

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING JULY 15, 2020 7:00 PM

The regular scheduled Town Board Meeting for the Town of Hopewell was held on Wednesday evening July 15, 2020 at 6:57 P.M. with Supervisor Ted Bateman presiding.

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

Others Present: Craig Mapstone, Highway Superintendent Matt Curran, Code Enforcement Officer Norm Teed, and Town Clerk Denise Hood

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Sanford to approve the Minutes of the regular Town Board Meeting of June 17, 2020.

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 3 Nays 0

6:59pm Council Member Matt Goodman entered.

Privilege of the Floor

Craig Mapstone came in because he received a phone call from Code Enforcement Officer Norm Teed stating that a neighbor had complained of the model boats that he races with his son's and friends. Mr. Mapstone noted he would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have for him regarding the model boats. There is not a club and the group of them do sound check the boats once and awhile. The decimal level runs from 55 to 65, depending on the weather. His friends come over on a Saturday or Sunday for 3 hours and they aren't racing the entire time. Supervisor Bateman asked what has happened recently to get someone to complain. Code Enforcement Officer Teed stated he has been in his position for 3 1/2 years and has never experienced a problem with Mr. Mapstone. The neighbor has come in to complain, but the complaint needs to be in writing with specifics. Once the neighbor submitted a written complaint, Code Enforcement Officer Norm Teed followed up and had a conversation with Mr. Mapstone over the phone. The history of this complaint from 6 to 8 years ago was mentioned and what has changed, since then with Mr. Mapstone. Code Enforcement Officer Teed recommended to the Board to make a motion to not have a sound ordinance in Hopewell. Conversation ensued. The result of the conversation is Code Enforcement Officer Norm Teed indicated Mr. Mapstone has cooperated with him, he uses mufflers on his boats and does decimal level testing periodical. Teed also suggested Mr. Mapstone and his neighbor simply keep their distance from one another.

Communications

The following communications were received since the last meeting:

- a. Village of Clifton Springs-Fire Department Monthly Report-June 2020
- b. Ontario Pathways Newsletter-Summer 2020
- c. Cornell Cooperative Extension -The Inside Dirt-July 2020

Old Business

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Goodman to approve the monthly reports of the Town Clerk, Water Superintendent, Code Enforcement and Supervisor for the Month of June 2020.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Audited Vouchers

A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Trickey to approve the following Audited Vouchers for Abstract # 7

Vouchers #152-174	\$ 8,079.26	General
Vouchers #1086-1097	\$ 53,056.55	Highway
Vouchers #2120-2144	\$ 48,654.80	Water

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 4 Nays 0

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New Business

Updates by Town Officials

Town Clerk-Denise Hood

Town Clerk Denise Hood informed the Board the New York State Clerks Association Conference in August has been cancelled. On Thursday, July 23, Town Clerk Denise Hood is registered to take an on-line prep class to become a notary through the Finger Lakes Community College.

The DEC has sent a new printer, but has not contacted Town Clerk Denise Hood to teach her the new system. Unfortunately, at this time, she is unable to sell fishing and hunting licenses. She has been contacting the DEC weekly to remind them that the Town of Hopewell needs to get on-line.

The Human Society will be visiting those individuals from 2016 to 2018, which haven't brought their dog(s) up to date. They will also, be visiting the individuals from 2019, who haven't brought their dog(s) up to date.

A revision to the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and appointed Officials form need to be done. The new one will be posted on the bulletin board in the Town Hall.

Resolution #13-2020-Revised Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials (Exhibit A)

A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Goodman to approve Resolution #13-2020 for the Revision to the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials form.

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 4 Nays 0

Highway Superintendent-Matt Curran

Highway Superintendent Matt Curran stated there are 2 trucks that are down. The first, had the EGR repaired by Regional and will be getting the oil pan repaired in house before winter. The second has a DEF problem with the tank. Superintendent Curran is thankful he had purchased the warranty, because the repairs will be taken care of. The Highway crew has repaired the mowing tractor, but may require further repair. The Highway crew has also been mowing and ditching.

Highway Superintendent Curran handed in the CHIPS reimbursement which comes to \$127,000. The amount is about \$7200 short, so Superintendent Curran has spoken to a NYS Region Four Rep for CHIPS that indicated the Highway Department is able to utilize revenues expended last year to this year's CHIPS allotment.

The Highway crew assisted in helping preserve County Road 4 by spreading stone dust.

There is a concern that someone is doing spin outs in intersections and leaving burn out marks on the road. Supervisor Bateman stated a concern from one of town's people, the railroad track on 488 has an issue. The issue nearly caused a motorcyclist to dump their bike. Superintendent Curran will inquire about getting the tracks repaired.

Highway Superintendent Matt Curran proposed an idea to the Board regarding ditches on private property which need to get cleaned out to alleviate water from the road to drain. He suggested ones on Booth Road, Straw Road and Shekell Road. A form will be given to the property owners to sign to get their permission. Supervisor Bateman would like to make sure the Town is covered for liability reasons. Supervisor Bateman would like Highway Superintendent Curran to document what the clearing of the ditches would do for the Town. Highway Superintendent Curran will ask other Highway Superintendents as to how they handle situations like this.

Code Enforcement-Norm Teed

Code Enforcement Officer Norm Teed issued a permit to Walmart for their remodel. All About Books is adding a warehouse. Department of Health complaint at Campus Gate. The Clifton Springs Country Club is open with brand new kitchen and banquet room and he stated they were a pleasure to work with.

Code Enforcement Office Norm Teed received his first advance complaint from concerned citizens about things that are going to happen. Citizens are concerned local businesses won't follow proper protocol for COVID19.

Code Enforcement Office Teed indicated he was offered a Code Enforcement Officer position in Missouri and has accepted it. He has family there and is happy about moving there. Has given his resignation as of August 14, 2020. He indicated that he has appreciated working here and mentioned the respect he has for Supervisor Bateman for everything he does. The Board each thanked Code Enforcement Officer Norm Teed for everything he has done for them personally and professionally.

A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Trickey to accept Code Enforcement Officer Norm Teed's resignation.(**Exhibit B**)

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 4 Nays 0

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Supervisor-Ted Bateman

Tina, the accountant, will have our budget forms to us at the end of the month. The sales tax has not been sent out yet for this quarter, hoping to have the sales tax check by this weekend. Maybe Monday we will know where we are at.

The courts are scheduled to begin on August 1st. Court Clerk Sally Santee, has been diligently, getting things ready for court to begin.

A. Resolution-Permit and Approvals Extension

On hold until Jeff Graff looks at it, per Supervisor Bateman.

B. Resolution #14-2020-Approving settlement of Pending Tax Assessment Litigation with Widewaters Hopewell Co. LLC (Exhibit C)

If there are any questions, Assessor Kelly Ducar is available. Council Member Trickey investigated similar size businesses in the area, to see if the assessment was fair. He shared his findings with the Board. Conversation ensued. The outcome of the data Council Member Trickey found, was proved helpful.

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Sanford to approve the **Resolution #14-2020 Settlement of Pending Tax Assessment Litigation with Widewaters Hopewell Co. LLC**

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 4 Nays 0

C. Budget Modifications (Exhibit D)

Admin Contractual moved to Fund Balance-to Cover Additional Costs of H3 (\$2,725.00)

Central Comm Sys moved to Contingency- to cover the additional costs of computer upgrades and Square (\$2,800.00)

A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Trickey to approve the Budget Modifications.

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 4 Nays 0

A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Trickey to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, *Denise L Hood - Town Clerk, July 20, 2020*
Next Town Board Meeting August 5, 2020 at 7:00 PM

