

**REGULAR MEETING
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
OCTOBER 17, 2016**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by **Lawrence Eckhardt** at **7:01 PM** at the Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

(X) Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt	(X) High. Superin. Alden Goodermote
() Councilman Chris Demick	() Assessor, Jennifer Van Deusen
(X) Councilman William Jennings	() Town Justice, John Meekins
(X) Councilman Philip Roder	
(X) Councilman - Gerald Robinson	
(X) Town Clerk Stephanie Wagar	

A quorum was wasn't established.

7 from the Public were present

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #271-16 through #297-16 in the amount of **\$12,234.92 (includes Voucher 271 & 272 for a total of \$308.29 that was already paid)** from the **General Account**
- Claim #196-16 through #212-16 in the amount of **\$57,098.05** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$69,332.97 (includes the \$308.29 paid out)** were audited and approved by the Town Board.

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

Minutes of the **SEPTEMBER 19th, 2016 Regular Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

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

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$1702.06** to the Supervisor for the month of **SEPTEMBER 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 **SEPTEMBER 2016** was \$_____ (**Town portion**).

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$9,276.00** for the month of **SEPTEMBER 2016**.

Bags: \$4,482.00	C&D: \$1,327.00	Metal: \$12.00	Tires: \$55.00
Stickers: \$3,125.00	Appl.: \$85.00	Propane Tanks: \$0	Electronics: \$190.00

ACCOUNT TOTALS:

GENERAL \$156,256.08	HIGHWAY \$534,203.82
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 #52 - 16

**ADVERTISE FOR A BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW
APPOINTMENT FOR 5 YEAR TERM**

WHEREAS: a Board of Assessment 5 year term has expired and the Town Board would like to advertise for the position, and

WHEREAS: the position is a 5 year term due to expire on September 30th, 2021; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk advertise requesting applications for this position, with a deadline of Friday, November 18th, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

MOTION BY: RODER

SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

VOTES OF: 4 AYE

0 NAY

RESOLUTION #53 - 16

ADVERTISE FOR APPOINTED POSITIONS FOR THE YEAR 2017

WHEREAS: the Town Clerk is authorized to advertise for all appointed positions with their salary, that are expiring or vacant on December 31, 2016, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk advertise requesting applications for appointed positions for 2017, with a deadline of Friday, December 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: ROBINSON

VOTES OF: 4 AYE

0 NAY

RESOLUTION #54 - 16

ADVERTISE 2017 CLEANER FOR TOWN HALL

WHEREAS: there is a need to advertise for Town Hall cleaning, with present term to expire on December 31, 2016, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk is authorized to advertise for this position for the year 2017. Resumes and letters of interest due to the Town Clerk by Friday, December 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Delivered to the Town Hall or mailed to 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY

MOTION BY: ECKHARDT

SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

VOTES OF: 4 AYE

0 NAY

RESOLUTION # 55- 16

**SNOWPLOWING FOR THE 2016 - 2017 WINTER SEASON AT THE
TRANSFER STATION & TOWN HALL, SHOVEL/SALT SIDEWALKS**

WHEREAS: the Town Board has put out to bid snowplowing at the Transfer Station and Town Hall including shoveling and salting sidewalks for the winter, and

WHEREAS: the sealed bids were received at the Town Clerk's Office by Friday, October 14th, 2016 by 7:00 PM, and

WHEREAS: a total of 1 bids were received for each location

1. Terry Sykes from Stephentown For the Transfer Station \$140.00
For the Town Hall \$60.00

, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the bid for snowplowing at the Transfer Station for the 2016-2017 Winter Season be awarded to *Terry Sykes from Stephentown* in the amount of \$140.00, and further be it,

RESOLVED: that the bid for snowplowing at the Town Hall including shoveling and salting of the two sidewalks for the 2016-2017 Winter Season be awarded to *Terry Sykes from Stephentown* in the amount of \$60.00.

MOTION BY: ECKHARDT

SECONDED BY: ROBINSON

VOTES OF: 4 AYE

0 NAY

D. Burek: do they get \$60.00 for an inch?

S. Wagar: no every 4 inches, otherwise requested.

G. Robinson: Survey for Broadband, sent out a total of 1396 and received 196 responses back, will try and post results on website was compiled, so far had good results a huge need from broadband infrastructure for educational needs and such. There are challenges to availability, speed, and cost. 65% not satisfied with their current service, 8% satisfied and 3% very satisfied, the others are neither satisfied or unsatisfied. This helps give us a case to make with FairPoint. Met with FairPoint over a 4 year plan for Fiber-optics. Would like to acknowledge that we did this mailout without a mailing service, wouldn't have been able to do this without the Town Clerk and the assistance of Alex Haley and the support of the Town Board and PJ taking the incentive on taking on the Planning Committee.

P. Dibble: is that why we keep seeing Time Warner around Town?

B. Jennings: they have been around scouting things out.

G. Robinson: the footprint will extend to 145k households, optimistic we will be part of the footprint. Once we get in it, it will be a 5 year plan, it would make sense for Stephentown to be included in this.

D. Burek: on the website for New Lebanon they have a group doing the same thing, is there a chance to join forces?

G. Robinson: has the names of those in New Lebanon and Berlin, no correlation with the County right now, our State Rep said she is interested in Broadband and as of right now we need to stay in the game

P. Dibble: doesn't Berlin have Time Warner?

L. Eckhardt: some but it's very limited, glad to see it is improving, think there is some improvement, whether it's Gerry or the people they are hearing the complaints.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

L. Eckhardt: Would like to open the Meeting up to the Public. There is a Public Hearing next Monday, October 24th, 2016 here at 7:00pm regarding the Preliminary Budget which is up on the Website. I received a letter from a resident from Chester, VT regarding the professionalism of our Town Clerk and that the Town Government should recognize her for the great job she is doing.

P. Dibble: was in the Town Clerk's office the other day and she is so accommodating to the people, she is very willing to help anyway she can.

P. Roder: next Comprehensive Meeting has been canceled due to the budget meetings, next meeting will be November 28th, 2016 open to the public will be in the conference room.

L. Eckhardt: we may also hold a Special Meeting on November 14th, to adopt the Budget due to it being due on November 20th which is a Sunday this year, called the Association of Towns to see if this would be an issue to adopt it a day late they said they would get back to me.

S. Wagar: should we just advertise then and hold a Special Meeting?

Town Board: all agreed we should hold a Special Meeting on November 14th.

RESOLUTION #56 – 16

ADVERTISE FOR SPECIAL MEETING TO ADOPT THE 2017 BUDGET

WHEREAS: the Town Board would like to hold a Special Meeting to adopt the 2017 Budget, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board would like to hold this Special Meeting on Monday, November 14th, 2016 at 7:00pm here at the Town Hall, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk advertise for this Special Meeting.

MOTION BY: RODER

SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

VOTES OF: 4 AYE

0 NAY

**** October 24th, 2016 at 7:00pm Public Hearing on the 2017 Budget will be held at the Town Hall****

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:47PM

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: RODER

VOTES OF: 4 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, November 21st, 2016** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

Stephanie M. Wagar

Town Clerk