

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING JUNE 17, 2020 7:00PM

The regular scheduled Town Board Meeting for the Town of Hopewell was held at the Hopewell Town Hall on Wednesday evening, June 17, 2020 at 7:04 P.M., 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 Norm Teed and Town Clerk Denise Hood

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Everson to approve the Minutes of May 20, 2020.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Privilege of the Floor

No one spoke for Privilege of the Floor

Communications and Reports

The following reports were received since our last meeting:

- a. Village of Clifton Springs-Fire Department Monthly Report-May 2020
- b. Rural Futures- Spring 2020
- c. Towns & Topics- May/June 2020
- d. Cornell Cooperative Ext.-Inside Dirt- June 2020
- e. Lake Reporter- Spring 2020
- f. Eye on the Courts- Spring 2020

Old Business

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

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Audited Vouchers

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Everson to approve the following Audited Vouchers for Abstract #6

Vouchers #132-151	\$6,156.90	General
Vouchers #1077-1084	\$81,635.03	Highway
Vouchers #2097-2119	\$35,770.01	Water

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Supervisor Ted Bateman mentioned he spoke with the Ontario County Finance Administrator and she indicated there will be at least a 20% reduction on the CHIPS, due to the fall in sales tax. Council Member Trickey asked if there was an idea of where the Town of Hopewell will be, budget wise, for this year. Supervisor Bateman responded indicating he will be contacting the Town Accountant, Tina, regarding this and will have an answer for the next meeting.

New Business - Updates by Town Officials

Town Clerk-Denise Hood

Thank you to all of the people who have brought their dogs up to date on their license. As of July 1st appearance tickets will be given to the individuals who have delinquent dog licenses from 2016, 2017 and 2018. The appearance tickets will be submitted by a Human Society Officer.

Nick Sergeant, of FLX Software, sent an email informing us the online payment system will be set up in the next few days. Hoping that next week the system will be set for online payment.

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As of June 29th Town Clerk Denise Hood will have a new printer and learning new procedure for the hunting and fishing licenses to be processed.

Highway Superintendent-Matt Curran

The Highway Department has assisted the Finger Lakes Community College with drainage work and was reimbursed \$3,200 for the labor with a grant.

Keeping up with roadside mowing and have blown out the back windshield on the mower. The window will be replaced, but not through insurance, since the amount of the window is lower than the Town's deductible. The window has been ordered.

The Highway Department has been doing some ditching. They have been cleaning up Taylor Road. The Town of Canandaigua came and helped by sucking stones off the shoulders of the road. The iron benches from the memorial park will be repainted in the next couple days. There have been maintenance and fleet inspections on the trucks.

Highway Superintendent Matt Curran has submitted the CHIPS letter from the New York State Department of Transportation. **(Exhibit A)** The letter indicates the amount that would be offered to the Highway Department. The letter states that the amount authorized may be subject to a reduction of up to 20% as a result of impacts from the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Highway Superintendent Curran suggests Spangle Street be resurfaced. He had an estimate done for the Town Hall front, back and side parking lots, since the cost of oil is so low. Conversation ensued among the Board Members regarding savings, the necessity to pave the parking lot, and the plan for the CHIPS monies.

A motion was made by council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Sanford to approve Highway Superintendent Curran to allotment of \$60,000 to do Spangle Street. The money would come out of the Highway Reserve Account and be reimbursed with the CHIPS monies.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Highway Superintendent Matt Curran mentioned that the Highway Department will be emptying out the grease trap.

Supervisor Bateman asked if the GPS was of any benefit to the Highway Department. Highway Superintendent Curran explained that the GPS provides information if something is wrong with the vehicle, informs him how many miles the vehicle has traveled on a given day and where the vehicle has been.

Code Enforcement Officer –Norm Teed

Code Enforcement Officer Teed indicated he has been receiving 1 to 2 COVID complaints per day. He is being diligent at responding to these calls. In addition, he has stacks of permit applications on his desk for remodels, pool installations, decks, gutting homes, new businesses, etc. He is trying to keep up.

Code Enforcement Officer Teed stated the Planning and Zoning Boards have met. He and Shawn Cotter are giving the Boards proper training on how to interact during the meetings and hearings.

He had received a FOIL request through the Town Clerk's office of 74 pages of information. The individual who had submitted the request has not responded to obtain the information.

Conversation changed to Council Member Sanford who mentioned, if the schools aren't going to be opening back up in September, the Hopewell Residents shouldn't have to pay their taxes. He indicated residents should be voicing their concerns to the School Boards in their districts.

The Town Board discussed the concern for this area, during COVID-19, regarding openings. Conversation ensued.

Supervisor-Ted Bateman

Supervisor Bateman stated there were residents who voiced their concern of the roads being sealed. Residents asked if we are in a budget crisis. Supervisor Bateman responded the funds for the roads are from the CHIPS spending. The roads being done are through Ontario County, not Hopewell.

He reminded everyone the Public Election for Water Districts #4 and #6 are scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th.

Privilege of the Floor

No one spoke for Privilege of the Floor

A motion was made by Supervisor Bateman, seconded by Council Member Sanford to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Denise L Hood - Town Clerk, June 22, 2020*

Next Town Board Meeting, July 1, 2020 7:00 P.M.