay/neuter program, rabies shots are available, among many other services. She also spoke to the Board about the 2014 contract. There is only a \$25.00 increase in the contract from 2013. They look at them annually and adjust them to the usage of the town.

Frank Barney spoke to the Board in regards to the Budget Meeting that was supposed to be held on September 9th, but was not held due to the fact there was not a quorum of Board Members present. He stated that councilpersons get paid to do a job and they should be present at meetings.

Richard Schrader also addressed the Board in regards to their absence at meetings. He reminded them of their responsibilities and that they should have more consideration for the taxpayers they are representing and for the persons that are attending the meetings.

Supv. Wood stated she agreed with them, but because they are elected there is nothing she can do about it.

Only the people who put them in office have the power to remove them. She will contact the members of the Board that did not attend the meeting and talk with them about this matter.

Correspondence:

Cornell University: regarding the continuation of the Local Roads Program being held at Cornell University.

NYMIR: regarding the continuation of the return of capital program for the next two years. We will receive an interest distribution of \$572.50 for each year.

St. Therese Church: requesting permission to use the Town Hall in November for a dinner fund raiser. The Board agreed to allow them use of the Town Hall with adult supervision and asked the Supervisor to contact them and make them aware of this and that there will be a \$75.00 deposit charged due to the problems in the past.

Adirondack Park Local Gov't Review Board: requesting funding in the amount of \$300.00 in support of the work of the Review Board in representing the interests of the local governments of the Adirondacks. The Board

REGULAR MEETING CONTINUED

SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

took no action on this matter.

Old Business:

Water Softener Town Hall: No report as of yet on hardness or calcium/lime.

Truck Purchase: Mr. Hollenbeck reported to the Board the following prices for a new truck:

Peterbilt: \$194,676.00.

Tracey Road Equip: Western Star/Viking Plow: \$184,937.00. Add \$3,000.00 for Tenco plow Equip.

Beam Mack: \$183,014.27 Viking Plow; \$186,434.71 Tenco Plow Equip.

Mr. Hollenbeck reported to the Board that the 2009 Sterling is back in the shop with the same radiator problem. He has called Tracey Road Equipment several times in regards to this matter to see if there is a recall and can get no response. He reported that we have not had good service from them over the years and would not recommend purchasing from them.

A lease purchase option is available from all vendors.

He also reported to the board that he and Mike Robinson had gone to Potsdam and looked at the new Mack and would recommend to the Board that they purchase the Mack. He suggested to the Board the only changes he would make in the truck are to go with stainless piping instead of hoses and to purchase the extended warranty for \$1100.00.

After discussion Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to purchase a new 2014 Mack Granite Gu7, Gu8 truck with Viking Snow Equipment and the stainless piping and extended warranty through the Onondaga County Heavy Truck Class 8 statewide Contract #7823 at an approximate price of \$183,014.27 through a lease/purchase. Adopted unanimously.

Town Hall Steps: Ms Lyon reported that she has not had any luck on contacting Cootware Construction. She will try to contact Patrick Tharrett.

Union Negotiations: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that a tentative agreement had been reached. The Board reviewed the agreement and Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to approve the Union Contract effective 1-01-2014 – 12-31-2016. Adopted unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that she has been attending Union Negotiations, met with USDA on new Town Office, and attended the County Supervisor meeting, met with Thomas Pahler, Engineer for the new Town Office.

Code: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. It was brought to his attention that there was some dumping on the side of the Lake Ozonia Road where no dumping signs by order of the Town Board were put up. Upon further investigation it was found the signs were put on private property. The Board discussed this and Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to remove the no dumping signs that are on personal property located on the Lake Ozonia Road. Adopted unanimously.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He will be attending the Assessors Conference October 1 thru October 4 in Lake Placid.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that a relative of the founder of Hopkinton, Martyn Roswell Bettel, direct descendant of Col Roswell Hopkins, will be traveling to Hopkinton on September 17. The Historical Group is planning a luncheon for him and is open to the public.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Hollenbeck presented a written report. Mr. Hollenbeck reported to the Board that he had received some price quotes on installing a security/fire alarm system at the Town Garage upon the recommendation of the insurance company. They are as follows:

REGULAR MEETING CONTINUED

SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

Alltech Integrations, Inc: \$3,335.08 and a \$25.00/month monitoring fee.

NCC Systems Inc: \$4,635.76 and an \$18.00/month monitoring fee.

ADR Telecom: \$3,402.28 installation of cameras and \$3,724.39 for the fire/burglar system.

Creg Systems: \$7,118.00 and a \$20.00/month monitoring fee.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to hire Alltech Integrations to install a security/fire alarm system at the Highway Garage at a cost of \$3,335.08. Adopted unanimously.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Crump reported they had five calls. Vickie French asked him when the antique fire apparatus that was used during Summer Fest was going to be returned to its proper home.

Town Facilities: Mr. Crump reported that it was reported there was a problem with the toilets in the ladies room of Town Hall he checked them and they seem to work fine. Frank Barney repaired the dead bolt on the door at the town office.

Food Pantry: Mr. Schrader reported that they are continuing to have a good turnout. They are looking for warm coats and clothes for the coming months.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported that he has been working at the Catherinsville Cemetery mowing and painting the fence. He is removing stumps in the Hopkinton Park and by Town Office.

New Business:

Justice Court Grant: Ms Lyon introduced the following resolution with a second by Mr. Crump:

BE IT RESOLVED, that at a regular Town Board Meeting of the Hopkinton Town Board, St. Lawrence County, on September 16, 2013, the Town Board unanimously agreed to apply for a Justice Court Grant.

VOTE: Supv. Wood Aye, Councilmen Crump Aye, Lyon Aye, Sochia Aye, Potter Absent.

USDA Funding: Ms Lyon introduced the following resolution with a second by Mr. Crump:

BE IT RESOLVED, that at a regular Town Board Meeting of the Hopkinton Town Board, St. Lawrence County, on September 16, 2013, the Town Board unanimously agree to apply for funding and financing through the USDA for a town municipal building.

VOTE: Supv. Wood Aye, Councilmen Crump Aye, Lyon Aye, Sochia Aye, Potter Absent.

Appointment of Assessor: Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to reappoint Allen Fukes to a six year term as Town Assessor for a six year term commencing on October 1, 2013 until September 30, 2019. Adopted unanimously.

Library Page: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that the current Library Page that was helping Brenda Nicholson at library is no longer available. She has accepted another applicant. Supv. Wood stated she will speak with Mrs. Nicholson and make her aware that we have to post the job and send the application to the SLC Personal Department for approval before the Board can approve the applicant.

Mower: Mr. Hollenbeck reported to the Board that he had got some prices on a new mower due to the fact of decreasing the work crew to four men. He stated that as of right now it takes all summer for one employee to mow the roadsides if we were to purchase a mower that mowed 10 to 10 1/2 feet we could save a lot of time. The Board discussed this and Mr. Sochia asked him to research prices on a complete package including the tractor.

Mr. Hollenbeck also reported he looked into prices on a new John Deer Backhoe. We can purchase one on State Contract for \$107,992.00 with a trade-in of \$18,000.00 and lease for five years at an approximate cost of \$20,000.00/year.

2014 Budget: Clerk French presented the Board with the 2014 Tentative Budget. Budget Officer, Vickie French, went through all items compiled in the Budget and Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to

REGULAR MEETING CONTINUED

SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

adopt the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary budget for 2014 as presented and hold a Public Hearing on October 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hopkinton Town Hall. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Vickie French