

A regular meeting was held January 17, 2017 at Hutchinson Hall, Newark Valley at 7:00 P.M.
The following were

PRESENT:

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor
Tim Dalton, Councilman
Joe Tomazin, Jr. Councilman
Warren Smith, Councilman
Dan Cheresnowski, Councilman

Also Present: Charles Meade; Highway Superintendent, Charlie Morgan, Sue Meade, Karen McMullen; Levene, Gouldin, & Thompson, Attorneys to the Town, Janet Smith; Deputy Town Clerk, Tom Larson; Code, and Eric Hopkins; Maine EMS.

Meeting Called To Order

Supervisor Yetter called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Yetter led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution #10-2017

**Approval of Town Board Meeting Minutes for
December 20, 2016, December 28, 2016 and January 3, 2017**

On a motion offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Dalton, the Town Board approved the Meeting Minutes for December 20, 2016, December 28, 2016, and January 3, 2017 as submitted.

Councilman Dalton - AYE
Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
Councilman Smith- AYE
Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - AYE
Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

Privilege of the Floor

Supervisor Yetter opened Privilege of the Floor.

Eric Hopkins presented the Town Board with the year-end Maine EMS report for 2016. There was discussion about the statistics, response time, etc. There was discussion about housing the ambulance, the cost and looking at alternatives for housing.

Privilege of the Floor was closed.

Highway Superintendent's Report

HIGHWAY REPORT JANUARY 17, 2017

1. All trucks and equipment are all ok even through the ice storms.
2. We do need that light in the cold storage area soon! (Historian Building)
3. It's probably too late for the electric in the sand salt building area, and we are still leaving some salt to load the small sander and the schools sander in the open building.
4. The prices that we have from auctions international are: See Attached
5. We will start brush cutting very soon. The chipper is all checked over and the brush head for the excavator has to be put on yet.

6. The new loader should be here later this week or next week for sure.
7. Truck 85 2016 had a recall for the steering tie- rod ends and it is all done.

Superintendent Meade read his Highway Report up to #4. There was discussion about the auction prices for our used highway equipment. (A copy is on file in the Clerk's office). After the discussion, the Board did a resolution to accept the bids.

Resolution #11-2017

**Accept the Bids for Used Highway Equipment
from Auctions International**

On a motion offered by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Cheresnowski, the Town Board resolved to accept the bids as submitted from Auctions International.

- Councilman Dalton - AYE
- Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
- Councilman Smith- AYE
- Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - AYE
- Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

Superintendent Meade continued to read his report. He said he left off one item. It should be included in his report. We need to do a resolution stating we take care of town road Old State Route 38 #173693, because the State is dropping it. There was discussion about this issue.

Resolution #12-2017

Accept Old State Route 38 #173693 as a Town Road

On a motion offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Smith the Town Board resolved to accept Old State Route 38 #173693 the length of which is .22 miles and which has been open to the public and maintained by the Town since 1976.

- Councilman Dalton - AYE
- Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
- Councilman Smith- AYE
- Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - AYE
- Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

New Business

Supervisor's Financial Report

Supervisor Yetter said we had adequate surplus to offset taxes for this year. The State AUD is done and on file in the Clerk's office. The taxes are nicely coming in. There was discussion about the Governor's Consolidation Plan.

Resolution #13-2017

Supervisor’s Financial Report

On a motion offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Smith, the Town Board accepts the Supervisor’s Financial Report for December 2016 as submitted.

- Councilman Dalton - AYE
- Councilman Tomazin, Jr. – AYE
- Councilman Cheresnowski – AYE
- Councilman Smith– AYE
- Supervisor Yetter, Jr. – AYE

Motion Carried

Old Business

Discussion of Deputy Code Enforcement Officer

Councilman Dalton and Councilman Cheresnowski met with Dennis Liebe and discussed with him what his duties were before he retired. Councilman Dalton and Councilman Cheresnowski would like to see Tom Larson do this job on his own. There was discussion about this. The Board would like to see shared services with other towns if the need arises instead of paying a salary and paying for training for a new person.

Supervisor Yetter said he would discuss this with the Owego and Berkshire Town Supervisors. Councilman Dalton said he would like to see Tom Larson get a little additional compensation for the extra work. After the Board discussed this, Tom Larson said he would like to have Dennis Liebe's full salary. The Board decided to increase Tom Larson's salary by \$250.00 per month starting in February.

Resolution #14-2017

Increase in Code Enforcement's Salary Because of Additional Duties

On a motion offered by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Dalton, the Town Board increased the Code Enforcement's Salary by \$250.00 per month starting February 1, 2017.

- Councilman Dalton - AYE
- Councilman Tomazin, Jr. – AYE
- Councilman Cheresnowski – AYE
- Councilman Smith– AYE
- Supervisor Yetter, Jr. – AYE

Motion Carried

Attorney to the Town

Karen McMullen discussed with the Board the make-up of the Fire Commissioners Board. There needs to be three village residents and two town residents. She will let the powers to be, know this.

There was a question about a conflict of interest of a Fire Commissioner being a town employee and a Fire Commissioner being an active fireman. Karen McMullen will look into this matter. There was a short discussion about the Solar Law needing to be shored up before it is presented to the Town Board.

Department & Council Reports

Code

Tom Larson discussed with the Board a business with more unlicensed cars than allowed in a year's time.

There was discussion about the Junk Law.

Dog Control

Denise Liske was not at the meeting.

Planning Board

We have two resumes for the one open position.

There was discussion about the Planning Board.

There was discussion about the Comprehensive Plan and putting energy provisions in it before it is completed.

There was discussion about the two candidates for the Planning Board, they are Karen Messersmith and Matt Tomazin.

After the discussion it was decided that Matt Tomazin would be the Board's choice.

Resolution #15-2017

Appointment of Matt Tomazin to the Planning Board

On a motion offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Cheresnowski, the Town Board authorizes the appointment of Matt Tomazin to the open position on the Planning Board.

- Councilman Dalton - AYE
- Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
- Councilman Smith – AYE
- Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - ABSTAIN
- Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

Highway Bills

Resolution #16-2017

Highway Bills

On a motion, offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Cheresnowski, the Town Board authorizes the payment of Highway Bill Vouchers #H1– #H11 inclusive in the amount of \$57,227.26.

- Councilman Dalton - AYE
- Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
- Councilman Smith – AYE
- Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - AYE
- Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

General Bills

Resolution #17-2017

General Bills

On a motion offered by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Tomazin, the Town Board authorizes the payment of General Bill Vouchers 1-24, inclusive, in the amount of \$90,891.49.

Councilman Dalton - AYE
Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
Councilman Smith – AYE
Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - AYE
Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

On a motion offered by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Tomazin, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

The next scheduled meeting is a Work Session on February 7, 2017 at 7:00P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara S. Mock