

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING MARCH 18, 2020

The regular scheduled Town Board Meeting was held at the Hopewell Town Hall on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 7:03 P. M.

Present: Supervisor Ted Bateman
Council Member Erin Everson
Council Member Adam Sanford
Council Member Jeff Trickey
Council Member Matt Goodman-**necessarily absent**

Others Present: Water Superintendent Ken Potter, Code Enforcement Officer Norm Teed and Town Clerk Denise Hood

A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Everson to approve the Minutes of the regular Town Board Meeting of March 4, 2020.

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. NYS Ag & Markets- Happy Tails February Inspection Report
- B. Hopewell Fire Department- 2019 Financial Statements
- C. Clifton Springs Fire Department- 2019 Financial Statements

Old Business

Approve Monthly Reports

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

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Approve Budget Modifications-2019 Year End Closing (Exhibit A-attached to the minutes)

A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Trickey to approve the budget modifications for 2019 year end closing.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Audited Vouchers-Abstract #3-March

A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Trickey to pay the following Audited Vouchers for Abstract # 3:

Vouchers #51-80	\$ 25,224.32	General
Vouchers # 1032-1046	\$ 34,812.48	Highway
Vouchers #2030-2049	\$ 40,788.32	Water
Voucher #3043	\$ 725.00	Hopewell Ext #3
Vouchers#1-3	\$347,903.00	SF Fire

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

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Approve Payment of Fire Contracts-Hopewell/Clifton Springs/Shortsville

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by council Member Sanford to approve the payment of Hopewell (\$310,070.00), Clifton Springs (\$20,306.00) and Shortsville (\$17,527.00) Fire contracts.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

New Business

Updates by Town Official's

Town Clerk-Denise Hood

Town Clerk Denise Hood indicated the Town of Hopewell is at 91% collected Town/County Tax. We have collected \$1575.73 in penalty fees.

Town Clerk Hood noted she was going to be attending the New York State Town Clerks Association Conference in April from the 26 to the 29 at The Desmond Hotel & Conference Center in Albany, New York. As of today, March 18, 2020, the conference has been postponed to August 16-19, 2020. Town Clerk Denise Hood is looking forward to receiving her Notary license, learning more, and meeting new clerks from the area. Town Clerk Hood has a roommate to assist with the cost of the trip.

The Delinquent Dogs have gone down to 84 in the past couple weeks, from 102. The Delinquent Dog lists from 2017, 2018 and 2019 will be turned over to the Humane Society as of April 30, 2020.

Received the Petition for Water District Extension #6 of . Jeff Graff, the Town's Lawyer, advised the Town to schedule a vote after 60 days of the receipt of the signed petition. The special election would need to be scheduled between May 15 and June 1, 2020.

Town Clerk Denise Hood also indicated she had received a bid for the mowing of the Town of Hopewell Cemeteries from Bay Landscaping.

Code Enforcement-Norm Teed

Code Enforcement Officer Teed updated the Town Board on the Planning and Zoning meeting requirements.

Water Superintendent-Ken Potter

Water Superintendent Potter stated they have been busy reviewing redundancy in all aspects of operations. As a normal course of business they share information continuously to keep everybody on the same page. But, with this situation, the intent is for each of them, individually, to be able to address the impacts to supply, flow and treatment to keep the water flowing. The support organizations of American Water Works Association, New York Rural Water Association and NYWARN are giving them the daily and often, hourly updates for coping with the upcoming challenges. Surprisingly they have had 3 calls inquiring about water quality and even regarding staffing ability throughout this situation.

Water Superintendent Potter mentioned the bills will be going out next week and will include a notice about when the 2019 Annual Water Quality Reports will be available.

Supervisor-Ted Bateman

Supervisor Bateman indicated the Public Hearing for April 2nd, for the Roundabout on Smith and County Road 46, has been postponed. No date has been given at this time.

Linda Biehl/Bookkeeper-Finance School

Bookkeeper, Linda Biehl, would like to attend a Finance School in Geneva on May 21 & 22. The cost is \$200 plus mileage. A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Trickey for Linda Biehl to attend Finance Classes on May 21 and 22, 2020.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

3640 Gehan Road-Water

There was further discussion regarding the out of district water hook-up on Gehan Road. The Board came to a decision to approve the out of district user and asked Water Superintendent Ken Potter to have a resolution for the next meeting on April 1, 2020.

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Hopewell Central Water District Extension No. 6

A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Trickey of Resolution #7- **SCHEDULING A SPECIAL ELECTION PERTAINING TO THE TOWN OF HOPEWELL CENTRAL WATER DISTRICT EXTENSION NO. 6. A Public Hearing held on February 19, 2020 approved the increase in the maximum amount to be expended on the Water District by an additional \$668,040 from \$1,960,000 to \$2,628,040. Hopewell Central Water District #6 has handed in a signed petition of referendum on Monday, March 16, 2020. The election gives the taxpayers, in that district, an opportunity to vote individually for water to be connected. (Exhibit B)**

The Town Board came to the decision to hold the Special Election on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at the Hopewell Town Hall from 12:00pm till 8:00pm.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

PLEASE BE AWARE, THE HOPEWELL TOWN HALL IS OPEN. THERE ARE SOME EMPLOYEES WORKING FROM HOME, BUT HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR VOICEMAIL AND EMAIL. THE SUPERVISOR AND TOWN CLERK ARE IN THE BUILDING AND ASK THAT YOU MAKE AN APPOINTMENT. THE DROP BOX IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE PAYING A BILL OR DROPPING OFF PAPERWORK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND WE HOPE YOU ARE ALL BEING SAFE.

Privilege of the Floor

No one spoke for Privilege of the Floor

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Everson to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, *Denise L Hood - Town Clerk March 24, 2020*

Next meeting: April 1, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.