

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
MAY 17, 2021
VIA - TELECONFERENCE**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by *Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt* at **7:04 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.
6 from the Public were present

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

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #98-21 through #121-21 in the amount of **\$10,880.47 to be paid** from the **General Account**
- Claim #64-21 through #81-21 in the amount of **\$111,576.68** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$122,457.15** audited and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: MADDEN

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

Minutes of the **APRIL 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: RODER

SECONDED BY: KUEPPERS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$1,122.77** to the Supervisor for the month of **APRIL 2021**.

JUSTICE COURT REPORT: The distribution from the office of the State Comptroller, Justice Court Fund to the Town of Stephentown for the month of **MARCH 2021** was **\$3,169.00**.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$8,751.00** for the month of **APRIL 2021 (compared to \$7,423.00 from April of 2020) – Reports are attached for review.**

Bags: **\$5,877**

C&D & Metal: **\$2,245**

Tires: **\$184**

Stickers: **\$290**

Appl. & Electronics: **\$155**

Propane Tanks: **\$0**

ACCOUNT TOTALS: (No account totals available for this month)

GENERAL \$

HIGHWAY \$

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:

R. Corbett: Youth Commission update: working to make in-person camp happen

L. Eckhardt: have you made a decision on another tent?

R. Corbett: thought 2 extra tents would help us to hold camp, normally have one tent and it works but this year is different with social distancing, the CDC requires small pods, we would have 3 pods of 15 kids.

L. Eckhardt: there is no need to have a second tent so renting is the best bet. No space to store it and really no need for it when COVID doesn't happen.

R. Corbett: if it's okay with the board we may go over about \$600 if we rent two tents.

B. Jennings: Happy as a board to rent two tents.

L. Eckhardt: agrees

P. Roder: keep good track on why we are doing what we are doing. May submit for recovery funds for this. Reimbursed for those expenses.

J. Peabody: Open regular hours at the library, max of having 10 people. Very busy for clean up days. Will be handing out a flier about the survey. Kim is looking to schedule outdoor/in person programs. There will be 2 new story walks one at the library and one at the school. Still doing take and make projects for teens. New Museum passes are available at the library.

P. Flint: nothing to report from the Town Historian.

L. Eckhardt: Patriot signs look great

P. Flint: asks if the sign for Calvin Cole Road can be replaced?

A. Goodermote: will work on that.

P. Keuppers: Wyomanack Road is missing too.

L. Eckhardt: That is a county road will speak to the county in regards to replacing it.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD:

L. Eckhardt: reached out to NYSEG people about LEDs. Young's Pharmacy is looking to do a COVID clinic possibly in Town for approximately 40-60 people – spoke to businesses to see if there was any interest. Received information on Federal Government Recovery Funds – different information than what was actually told to us in person. There is a lot of documentation required and has to be related to COVID.

B. Jennings: set up another meeting with Delgoto to get more clarification.

L. Eckhardt: Town Clerk Wagar sent out email regarding information on elected terms and possibly changing 2 year terms to 4 year terms. Good argument to change from 2 year to 4 year on some of these terms. Sometimes it takes more than 2 years for people to get their feet under them in some of these positions.

S. Wagar: the process to change these terms would require the Town Board to hold a Public Hearing and then pass a Local Law requesting the Board of Elections to add a proposition on the ballot to change whichever terms the

board chooses from a two year to a four year; it would be placed on the ballot at the general election and the public votes on it. If it passes then the term changes are affective January 1st if it does not they remain a two year term.

B. Jennings: does not believe that one Public Hearing is enough, we need more public input, does not believe during COVID this is a good idea at this time.

L. Eckhardt: Constable duties, looking to change the job description from a Town resident to a County residency requirement. Town Clerk Wagar can explain more on this topic.

S. Wagar: The State and the Municipal Police Training Academy requires annual trainings to be completed, the cost of the annual trainings at a private level would average to \$3,000 annually. If the job description is opened up to County level, Probation Officers or even Deputies can apply that already have the required trainings from the County level which would save the cost. Should Constable Wagar no longer want the position, or his coverage employed by the Town if they had the proper trainings could supply the training to him without the huge cost of the private insurance costs.

J. VanDeusen: getting ready for Grievance Day only have 4 appointments left available.

L. Eckhardt: can we give Aldie the go ahead to find a new loader? Should we start a BID process?

P. Kueppers: Thanks the Town Clerk's Office for assisting in updating documents for the Clean Up. Have several volunteers.

J. VanDeusen: Town Insurance renewal will follow up with Larry

P. Roder: are we moving forward on the loader?

L. Eckhardt: Entertains a motion to allow Highway Superintendent Aldie Goodermote to formally start looking for a loader?

Motion made by Council Pam Keuppers

Second by Council William Jennings

Votes: 5 Aye 0 Nay

Motion moves

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:00 PM

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: KEUPPERS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

****A Workshop Meeting** is held every second Monday of every month at **7:00PM** normally located at the Town Hall. The next one will be held on Monday, June 14th, 2021 at 7:00PM via Zoom.

****The next Regular Meeting** of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, June 21, 2021** at **7:00 PM** via Zoom.

Stephanie M. Wagar

Town Clerk