

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
FEBRUARY 15, 2021
VIA - TELECONFERENCE**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by *Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt* at 7:01 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.

3 from the Public were present

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

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #24-21 through #56-21 in the amount of \$21,789.69 to be approved from the **General Account**
- Claim #8-21 through #25-21 in the amount of \$22,400.88 to be approved from the **Highway Account**
 - **Voucher #1-21 of the Highway Account was not paid and removed from the Abstract for payment.**
- For a **Total of \$44,190.57** audited and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: RODER

SECONDED BY: KUEPPERS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAINED

Minutes of the **January 18, 2021 Regular Town Board Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: KUEPPERS

SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAINED

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$639.50** to the Supervisor for the month of **JANUARY 2021**.

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

SEPTEMBER 2020 - \$1,291.00

NOVEMBER 2020 - \$3,633.00

OCTOBER 2020 - \$2,017.00

DECEMBER 2020 - \$3,167.00

JANUARY 2021 - \$ 3,071.00

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$7,177.00** for the month of **JANUARY 2021**.

Bags: \$5,244

C&D & Metal: \$1,548

Tires: \$40

Stickers: \$140

Appl. & Electronics: \$205

Propane Tanks: \$0

ACCOUNT TOTALS: as of January 31st, 2021 (don't reflect the tax revenues for 2021)

GENERAL \$396,985.44

HIGHWAY \$ 501,610.31

GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$227,440.65

HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$477,414.41

BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19

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

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Update provided from the Library:

K. Roppolo: successful bake sale, looking to get more programming going, a WWII program. Open by appointment only still and curb side pick-up, people can call or order on the website.

J. Peabody: brain storming for Easter Event, looking for more options to serve the Tween community, working on getting a Zoom meeting to get them together. Still working on the Youth Commission Contract. Grant application has been submitted for the survey. It will be awarded on the 3/31 or we should know by then if we will get it. Working with organizations to finalize the survey. Library is also looking for two new board member and any volunteers.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD AND TOWN OFFICES:

The Town Clerk has not received any letters of interest for the vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review. Any interested parties are encouraged to send their letters of interest to the Town Clerk.

Tax Collector's Office Update by M. Grant: Town has been fully paid for property taxes, same percentage as last year (64%) the office had more in person payments than last year and there was no troubles with social distancing.

Assessor's Office Update by J. VanDeusen: Still working on getting all the exemptions in, governor passed an executive order not requiring exemptions this year. Didn't want people to not get their exemptions. Dave is still helping he will be checking next week to see if everything balances. By the end of March beginning of April we should have numbers to present to the Board. If the board chooses to reject it, it will have to be reversed and submitted by May 1st.

Code Enforcement Office Update by Supervisor Eckhardt: Dean and Owen have switched roles and split up responsibilities. Shout out to Owen who has been here almost daily.

Supervisor Eckhardt town Updates: Street Lights, NYSEG has reported that the LED lighting is being contracted out the switch of street lights should be coming soon. There was 2 lights out of Rt. 43, both have been repaired. As a reminder we pay for lights whether they are working or out, please make sure to report it to myself or the Town Clerk so we can report it to NYSEG to be fixed. COVID vaccines were offered to our Highway and Transfer Station employees. If there is anyone that works for the Town that is interested let the supervisor know, to be signed up.

K. Roppolo: Asked Supervisor if he could get the Library employees on the list to get vaccinated.

Supervisor Eckhardt: Will reach out to the County and find out. All the First Responders that wanted their have received theirs. A time clock at the Highway Grage has been installed. Justin has acclimated to the system pretty well the others are still learning. Aldie has been tracking his time as well.

Business Committee Group update by Council P. Kueppers: 17 people in attendance at the meeting. Dennis Burke has been a great help. We have received great responses so far. Going to have minutes together and will send them out for the board to review. Encouraging anyone with a small business to reach out and participate in the committee.

Council B. Jennings: suggests having a link to the association for people the access information.

Council P. Kueppers: reported that is being worked on.

Supervisor Eckhardt reported he will be at the Town Hall personally for the March 15th, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, anyone who would like to join can certainly attend the Town Hall or if you prefer Zoom will still be available. Social Distancing at the Town Hall will be required.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:48 PM

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: RODER

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

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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, March 15, 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