

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

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by *Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt* at **7:02PM** 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 #279-20 through #301-20 in the amount of **\$15,962.43 to be approved** from the **General Account**
- Claim #179-20 through #192-20 in the amount of **\$18,110.52 to be approved** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$34,072.95** audited and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: KUEPPERS

SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAINED

Minutes of the **October 26, 2020 Public Hearing for 2021 Budget** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: KUEPPERS

SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

VOTES OF: 4 AYE 0 NAY 1 ABSTAINED (RODER)

Minutes of the **November 16, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting** were adjusted

MOTION BY: RODER

SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAINED

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$818.90** to the Supervisor for the month of **NOVEMBER 2020**.

JUSTICE COURT REPORT: The amount to the Town for the following: **(No reports received)**

- **SEPTEMBER 2020 - \$**
- **OCTOBER 2020 - \$**
- **NOVEMBER 2020 - \$**

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$9,045.00** for the month of **NOVEMBER 2020**.

Bags: **\$5,406**

C&D & Metal: **\$2,626**

Tires: **\$18**

Stickers: **\$640**

Appl. & Electronics: **\$355**

Propane Tanks: **\$0**

ACCOUNT TOTALS:

GENERAL \$380,922.54

GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$227,440.65

BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19

HIGHWAY \$565,999.56

HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$477,414.41

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

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

K. Roppolo: Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday 12/28 from 1pm-6pm, half of the slots are available, you must make an appointment. Testing for antibodies as well.

Library is by appointment at this time. Closed on 12/24, 12/25, 12/31 and 1/1. Youth Commission – Ornament Project, decorate an Ornament, they will be put on display.

L. Eckhardt & P. Roder had a conference call with J. Peabody for the library, looking to send out a survey asking people their satisfaction of organizations in Town. Looking for finances to put this survey mailing together. The cost is \$3,500, and have asked the organizations for \$600 each. It's been 4 or 5 years now since the last survey, may be repetition but may help to update the information. Trying to get organizations to work together not against each other.

B. Jennings: suggests the price is very high for a postcard mailing.

K. Roppolo: explains the company would be putting together an online survey and the mailing.

B. Jennings: recommends reaching out the Alex Haley and Gerry Robinson who put the survey and mailing together for the Master Planning Committee. The cost was minimal and cost efficient. May have a better idea at a better cost.

P. Roder: not sure how the mailing would work with all the different addresses.

S. Wagar: has a list of addresses for bulk mailing for ERCSWMA Calendars, not addressed to specific names but addressed to the residence.

P. Roder: asks if the Town Clerk has a copy of the Survey and the Final Comp. Plan.

S. Wagar: believe I have a final copy of the Comp Plan, but I do not have a copy of the Survey.

L. Eckhardt: I have a copy of the Survey.

S. Wagar: I will get you the copy of the comp plan.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD AND TOWN OFFICES:

L. Eckhardt: reports the largest 3rd Quarter Sales Tax since his time on the Board. \$82 thousand. The highway crew did great this snow storm. Revenue of \$12 thousand came in for AIM Funds and we received \$1,500 for an old dump truck body that was posted on the government auction site.

RESOLUTION #44-20

BIDS: 2021 CLEANER FOR TOWN HALL

WHEREAS: the Town of Stephentown has put out to bid the cleaning of the Town Hall for the year 2021, which is for 4.5 hours for cleaning and garbage removal, and

WHEREAS: the bids were received at the Town Clerk's Office by Monday, December 21, 2020 by 7:00 PM, and

WHEREAS: a total of 1 bids were received

1. Kathleen Olson, from Stephentown in the amount of \$18.00/hour

RESOLVED: that the bid for the cleaning at the Town Hall including garbage removal for a total of 4.5 hours per week for 2021 be awarded to Kathleen Olson for the bid of **\$18.00.**

MOTION BY: MADDEN **SECONDED BY: KUEPPERS**

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAINED

RESOLUTION #45-20

OPEN BIDS: ROAD MATERIALS FOR 2021

WHEREAS, the Town of Stephentown has put out to bid for Road Materials for 2021, and

WHEREAS, the State and County contract bids are available but not limited to, and

WHEREAS, the bids were received at the Town Clerk's Office by Monday, December 21, 2020 by 7:00 PM, and

WHEREAS, a total of 2 Bids were received:

1. John Senter

2. Quality Construction

now therefore be it;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board award all bids and leave the decision of purchasing materials up to the discretion of the Highway Superintendent.

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

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAINED

P. Roder: suggests the Town maybe able to help with finances on the survey, revisit the conversation mid-January.

Upcoming meetings all scheduled for 7:00PM:

12/30/20 – Reconciliation Meeting (Wednesday)

1/4/21 – 2021 Organizational Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:52 PM

MOTION BY: JENNINGS **SECONDED BY: KUEPPERS**

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAINED

****The next Workshop Meeting** will be held on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall. The Board will continue to host the meetings via Zoom for those who do not feel comfortable attending in person.

****The next Regular Meeting** of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, January 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM** at the Town Hall. The Board will continue to host the meetings via Zoom for those who do not feel comfortable attending in person.

Stephanie M. Wagar

Town Clerk