

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 7:01 PM

The regular scheduled Town Board Meeting for the Town of Hopewell was held on Wednesday evening, September 16, 2020 at 7:01 p.m., with Supervisor Ted Bateman presiding.

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

Others Present: Tom Geer, 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 September 2, 2020.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Privilege of the Floor

No one spoke for Privilege of Floor

Communications

The following communications were received since the last meeting:

- a. The Inside Dirt-Cornell Cooperative Extension-Sept. 2020
- b. NYSAC-County News- August 2020
- c. NYMIR- 2019- Annual Report

Old Business

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

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 #8.

Vouchers #211-231	\$9,454.27	General
Vouchers #1113-1124	\$7,904.54	Highway
Vouchers#2169-2190	\$31,999.59	Water

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Supervisor Bateman stated he had spoken with Tina, the Town of Hopewell's Financial Advisor, regarding the Budget for 2021. Tina is working on the preliminary budget and will have it ready by the next Town Board Meeting.

Updates by Town Officials

Town Clerk-Denise L Hood

I was unfortunately, not able to take the Notary Exam on September 8th. I am waiting to hear back from the state as to if I am able to take the exam on September 22, 2020.

Code Enforcement Officer

Jerry Hoover has been very busy! We have received compliments on Jerry doing a great job!

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Water Superintendent-Ken Potter

Water Superintendent Ken Potter indicated they have finished their Disinfection By Product Sampling results of August 11, due to the high water temperature August has the highest concentration of Trihalomethane's and Haloacetic acids. Normally we don't come close to the Maximum Contaminate Levels for Halo's but Trihalo's are above MCL's, 60 and 80 respectfully. As part of our Tank Project in 2018, we included a By Product Reduction System that was quite expensive.

Update on Gehan Road. There is rock. Fortunately, the rock is digable until they reach the 4 foot 6 inch level. After that, they would have to do something different to prevent frost, so they decided to bed it on the rock and put sand around it. The road crossing still needs to be installed and holding off because they need a road plate. Conversation ensued regarding where a road plate may be rented or borrowed. Water Superintendent Ken Potter spoke with the new home owner on Gehan Road, and was informed they won't be moving in until spring.

For the first time in quite a while, the fire hydrants have all been painted.

A resident was caught taking water from a fire hydrant on Swamp Road. The Sherriff's Department was contacted and the resident has paid for the water and for a temporary meter to be hooked up.

Cindy Newcomb from USDA contacted Water Superintendent Ken Potter asking for the Hopewell/Canandaigua Water District Extension #6. He informed her Water Districts #4 and #6 were voted down. Cindy Newcomb asked a letter, signed by the Town Board, be written to Rural Development to defund the money from the Water Districts. Council Member Sanford asked how the money will be paid back to Rural Development. Supervisor Bateman indicated he had spoken to Jeff Graff, the Town attorney, and was informed the money would be charged to the residents in their tax bill. Conversation ensued in regards to different scenarios.

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Everson to write a letter to de-obligate the funds from Water District #6.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

For public information the following was the results of the Special Election on September 15, 2020:

Water District #4- YES-45 NO-56
Water District #6- YES-31 NO-36

Town Supervisor-Ted Bateman

It has been the week of answering questions for residents. He has spoken to the Board of Elections, State Comptroller and Jeff Graff to get answers.

Thank you to Denise Hood for setting up the Special Election. She contacted the Board of Elections to get the list of Election Inspectors to call. She spoke with the Town Attorney to make sure procedures were completed properly. Things ran smoothly in that aspect.

Council Member Trickey spoke as a resident and a Board Member thanking everyone for their efforts in the Special Election Process.

We have hired a new Code Enforcement Officer. His name is Justin Bruen and will begin on October 5, 2020. Justin Bruen will be shadowing Jerry Hoover to learn the ropes.

Supervisor Bateman asked Water Superintendent Ken Potter how many hook-ups there are in Water District #3. There are 17 hookups out of 32 homes, which is over half.

Supervisor Bateman asked the Board if they could set amounts for the Town employees for their Health Care Insurance, for what the Town would cover. Conversation ensued in regards to changing what the Town covers on the Health Care Coverage. Council Member Trickey has a concern to keep the Town Employee Coverage at par with everyone else in the Industry. The board has tabled their decision until they speak with the Insurance representative on September 30, 2020.

Supervisor Bateman indicated he is trying to hold the line on things. He spoke with Tina regarding the Fire Contracts. Supervisor Bateman asked the Board if they feel the prices should increase or remain the same. Council Member Trickey volunteered to speak with the Hopewell Fire Department to discuss their costs.

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Privilege of Floor

Tom Geer spoke and wanted to thank Supervisor Bateman, Water Superintendent Potter, The Town Board and Town Clerk Denise Hood for all their efforts in the process for the Water Districts #4 and #6. Supervisor Bateman stated he had called MRB to inform them Water Districts #4 and #6 did not pass and they were very surprised.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bateman, seconded by Council Member Sanford to adjourn the meeting at 7:54PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Denise L Hood - Town Clerk September 21,*
2020 Next Meeting: October 7, 2020 at 7:00PM