

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING JANUARY 20, 2021 7:00PM

The regular scheduled Town Board Meeting for the Town of Hopewell was held at the Hopewell Town Hall on Wednesday evening, January 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM, with Supervisor Ted Bateman presiding.

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

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

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Everson to approve the Minutes of the regular Town Board Meeting of December 16, 2020, Special Meeting on December 30, 2020 and the Organizational Meeting of January 6, 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. Clifton Springs Fire Dept.-Monthly Reports-Nov/Dec 2020
- b. Hopewell Fire Dept.- January monthly report and 2020 year end of year training and calls report.

Old Business

Town Officials Monthly Report

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

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 4 Nays 0

Audited Vouchers-Abstract # 13-2020

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Everson to block the pay the following Audited Vouchers for Abstract # 13-2020 and Abstract #1-2021:

Vouchers #318-337	\$17,131.83	General
Vouchers #1172-1181	\$18,858.34	Highway
Vouchers #2265-2286	\$60,870.22	Water

Audited Vouchers-Abstract # 1-2021

Vouchers #1-21	\$ 39,108.02	General
Vouchers #1001-1011	\$ 136,859.38	Highway
Vouchers #2001-2008	\$ 22,738.56	Water

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 4 Nays 0

New Business

Updates by Town Officials

Town Clerk-Denise Hood

Town Clerk Denise Hood reported it has been a rather steady Tax time. I would like to thank Deputy Town Clerk, Mary Ann Trickey for all her help during this time. We have given the Town

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of Hopewell \$200,000 as of today. The taxes are at 27% paid. The escrow payment should be coming in next week. Town Clerk Denise Hood informed the Board there are residents utilizing the Town of Hopewell website to pay their Town/County taxes. Council Member Trickey posed a concern as to whether the Town of Hopewell was covered, should someone dispute the cost. Council Member Sanford, who assisted in the process of developing the credit card system, indicated the Credit Card Company is responsible for taking care of the cost to the card holder as well as the Business the card was charged.

Highway Superintendent-Matt Curran

Highway Superintendent Matt Curran stated he has been receiving estimates for installing a new motorized gate for the side of the Town Barn. He has asked for approval from the Board to purchase a New Plow Truck to replace Truck #1. The estimates he received were emailed to the Town Board members. **(Exhibit A)**The Viking Truck is the truck, he believes, to be the best choice because the cost and the value. The cost of the Viking Truck is \$213,318.38. Highway Superintendent Curran's plan, if the truck is approved, to order the new Plow Truck next week and the Truck would be completed sometime in March of 2022. Once the New Truck is delivered, Truck #1 will be sold.

Highway Superintendent Curran asked Council Member Trickey to contact the VanBortel Ford Manager, to see if the manager could give Highway Superintendent Curran a call regarding ordering a new pick-up truck for the Highway Department. He has left messages with VanBortel Ford asking for a new quote, and no one has responded.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ted Bateman, seconded by Council Member Trickey to approve the ordering of the New Viking Plow Truck for \$213,318.38.

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 4 Nays 0

Code Enforcement Officer-Justin Bruen

Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen reported in December he closed many loose ends and had 14 completions. There really haven't been many complaints, which is good. He has added the PAUSE complaints to his monthly reports for the Town Board Members. He has written 7 permits and 1 renewal of a permit this month. He has been working with Hopewell Assessor Kelly Ducar to familiarize himself with the area.

He informed the Town Board Members of a permit for a reroof for Lowes. He would like to know if the Board Members would be interested in lowering the price for Commercial Reroof charges on the Fee Schedule. Conversation ensued regarding the pros and cons to the current Commercial reroof charge of \$.25/sq. ft. There was a suggestion of having a sliding scale in place, based on the square feet the roof is. He had brought up prices the area Towns use in Ontario County.

Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen indicated he has been training, on line this week. He has learned there needs to be a fee added to the Fee Schedule for Manufactured Building Systems with roof and floor under Town Law. The Fee would be \$50. A Resolution will need to be drawn up to have the Fee added to the Fee Schedule.

Water Superintendent-Ken Potter

Discussed with Board Unpaid Water bills not allowed to be sent to customers Taxes as part of Covid relief by NYS. The outstanding amount is approximately \$23,700, across all Districts. Informed the Board that I contacted Tina our financial advisor and asked her to do a budget analysis on what effect this will have on the 2021 operations and maintenance budget and how we might be able to make up the loss.

Update on Smith and County Rd. 46 roundabout project and our water portion of the project. Bergmann Engineers had submitted plans and specifications to the NYS Dept. of Health for review and approval. After review the DOH informed Bergmann of numerous items to be addressed before approval.

County Road 50 sidewalk Project. Still trying to get an agreement with the County on release of restoration for repair/replacement of sidewalk, curbing, lighting and electrical given the County has decided to locate the new sidewalk directly on top of our 55 year Water Main. I have contacted Attorney Graff on legalities involved regarding our rights within the Counties road right of way. Jeff asked us to research any ROW agreements and agreements regarding transferring ownership of the road to the County.

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Supervisor-Ted Bateman

Supervisor Ted Bateman indicated he is currently working on the AUD for the end of the year. He also, mentioned, he has met the New County Administrator.

Resolution #1-2021 Adopts Provisions of Executive Order 202.83 Suspending the Requirements of Renewal Applications as a Condition to Granting Exemptions under Sections 459-C and 467 of the Real Property Tax Law. (Exhibit C)

A motion was made by Supervisor Bateman, seconded by Council Member Everson to approve Resolution #1-2020 to Adopt Provisions of Executive Order 202.83 Suspending the Requirements of Renewal Applications as a Condition to Granting Exemptions under Sections 459-C and 467 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Resolution #2-2021-Change of the 2021 Town of Hopewell Fee Schedule (Exhibit D)

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Everson to approve Resolution #2-2021 to change the 2021 Town of Hopewell Fee Schedule.

- \$20.00-Spayed/neutered Dogs
- \$30.00-Un-spayed/Un-neutered Dogs
- \$150.00-Planning Board Sub-division application Fee
- \$50.00-Public Hearing Notice Fee

Audit of 2020 Books-(Exhibit E)

Prior to the Town Board Meeting an Audit of the 2020 books was done by Supervisor Bateman, Council Members Everson, Sanford, and Trickey. The books of the Bookkeeper, Chief Fiscal Officer, Justice/Court Clerk, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer and the Town Clerk/Tax Collector were audited.

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Sanford verifying that the 2020 Audit for the Bookkeeper, Chief Fiscal Officer, Code Enforcement Officer and Town Clerk/Tax Collector were reviewed and no deficiencies were noted.

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 4 Nays 0

A motion was made by Council Member Goodman, seconded by Council Member Trickey to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM.

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 4 Nays 0

Respectfully submitted, *Denise L. Hood - Town Clerk, January 22, 2021*

Next meeting- February 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM