

**REGULAR MEETING
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
FEBRUARY 15, 2016**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by **Lawrence Eckhardt** at **7:08PM** at the Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt *High. Superin. Alden Goodermote*
 Councilman Chris Demick
 Councilman William Jennings
 Councilman Philip Roder
 Councilman Gerald Robinson
 Town Clerk Stephanie Wagar

A quorum was wasn't established.

4 from the Public were present

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #21-16 through #56-16 in the amount of **\$17,254.12** from the **General Account**
- Claim #16-16 through #34-16 in the amount of **\$15,575.43** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$32,829.55** were audited and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: RODER SECONDED BY: ROBINSON
VOTES OF: 4 AYE 0 NAY

Minutes of the **JANUARY 18, 2016 Regular Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: RODER SECONDED BY: JENNINGS
VOTES OF: 4 AYE 0 NAY

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$188.38** to the Supervisor for the month of **JANUARY 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 **DECEMBER 2015** was **\$1,422.00** and for the month of **JANUARY 2016** was \$_____.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$5,342.00** for the month of **JANUARY 2016**.

Bags: **\$4,392.00** C&D: **\$686.00** Metal: **\$10.00** Tires: **\$44.00**
Stickers: **\$125.00** Appl.: **\$10.00** Propane Tanks: **\$5.00** Electronics: **\$70.00**

B. Jennings: reports out on December 2015 still in a deficit about \$2,000.00. Summarizing the year 2015 & 2014 both camp out to around the same. 2014 & 2013 we received around \$5,000 in recycling credits, probably won't get anything back from 2015 there is no market for it anymore, looked at the recycling rates to see if people are recycling more and there is not really a difference in rate possibly a little more but not much, Solid waste is indeed going down but not much. Will be asking Matt Curley (ERCSWMA) about whether or not we are better than other Town's as far as recycling rates.

ACCOUNT TOTALS:

GENERAL \$229,535.33	HIGHWAY \$680,548.11
GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$205,637.17	HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$111,832.03
BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19	BEACON ESCROW FOR PLANT (BOND) \$5,000 & \$70,000

L. Eckhardt: have not turned over the report to the State Comptrollers yet so no funds have moved to equity accounts. We have received all Taxes for the Town which is in our accounts, also received a check from FEMA for \$184,938.36 from 2011 Bert Hager project.

A. Goodermote: received all back \$500.00 back, not complaining they will be doing an Audit soon.

B. Jennings: we received all the funds for the time our guys put in?

A. Goodermote: yes for the most part they gave us \$90k more for that project.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD:

RESOLUTION #24 – 2016

CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LAW REGULATING MASS GATHERINGS

BY BOARD MEMBER: ECKHARDT

WHEREAS: the Town Board desires to create a Mass Gathering Law for large gatherings held in town, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED: that the Town Board hereby calls for a public hearing to be held on March 14, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall, 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, New York, at which time the public may comment on the text of said law as annexed.

SECONDED BY: ROBINSON

VOTES OF: 4 AYE 0 NAY

P. Roder: does this give us and the event holder enough days to file?

L. Eckhardt: yes, cutting it close but yes, 3 months Disc Jam is on June 9th, less than 90days

B. Jennings: and we are requesting 60 days.

P. Roder: Stephanie how far in advance do you need a draft to post on the website?

S. Wagar: at least 5 days, so when I post the legal notice I can state draft viewable on website.

B. Jennings: use draft #3 which was the last one I had emailed everyone.

RESOLUTION #25 – 2016

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF CAB AND CHASSIS FOR USE BY TOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS; the Town of Stephentown Highway Superintendent has requested the Town Board approve the purchase of a new 2017 Cab and Chassis for use by the Town Highway Dept. and,

WHEREAS; the town board has reviewed this request with the Highway Superintendent and,

WHEREAS; recently adopted State legislation allows any political subdivision in NYS to “piggyback” off an existing County Bid (in this instance, the Onondaga County Bid #7823) and,

WHEREAS; the town of Stephentown will adhere to the NYS bidding requirements outlined in this legislation, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED; the town of Stephentown town board approves the purchase of one (1) 2017 International Model 7500 4X4 Heavy Duty Single Axle Cab and Chassis from Navistar, Inc., per the attached specifications for the total purchase price of: **\$118,470.00**, and be it further,

RESOLVED; that the Town Supervisor pays these funds from the General Fund.

MOTION BY: ROBINSON

SECONDED BY: RODER

VOTES OF: 4 AYE 0 NAY

B. Jennings: expected time to have this truck?

A. Goodermote: guessing August after the show, have to order it now though to have it by next year.

WHEREAS; the Town of Stephentown Highway Superintendent has requested the Town Board approve the purchase of a body, sander, plow and hydraulic system for one of the Town Highway Trucks and,

WHEREAS; the town board has review this request with the Highway Superintendent and,

WHEREAS; recently adopted State legislation allows any political subdivision in NYS to “piggyback” off an existing County Bid (in this instance, the Oneida County Bid #1751) and,

WHEREAS; the Town of Stephentown will adhere to the NYS bidding requirements outlined in this legislation, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED; the Town of Stephentown town board approves the purchase of the needed equipment which will be installed by Zwack, Inc. for the total purchase price of **\$48,995.00.**

MOTION BY: ECKHARDT

SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

VOTES OF: 4 **AYE** 0 **NAY**

L. Eckhardt: they will be mounting the body, hydraulic pump, plow system, and sander.

A. Goodermote: take that from the Highway equipment line, there should be enough to cover that cost.

L. Eckhardt: we received a letter from the Historical Society, they have appointed Pat Flint as the Town Historian until further notice. Received a nice report from the Tax Collector it has been a pleasure to have here located here at the Town Hall.

P. Roder: Comprehensive Planning Public Workshop will be held next Monday, February 22nd, here at the Town Hall at 7:00pm for public input, 4 subcommittees will be created, survey results, we are looking for public input and we should be able to come up with something to present to the Town Board by January 2017 or possibly December 2016.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

D. Flint: Has Charter Communications or Time Warner contacted Stephentown? They are looking to upgrade the internet in 9 counties, Berlin & Petersburg have been contacted has Stephentown?

L. Eckhardt: Nothing that we know of.

S. Wagar: we received a letter or email back a while ago, will get the board a copy again.

L. Eckhardt: Have we heard anything back from NYSEG regarding the request for the Street Light change?

S. Wagar: No, they never told us about the one on Madden Road and Route 43 either, they just do the work.

P. Roder: Dave have you heard anything else regarding the school?

D. Flint: No

L. Eckhardt: more discussion on the street lights, the turnpike light cost us \$19/month it's the highest costing light we have currently, we are hoping for more energy efficient lights like LEDs.

P. Roder: what is the proposed Defense and Indemnification Law that we received from Craig? Is this something we should act on tonight?

S. Wagar: ask Jenn regarding what our insurance covers.

L. Eckhardt: good idea I will speak with Jenn.

P. Dibble: What are you going to do about the lighting in the Garage? It is horrible!

A. Goodermote: I actually picked up new bulbs, which seem to be a lot better and replaced the light in the office. Haven't heard from the company regarding new lights.

B. Jennings: we haven't heard from them either.

****A Workshop Meeting** is held every second Monday of every month at **7:00PM** at the Town Hall.

****Public Hearing on Mass Gathering Law** will be held on **Monday, March 14th, 2016** at **7:00PM** at the Town Hall.

****The next Regular Meeting** of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, March 21st, 2016** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:32 PM

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: ROBINSON

VOTES OF: 4 AYE 0 NAY

Stephanie M. Wagar
Town Clerk