

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
JANUARY 18, 2021
VIA - TELECONFERENCE**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by *Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt* at **7:00 PM** 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 #1-21 through #23-21 in the amount of **\$37,017.11 to be approved** from the **General Account**
- Claim #1-21 through #7-21 in the amount of **\$7,304.92 to be approved** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$44,322.03** audited and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: KUEPPERS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAINED

Minutes of the **December 21, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: KUEPPERS

SECONDED BY: RODER

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAINED

Minutes of the **December 30, 2020 Reconciliation Meeting** were adjusted

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: KUEPPERS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAINED

Minutes of the **JANUARY 4, 2021 Organizational Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: MADDEN

SECONDED BY: RODER

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAINED

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$697.56** to the Supervisor for the month of **DECEMBER 2020**.

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

SEPTEMBER 2020 - \$

NOVEMBER 2020 - \$

OCTOBER 2020 - \$

DECEMBER 2020 - \$

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$6,347.00** for the month of **DECEMBER 2020**.

Bags: \$5,130

C&D & Metal: \$930

Tires: \$12

Stickers: \$190

Appl. & Electronics: \$85

Propane Tanks: \$0

ACCOUNT TOTALS:

GENERAL \$442,065.47

GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$ 227,440.65

BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19

HIGHWAY \$ 523,279.89

HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$ 477,414.41

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

L. Eckhardt: good financial shape, Bill has done a great job with the transfer station and getting us almost neutral, Aldie is doing great with the Highway. Some Personal Service lines are negative due to a rounding error.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Discussion regarding the Survey the Library has asked the other organizations to contribute \$600 each. Councilman Roder provides an update, the Seniors were not included in the group, suggested to include and not leave any organization out. Met with the library personnel and they are looking to apply for a grant. The grant is up to \$3,000, so some additional funds may be needed but not nearly as much as planned. They are applying for the Small Library Grant. Councilman Jennings agrees all groups need to be included and agree to the survey, "may be fishing for no fish." Town Historian Patricia Flint requested if the Historian could be included as well. The Town Board was unaware that the Historical Society did not support the Historian or provide her with any funds. Councilman Jennings confirmed this, and suggested this be brought up at budget time for the board to adjust the Historical Society funds to provide funding for the Historian.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD AND TOWN OFFICES:

Assessor VanDeusen reports that the reeval looks like it will be completed in April, with a 4% increase trend, which is pretty hefty. Dave is still helping and everything is on track.

Supervisor Eckhardt mentions the appointments for the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board Members and alternates. The board had asked the Town Clerk to readvertise for applicants to submit letters of interest no later than 2/12/2021 to appoint at our next board meeting in February. Wanted the boards input on appointing this evening since we have had several applicants and have interviewed all of them.

Motion made by Supervisor Eckhardt, to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 7:47PM

Second: Jennings

Votes: 5 Aye 0 Nay

Motion made by Councilwoman Kueppers, to come out of Executive Session at 7:57 PM

Second: Jennings

Votes: 5 Aye 0 Nay

RESOLUTION #21-21

TOWN APPOINTMENTS & APPROVALS

WHEREAS: the Town Board has conducted interviews for several applicants interested in vacant positions on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the following appointments be made to fill these vacancies,

