

**REGULAR MEETING
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
JULY 18, 2016**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by **Lawrence Eckhardt** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

(X) Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt
(X) 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 *(arrived 7:38pm)*

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

10 from the Public were present

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #190-16 through #213-16 in the amount of **\$12,092.41** from the **General Account**
- Claim #135-16 through #154-16 in the amount of **\$30,950.10** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$43,042.51** were audited and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: ROBINSON

SECONDED BY: RODER

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

Minutes of the **JUNE 20th, 2016 Regular Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: RODER

SECONDED BY: ROBINSON

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$1,579.42** to the Supervisor for the month of **JUNE 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 **JUNE 2016** was **\$9,468.00**.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$6,406.00** for the month of **JUNE 2016**.

Bags: **\$4,626.00**

C&D: **\$1,420.00**

Metal: **\$39.00**

Tires: **\$ 56.00**

Stickers: **\$0**

Appl.: **\$45.00**

Propane Tanks: **\$0**

Electronics: **\$220.00**

B. Jennings: things are going smoothly, there is a company that is interested in setting up a bin at the Transfer Station for disposal of florescent light bulbs the charge would be \$0.25 a foot – 4 foot would cost a \$1.00. ERCSWMA would like to know if we are interested and if we have any comments on this?

L. Eckhardt: would we be required to store them?

B. Jennings: Yes.

C. Demick: Would we be provided the containers to store them and what about Hazmat concerns? Would the containers have to be special containers for this?

B. Jennings: Yes, Hazardous waste might have to go in a special containers, I have to get back to Matt if we are interested, I will check to see if there is a special container and the cost of these containers. New permits are available Seniors 65 and older are free, regular is \$25 and Business is \$35.

2016 – 2017 Transfer Station Permits are in – you can purchase them at the Transfer Station or Town Clerk’s Office – Proof of Residency Required

ACCOUNT TOTALS:

GENERAL \$ 315,393.48	HIGHWAY \$ 843,777.01
GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$ 250,423.34	HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$ 236,657.94
BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19	
BEACON ESCROW FOR PLANT (BOND) \$5,000 & \$70,000.	

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD:

RESOLUTION #45 – 16	TOWN ACCEPTING WQIP CONTRACT T305148 FOR GRANT FUNDING
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WHEREAS: the Town of Stephentown with the help of Rensselaer Soil & Water has qualified for a grant from Water Quality Improvement Project (further known as WQIP); and

WHEREAS: WQIP requires the Town to adopt a resolution for the Grant Contract #T305148; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED: that the Stephentown Town Board would like to adopt Grant Contract #T305148, and further be it,

RESOLVED: that the work completed will be under the direction of the Stephentown Highway Superintendent and it shall be under his discretion on how the work shall be performed.

MOTION BY: ECKHARDT	SECONDED BY: RODER
VOTES OF: 5 AYE	0 NAY

L. Eckhardt: Getting some grant money to replace some of the culverts for wildlife to get up the streams. See Aldie for more details.

RESOLUTION #46 – 16	SETTING FEE AND SURETY AMOUNTS FOR STREET AND SIDEWALK OPENING PERMITS
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WHEREAS: the Town Board has enacted a local law providing for a permit requirement for street and sidewalk openings; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED: that the Town Board hereby sets the following fee, bond and security amounts:
Permit Fee: \$2,500 per cut across the road
Bond or Security: \$5,000 bond or \$2,500 deposit

TABLED

MOTION BY: ECKHARDT	SECONDED BY: RODER
VOTES OF: 5 AYE	0 NAY

Town Board has tabled Resolution #46-16 for further discussion with the Highway Superintendent, Alden Goodermote, they would like the resolution to be more detailed as to who pays the fees as well as a linear footage (parallel cut with road) fee.

P. Roder: Report from the Youth Commission – 45 kids this year, there is some concern about the budget and wasn't very good communication, in the past discussion of finding a swim program if one was found we would find funds to fund the program. A swim program was found and the budget is over about \$1,000.00, need to have better open communication whether with myself or the entire board, don't see a huge issue with the overage.

L. Eckhardt: if we go over on Personal Services we will just need to pass a resolution to find funds, we had a lot of workers this year definitely helpful to give young people experience in working. Any report on Dog Control?

C. Demick: very busy year for abuse cases.

L. Eckhardt: Yes, getting a lot of bills, hopefully we will be reimbursed through the court on these cases. Received a letter from Bruce Sargeant requesting us to recognize those in the Fire Department and all those who have been there over the years to serve as volunteers.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

L. Eckhardt: Follow up on the Fractal Tribe?

Aaron (Fractal Tribe): we did receive a few complaints but nothing after we had addressed the complaints we had. There is a resident right on the corner of Neil's property that we weren't aware of, I think we addressed the issue and didn't hear anything after that. Did anyone on the Board receive any complaints?

B. Jennings: Friday night to early Saturday morning 3am what happened?

Aaron (Fractal Tribe): We weren't aware of those problem areas but we did address the complaint on Saturday and it seemed to work.

L. Eckhardt: gaining popularity, whatever you did seemed to work, did the rain effect the attendance?

Aaron (Fractal Tribe): a little but not the atmosphere, no emergencies, we had the emergency team there had a good outcome.

L. Eckhardt: Our people here in town would have said something.

B. Jennings: Troopers stopped a lot of people at the Disc Jam.

P. Dibble: What is the Pilgrim Pipeline? Seeing signs around town. Is this picking up where the frack people left off?

B. Jennings: this is not through Stephentown, it's a different project and those who helped fight the Tennessee Gas Pipeline have turned their attention to the Pilgrim Gas pipeline. Believe it has already received approvals through FERC next is getting DEC permits, believe they have made it further along than the fracking pipeline.

B. Hammersmith: question on the resolution regarding permits to cut in the road, who would pay the deposit and bond? Because if the residence or I have to pay Al die will be chasing holes.

A. Goodermote: this was discussed and designed for only commercial utilities.

L. Eckhardt: Aldie which culvert is the grant for?

A. Goodermote: at the end of Calvin Cole Road, they want to open it up so fish can swim upstream and so it doesn't wash out.

L. Eckhardt: Cost of Project?

A. Goodermote: \$175,000.00

L. Eckhardt: is this a culvert we would want to change?

A. Goodermote: wouldn't hurt, it would be nice especially for those who would like to live down there in the future.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:55 PM

MOTION BY: RODER

SECONDED BY: DEMICK

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

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

****The next Regular Meeting** of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, August 15, 2016** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

Stephanie M. Wagar

Town Clerk