

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020
VIA - TELECONFERENCE**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by *Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt* at **7:06PM** at the Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

(X) Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt
(X) Councilman Philip Roder
(X) Councilman William Jennings
(X) Councilman Everett Madden
(X) Councilman Pam Kueppers
(X) Town Clerk Stephanie Wagar

(X) Highway Superintendent, Alden Goodermote
(X) Assessor, Jennifer Van Deusen

A quorum (X) was () wasn't established.

4 from the Public were present

Due to the COVID-19 this meeting is being conducted via Teleconference.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #206-20 through #231-20 in the amount of **\$62,867.48 to be approved** from the **General Account**
- Claim #134-20 through #147-20 in the amount of **\$12,134.75 to be approved** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$75,002.23** audited and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: RODER

SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

Minutes of the **August 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: KUEPPERS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$482.47** to the Supervisor for the month of **AUGUST 2020**.

JUSTICE COURT REPORT: The amount to the Town for the following:

- **JANUARY 2020** was **\$2,051.00**
- **FEBRUARY 2020** was **1,893.00**
- **MARCH 2020** was **\$2,508.00**
- **APRIL 2020 & MAY 2020** No Funds Due to COVID-19
- **JUNE** was **\$432.00**
- **JULY 2020** was **\$30.00**

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$15,684.00** for the month of **AUGUST 2020**.

Bags: **\$6,651**

C&D & Metal: **\$2,402**

Tires: **\$71**

Stickers: **\$6,290**

Appl. & Electronics: **\$260**

Propane Tanks: **\$10**

ACCOUNT TOTALS:

GENERAL \$472,762.82

HIGHWAY \$542,278.69

**GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$227,440.65
BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19**

**HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$477,414.41
BEACON ESCROW FOR PLANT (BOND) \$5,000 & \$70,000.**

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Open for public comment at 7:28pm

P. Kueppers: Wednesday the Small Business Group met on Zoom. Dennis Burke has been great, working on getting a more solid schedule and getting some basic ideas before we open to the general public. Been speaking with New Lebanon to get their ideas.

W. Jennings: best to focus on Stephentown before reaching out to New Lebanon.

K. Roppola: Library is still curbside pickup. Crosby is coming back to read. Looking to open by appointment, trying to reopen but watching what happens with the schools.

P. Flint: attended a 2 day Historians Conference, looking to get a letter from the Town on appointment to have more access to the State Library. Looking for permission for the soldiers to bring the cannon and the muskets to fire off while Larry sings the National Anthem on 11/7.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD AND TOWN OFFICES:

- *Discuss Budget Timeline*

L. Eckhardt: Will have all the Budget materials to the Town Clerk by October 1st. New employee at the Highway working out really well, Justin Hoffman. Negotiation discussions for Union Contract for next year have started. It is going to be a guessing game for revenue. 2nd Quarter Sales was 4 thousand less than last year. Kim will the Library need all the \$95 thousand?

K. Roppola: believes since it was voted through all the funds have to go to the library.

J. VanDeuse: Assessor's office is still moving forward to get to the 100%. Metzwood gave each employee \$2,500, I donated it to the Veterans.

S. Wagar: Town Clerk's Office update – NYS DEC sales are down – system is not working and DEC has not contacted the office back to resolve issues. Some changes have been made to the Retention Schedule for each department.

L. Eckhardt: NYS Retirement Reporting issues have been resolved. Finishing up the AUD something is not balancing looking to reach out for some assistance.

RESOLUTION # 36 of 2020

ADVERTISE FOR THE 2021 BUDGET MEETING

WHEREAS: the Town Board would like to hold a Public Hearing regarding the 2021 Preliminary Budget on Monday, October 26th, 2020 at 7:00pm here at the Town Hall, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk is authorized to advertise for said public hearing, via zoom.

MOTION BY: ECKHARDT

SECONDED BY: KUEPPERS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

P. Roder: emailed out the draft of Dennis' Health/medical services letter, only concern is with the distance of Petersburg and Grafton.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:00PM

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: RODER

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

****A 2021 BUDGET Workshop Meeting** will be held on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall, followed by the Town Board's Regular Workshop Meeting which is held every second Monday of every month at the Town Hall.

****The next Regular Meeting** of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, October 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

Stephanie M. Wagar

Town Clerk