

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2014

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 10, 2014 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilpersons Lyon, Sochia, Crump.

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Ronald Streeter, Frank Barney, Ernest Wood, Annette Green, Georgia Macy.

ABSENT: Councilman Potter.

Supervisor Wood called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 on p.m.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to accept minutes of Organizational Meeting, and Regular Meeting held on January 13, 2014 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

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

Voucher Nos. 29 to 62 General Fund Abstract 2 in the amount of \$12,459.40 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 6 to 21 Highway Fund Abstract 2 in the amount of \$15,186.19 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 3 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 2 in the amount of \$425.00 were audited and approved by the Board.

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

Correspondence:

RCAP Solutions: asking the town to send a letter of support reinstating funding. Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to have the Supervisor send a letter of support. Adopted unanimously.

City of Ogdensburg: thanking the Board for supporting the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center in their efforts to designate the SLPC as a Regional Center of Excellence.

North Country Life Flight: thanking the Board for their continued support.

NYMIR: regarding a proposed rate adjustment for 2014. They are proposing a rate decrease effective January 1, 2014.

Carlyn McKee: regarding a Community Garden. She is asking the Board for permission to use a plot of land at the Ft. Jackson Park left of the basketball court. It will be maintained by volunteers. She submitted a calendar and contact information that would be posted in the garden. The Board decided to table this until next month.

Old Business:

Proposed Town Office: Supv. Wood updated the Board on the proposed office/court. Blue prints were available for board to review.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that she and Deputy Supervisor Lyon met with the Town Attorney regarding the proposed new town office. He will prepare the resolution once we have a cost. She also spoke with NBT Bank in regards to financing they told her we need to contact a Financial Advisor. She attended the SLC Supervisors' Association meeting; she is on the committee to meet with County in regards to winter maintenance contracts.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that they are planning the Maple Fest.

Library: Computer usage continues to increase.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report. In the spring they are going to clean up the Patnode lot. He would like to put a storage building on the lot. It would cost approx \$7500.00 for a 14 x 40. He also reported that County Tree Cutting Crew is working in the area and they will take down the two trees by the new

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entrance to the park and the one on the Patnode lot for approximately \$400.00. The Board discussed this and Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to have the County cut down the two trees at the Ft. Jackson Park entrance, and the one on the Patnode lot. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Sochia reported that he checked with LaValley Trucking and they do not have a trailer available at this time. When one comes available the approximate cost is \$2500.00.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Crump reported on the calls. They will hold a Ham Dinner on February 22. There will be a banquet at the Parishville Fire Hall on May 17<sup>th</sup> honoring Richard Daby. He was selected at the St. Lawrence County Firefighter of the Year.

Town Facilities: Mr. Green submitted a bill from First Class Services for repairs to the chimneys during the ice storm. The bill will be submitted to the insurance company for payment.

Supv. Wood told the board that she had an estimate for the fabrication of new hand rail for the ramp at town hall that was damaged during ice storm. J.B.S. Welding will fabricate, prime and paint for a cost between \$800.00 & \$1,000.00. This will also be submitted to the insurance company for payment.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to approve the fabrication of the hand rail by J.B.S. Welding. Adopted unanimously.

Food Pantry: Georgia Macy reported that the donations continue to come in.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported that he will have to purchase more ice melt. He also reported that the tree by the Museum on the corner of Church St and SH 11B needs to come down and if County is in area cutting trees it would be a good time to have it taken down. The Board asked Mr. Green to look at the tree and if it needs to come down have the County cut that one also while they are in the area.

New Business:

Agreement with County to Spend Highway Funds: Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to approve the Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds with the county. Adopted unanimously.

Holding Harmless Agreement: Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon:

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 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

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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 be an additional insured on the GL Policy, via ISO endorsement CG 2026.

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

Town of Parishville: 2014 Recreation Contract. Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to approve the 2014 Summer Recreation Contract for a four week period at a cost of \$6500.00. Adopted unanimously.

Executive Session: Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to go into Executive Session to discuss Union Grievances at 7:40 p.m. Budget Officer French and Highway Supt Green were asked to stay for Executive Session. Adopted unanimously.

Regular Meeting resumed at 8:15 p.m.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to no longer allow Employees to charge safety boots/work clothing direct from vendor. Employee must purchase with their own funds and then turn in receipt for purchase to be reimbursed during the calendar year. Adopted unanimously.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Vickie French