

**REGULAR MEETING
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
JANUARY 20, 2020**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by **Councilman William Jennings** at 7:03 PM at the Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt	<input type="checkbox"/> Highway Superintendent, Alden Goodermote
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Councilman Philip Roder	<input type="checkbox"/> Assessor, Jennifer Van Deusen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Councilman William Jennings	<input type="checkbox"/> Town Justice, John Meekins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Councilman Everett Madden	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Code Enforcement, Owen Cassavaugh
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Councilman Pam Kueppers	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town Clerk Stephanie Wagar	

A quorum (X) was () wasn't established.
6 from the Public were present

Councilman Jennings: acknowledges Martin Luther King and prior Councilman Gerald Robinson for the time he put in as Stephentown Councilman.

Councilman Roder: reads a letter provided by Town Supervisor L. Eckhardt in the passing of our former Town Assessor of 40 years, Thomas MacVeigh. (letter attached)

Moment of Silence

Councilman Jennings: introduces Newly Elected Councilman Everett Madden and welcomes him to the Town Board.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #1-20 through #24-20 in the amount of **\$34,619.07 to be paid from the General Account**
- Claim #1-20 through #12-20 in the amount of **\$17,085.89 from the Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$51,704.96** audited and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: JENNINGS **SECONDED BY: RODER**

VOTES OF: 4 AYE 0 NAY

Minutes of the **DECEMBER 16, 2019 Regular Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: KUEPPERS **SECONDED BY: RODER**

VOTES OF: 3 AYE 0 NAY 1 ABSTAINED (MADDEN)

Minutes of the **DECEMBER 30, 2019 Reconciliation Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

TABLE the above minutes – Not enough Board Members present to pass the vote.

MOTION BY: **SECONDED BY:**

VOTES OF: AYE NAY

Minutes of the **JANUARY 2, 2019 Organizational Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: RODER **SECONDED BY: KUEPPERS**

VOTES OF: 4 AYE 0 NAY WITH CORRECTIONS NOTED

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$289.50** to the Supervisor for the month of **December 2019**. (An adjustment to this report will be made once NYS DEC rectifies their technical issues with their reporting system.)

JUSTICE COURT REPORT: The distribution from the office of the State Comptroller, Justice Court Fund to the Town of Stephentown for the month of **November 2019** was **\$1,722.00**

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$5,627.00** for the month of **DECEMBER 2019**

Bags: **\$4,545.00**

C&D & Metal: **\$742.00**

Tires: **\$10.00**

Stickers: **\$200.00**

Appl. & Electronics: **\$130.00**

Propane Tanks: **\$0.00**

W. Jennings: will have a formal report next month, came in under budget.

ACCOUNT TOTALS: NO REPORT PROVIDED BY SUPERVISOR – WILL REPORT NEXT MONTH

GENERAL \$

HIGHWAY \$

GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$

HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$

BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19

BEACON ESCROW FOR PLANT (BOND) \$5,000 & \$70,000.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD:

S. Wagar: Sexual Harassment training materials have been provided to employees, annual required training, once completed print certificate and turn into Town Clerk's Office.

W. Jennings: submissions have been made by both Charter and Consolidated Communications for the franchise. Still waiting on additional information at this time. Committee will review submissions and determine if they meet all requirements. Still waiting on the filing fee from Consolidated Communications. Emailed them explaining the fee is to offset attorney fees.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

T. Dormady: question about the Beacon Bonds, if the Town is the bond holder?

W. Jennings: yes, if they decide that the business will no longer exist it allows the town to be to restore the property if they cannot.

T. Dormady: did ERCSWMA increase their fees?

W. Jennings: same as last year, the budget has not changed. It may with the census.

T. Dormady: are the same municipalities still participating?

W. Jennings: 7 currently still participating.

K. Roppola: met with a representative for the census on utilizing the computers at the library and any services that the library can help them with.

W. Jennings: asks if there is any other reports or questions for the public.

N. Krebbs: provides his background as an Engineer for the Patroon Island Bridge, and his wife's family history in Stephentown. Requests to join the Town Board.

P. Kueppers & W. Jennings: explain he would need to be nominated to sit on the Town Board, and the process.

No further reports

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:42PM

MOTION BY: KUEPPERS

SECONDED BY: RODER

VOTES OF: 4 AYE

0 NAY

****A Workshop Meeting** is held every second Monday of every month at **7:00PM** at the Town Hall next one will be held on Monday, February 10th, 2020 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall.

****The next Regular Meeting** of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, February 17th, 2020 at 7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

Stephanie M. Wagar

Town Clerk

C. Thomas MacVeigh

It's with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of the Town of Stephentown's former assessor, Tom MacVeigh.

Tom was the assessor for the Town for 40 years until his retirement in 2016. He took over the job at a very tumultuous time in the recent history of Stephentown and through steady and sometimes painstaking work, Tom brought order to the towns' assessment needs.

Although residents may not have always agreed with Tom's assessment of their property, Tom was consistent and always had the long-term interest of **all the residents of Stephentown as his guiding principal.**

Our sincerest condolences to his friends and family, and especially to his wife, Joan, who also served the town as Deputy to the Assessor for many, many years. May the blessing of close family and friends sustain you and the entire MacVeigh family in the days ahead.