

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 16, 2020 7:02PM

The regular scheduled Town Board Meeting for the Town of Hopewell was held at the Hopewell Town Hall on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 7:02 PM, with Supervisor Ted Bateman presiding.

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

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

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Sanford to approve the Town Board Minutes of December 2, 2020.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 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. Talk of Towns & Topics-Nov/Dec 2020

Old Business

Town Official's Monthly Report

A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Everson to approve the monthly reports from Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Water Superintendent, Town Clerk and Supervisor.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

Audited Vouchers

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Sanford to pay the Audited Vouchers for Abstract #12:

Vouchers #289-317	\$50,839.72	General
Vouchers #1157-1171	\$49,596.91	Highway
Vouchers #2240-2264	\$49,260.00	Water

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

New Business

Updates by Town Officials

Town Clerk-Denise Hood

The tax bills have not yet arrived, hoping to receive them next week. Monday, January 4, 2021 the fun begins with tax collection!

2020 Department Audits

On January 6, 2021 prior to the Town Board Meeting, the 2020 Audits will be held at 6:00 PM, Town Clerk Denise Hood will remind the Court Clerk and the Bookkeeper of the Audit.

Local Law #1-2020-Override the Tax Levy Limit-Received a letter from the State of New York Department of State Records and Law Bureau indicating the Local Law #1-2020 had been filed by their office. **(Exhibit A)**

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Highway Superintendent-Matt Curran

Highway Superintendent Matt Curran stated it was snowing tonight! The Highway Department has been chopping down dead trees and clearing trees in line of sight, working on the Town Trucks and has cleaned out the Highway Garage of "junk". They have a truck that needs to be calibrated for salt, so he is contacting someone to take care of that. Highway Superintendent Matt Curran gave the 284 Agreement to the Board members. **(Exhibit B)** He put the F350 on the agreement as well as receiving quotes on a 10 wheel dump truck to replace Truck #1 for 2022, because it needs to be ordered 14 months in advance. In other words, the 10 wheel truck needs to be ordered soon. He is waiting for quotes from International and MAC for the 10 wheel truck. Supervisor Ted Bateman asked how much salt does the Town of Hopewell have, 400 ton was the response.

Highway Superintendent Matt Curran asked that Supervisor Batman and Town Clerk Denise Hood's phone numbers be given to the Police Department, because the security alarm went off at the Hopewell Town Hall at 1AM this morning, and Highway Superintendent Matt Curran was called. Town clerk Denise Hood will contact the Police Department and give them the phone numbers.

Code Enforcement Officer-Justin Bruen

Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen stated he has written 13 permits. He will be getting together with Karl Housel to get a Special Use Permit for his Halloween House for October 2021. Also, he has mailed a letter to the resident on the corner of Schutt Road and Route 21 for having unlicensed/unregistered vehicles on the property.

The Jeffery's Development on County Road 18 was denied by the Hopewell Zoning Board after 4 years of deliberation. Conversation ensued regarding options for the property.

Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen mentioned he will be contacting John Allen of Ace Computers to purchase a laptop, so he may be able to work easier remotely. Also, he indicated Sylvia Moore has been doing great in her position as clerk.

Supervisor Ted Bateman

Supervisor Ted Bateman stated he is researching the zoning for 94C-Siting of the Large Renewable Energy Products. They are looking at commercial sites and brown fields, basically flat land. Council Member Trickey mentioned the Town of Manchester has been doing a lot of work on this subject. He stated that it gets complicated because of the decommissioning and we need to research the subject. Conversation ensued regarding information on the matter. Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen suggested we have a meeting with the Town of Manchester and the Town of Seneca to discuss ideas.

Supervisor Ted Batman indicated the new County Administrator, Chris DeBolt has started in his new position.

Hopewell Fire Department Application

A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Trickey to approve the Hopewell Fire Department Application of Jason Davis.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

Organizational Meeting Set

The Organizational Meeting will be set for Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 7:00 at PM. Town Clerk Denise Hood will contact the newspaper to request a brief.

Privilege of the Floor

No one spoke for Privilege of the Floor

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Goodman to adjourn the meeting at 7:44PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Denise L Hood Hopewell Town Clerk - December*

18, 2020. Next meeting is the Organizational Meeting Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 7:00PM.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!