

**REGULAR MEETING  
TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN  
DECEMBER 19, 2016**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by **Lawrence Eckhardt** at **7:06 PM** at the Town Hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**( X ) Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt**  
**( ) Councilman Chris Demick**  
**( X ) Councilman William Jennings**  
**( X ) Councilman Philip Roder**  
**( X ) Councilman Gerald Robinson**  
**( X ) Town Clerk Stephanie Wagar**

**( X ) High. Superin. Alden Goodermote**  
**( X ) Assessor Jennifer Van Deusen**  
**( X ) Tax Collector, Mary Grant**

A quorum **( X )** was **( )** wasn't established.

6 from the Public were present

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

- Claim #334-16 through #363-16 in the amount of **\$18,421.36** from the **General Account**
- Claim #175-16 through #198-16 in the amount of **\$19,926.19** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$38,347.55** were audited and approved by the Town Board.

**MOTION BY: RODER**

**SECONDED BY: ROBINSON**

**VOTES OF: 4 AYE 0 NAY**

**A. Cass:** To represent TRACs and a plaque to the Board to Thank them for their support to go to the Y2Y Conference.

Minutes of the **OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Public Hearing on 2017 Preliminary Budget** were approved by the Town Board as written.

**MOTION BY: ECKHARDT**

**SECONDED BY: JENNINGS**

**1 ABSTAINED (ROBINSON)**

**VOTES OF: 3 AYE 0 NAY**

Minutes of the **NOVEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

**MOTION BY: JENNINGS**

**SECONDED BY: ROBINSON**

**VOTES OF: 3 AYE 0 NAY 1 ABSTAINED (RODER)**

**TOWN CLERKS REPORT:** The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$989.88** to the Supervisor for the month of **NOVEMBER 2016**.

**JUSTICE COURT REPORT:** The distribution from the office of the State Comptroller, Justice Court Fund to the Town of Stephentown for the month of **NOVEMBER 2016** was **\$5,273.00**.

**L. Eckhardt:** Reports out the payments received for Sales Tax and by CHIPS and PAVE NY – a bit more than what was budgeted for, Sales tax was in the amount of \$68,165.35 and NYS DEC Forest tax was in the amount of \$380.85 for a total of \$68,546.17, CHIPS PMT RECEIVED ON 12/19/2016 in the amount of \$128,156.46, PAVE NY PMT RECEIVED ON 12/19/2016 in the amount of \$29,252.99

**B. Jennings:** just shy of \$310, 000.00 about \$4,000 under budget

**L. Eckhardt:** Mortgage tax is about \$15,000.00 more than what we budgeted for.

A. Goodermote: never know what to expect for CHIPS so we budget for \$110,000.00

P. Roder: is the PAVE NY funds something we can expect?

A. Goodermote: no, hit or miss.

**TRANSFER STATION REPORT:** The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$6,830.00** for the month of **OCTOBER 2016.**

Bags: <b>\$3,903.00</b>	C&D: <b>\$1,640.00</b>	Metal: <b>\$28.00</b>	Tires: <b>\$64.00</b>
Stickers: <b>\$1,010.00</b>	Appl.: <b>\$95.00</b>	Propane Tanks: <b>\$0.00</b>	Electronics: <b>\$90.00</b>

The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$5,740.00** for the month of **NOVEMBER 2016.**

Bags: <b>\$3,675.00</b>	C&D: <b>\$1,318.00</b>	Metal: <b>\$ 28.00</b>	Tires: <b>\$169.00</b>
Stickers: <b>\$375.00</b>	Appl.: <b>\$50.00</b>	Propane Tanks: <b>\$5.00</b>	Electronics: <b>\$120.00</b>

B. Jennings: discussed the ERCSWMA audit conducted by the authority budget office, they have issued a draft report, found some things a bit confusing, the final report had a couple of things the mileage of personal vehicle, there was an agreement with the director to enter into a trade conference for an extra \$6,000.00 they paid him through the ERCSWMA Budget which they felt shouldn't have been paid from there, they also felt they were overcharging Towns for hauling fees, in 2015 the price for ERCSWMA to haul decreased because the gas prices decreased and ERCSWMA decided to hold onto the fund in case prices went back up, they now have to pay back the towns and villages the money back, so ERCSWMA is giving towns and villages two options to give it back or to use it as a credit. ERCSWMA has 2 functions hauling trash and running a warehouse, they are changing the bylaws to separate the two, the director was embarrassed and ready to resign, but they will move forward and hope things settle down. Recommends the Town getting the funds back rather than them holding onto it.

L. Eckhardt: staying with ERCSWMA for a period of time because we haven't figured out another way.

P. Roder: we found another way just won't save us anything by switching to it.

**ACCOUNT TOTALS:**

<b>GENERAL FUND \$144,709.40</b>	<b>HIGHWAY FUND \$213,299.18</b>
<b>GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$250,423.34</b>	<b>HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$236,657.94</b>
<b>BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19</b>	
<b>BEACON ESCROW FOR PLANT (BOND) \$5,000 &amp; \$70,000.</b>	

L. Eckhardt: Aldie, the \$61,500.00 will be going towards the new gradall correct?

A. Goodermote: not from my understanding, a new line was created

P. Roder: why not?

A. Goodermote: Maureen wanted to take this year's payment from the reserves, the next two payments will be the \$61,500.00. Black River Bridge is going to be replaced/repared at some point, the state will be in control over that project.

L. Eckhardt: will we have to pay a percentage?

A. Goodermote: normally for big bridges you will have to pay a percentage but nothing in writing yet.



