

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING APRIL 7, 2021 7:00PM

The regular scheduled Town Board Meeting was held at the Hopewell Town Hall on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 7:00 P.M., with Supervisor Ted Bateman presiding.

Present:	Supervisor	Ted Bateman
Necessarily Absent	Council Member	Jeff Trickey
	Council Member	Adam Sanford
	Council Member	Matt Goodman
	Council Member	Erin Everson

Others Present: Bill Namestnik, Highway Superintendent Matt Curran, Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen and Town Clerk Denise Hood

A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Everson to approve the Town Board Minutes of March 17, 2021.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Privilege of the Floor

No one spoke for Privilege of the Floor

Communications and Reports

The following communications and reports were received since the last meeting:

- a. Lake Reporter-Canandaigua
- b. Talk of The Towns & Topics-Association of Towns-March/April 2021
- c. Inside Dirt-Cornell Cooperative Ext.-April 2021

7:02PM-Council Member Trickey enters meeting

Old Business

Resolution #6-2021-Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records- the State of New York has updated the retention schedule. **(Exhibit A)**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bateman, seconded by Council Member Trickey to approve **Resolution#6-2021-Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records.**

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

New Business - Updates by Town Officials

Town Clerk-Denise Hood- The 2021 Town and County collection has come to a close. On Monday, April 5, 2021 the final payment was made to the Ontario County Treasurer for \$478,376.63. The Town of Hopewell was at 98% collected with only 45 unpaid tax bills, which were turned over to Ontario County. I have passed my notary exam and have sent the required paperwork to Albany to receive my certification. Dog licenses are being brought up to date. There is only one owner from 2019 and 9 from 2020 who need to bring their dogs up to date. Also, I have received a scholarship from NYSTCA to cover the cost of the Conference (\$125), I am attending April 26 thru 28, 2021(virtual). **(Exhibit B)**

Highway Superintendent-Matt Curran- Highway Superintendent Curran stated on the 19th of April the Highway Crew will be working on Recreation Drive. It will be a Mill and Fill job. Villager will be doing the work and the Highway crew will be taking care of traffic control, since there is a significant amount of traffic on that road. There has been a 35.5% increase in CHIPS money this year, but Highway Superintendent Curran is waiting on the email to indicate the amount Hopewell will be granted. The Highway Crew has been stump grinding and borrowed the Village of Victor's Bobcat with a stump grinder on it. They ground over 20 stumps. He is hoping for no more snow. The Highway Crew are cleaning their plows and getting salt spreaders ready for the next winter season. They will be installing a guiderail on Freshour Road with assistance from the County. The Highway crew still needs to do some "tidying up" of the roadside and landscape around the Town Hall. Highway Superintendent Curran has

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spoken to the RG&E crew installing the new poles at the intersection of County Road 46 and Smith Road. They are projecting to be completed by April 25th. He was informed the poles being replaced, have been there since the 1960's. Highway Superintendent Curran stated he has notified VanBortel Ford in regards to the Highway truck for the Crew. The truck is on order and will take approximately 20 weeks to arrive. He has requested an estimate for a truck to replace his. The One Ton Pick-up Truck hit a deer, the insurance has been taken care of and the repairs will be done by Ruggles Auto Body.

Code Enforcement Officer-Justin Bruen- Code Enforcement Officer Bruen stated he is on the last leg of training with 3 Zoom classes left. He and Sylvia Moore have been revamping the inspection program. Jerry Hoover, from the Town of Seneca, has been very helpful in providing information and forms to assist with the process. Code Enforcement Officer Bruen indicated he will be utilizing the forms provided by Jerry Hoover. He has 6 scheduled inspections in the near future. There have been quite a few property questions in regards to sub-divisions, but not certain if they will come to fruition. There is a small concern regarding a property on 247. It is a building that doesn't meet the required zoning for what it is designed for. There are two parties that are interested in the parcel. Code Enforcement Officer Bruen indicated the property may have to be "Spot Zoned". Conversation ensued on developments going on in Hopewell.

Supervisor-Ted Bateman

New Cannabis Legislation

Supervisor Bateman stated he had a WebEx meeting and received information in regards to learning about the Cannabis Legislation. We need to make some choices before the end of the year. There is a law that states we are all opted in right now for hosting dispensaries and consumption facilities. The Town has control over whether we want this. The Town of Hopewell can only opt out; everyone is opted in, as previously stated. The growing of your own cannot start until 18 months to a year after the first dispensary has opened of which a grow license is required. There will be zoning requirements. You will not be able to drink alcohol and smoke on the same location. The Hopewell Town Board members have been given all the information Supervisor Bateman was given. If you become a grower, you will not be able to sell it. The law is you are able to smoke marijuana anywhere you can smoke a cigarettes, except in a car. Bill Namestnik stated the research in Colorado, since marijuana became legal in the state, there was a loss in revenue in the dispensaries. Also, the Black Market in Colorado became stronger when marijuana became legal. If you have a medical exemption, you will be able to grow your own 6 months prior to the opening of the dispensary.

Resolution #5-2021-Posting a section of County Road 4 for NO PARKING between Smith Road and Freshour Road (Exhibit C)-The cost of the signs, placed every 50 feet, will be approximately \$3500. The County will help with the installation. The signs will be placed in the right of way. They will be installed in about a month.

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Everson to approve Resolution #5-2021, for posting a section of County Road 4 for NO PARKING between Smith Road and Freshour Road.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 1(Goodman)

Privilege of the Floor

No one spoke for Privilege of the Floor

Covid Relief

Supervisor Batman stated he had read the Town of Hopewell will be receiving \$400,000 for Covid Relief. Half would be given in 2021 and the remainder would be given in 2022. There are certain restrictions to what the money is spent on, an example is the Town would not be able to purchase new equipment.

Lakeshore Drive/County Road 50 Sidewalk Project

Council Member Trickey asked Supervisor Bateman about the progress of the Sidewalk Project, Supervisor Bateman indicated the county is still working on it.

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A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Trickey to adjourn the meeting at 8:01P.M.

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 5 Nays 0

Respectfully submitted, *Denise L Hood - Town Clerk*

April 14, 2021 Next Meeting April 21, 2021 @ 7:00

P.M.