

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

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by *Lawrence Eckhardt* at **7:04 PM** at the Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| <i>(X) Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt</i> | <i>(X) High. Superin. Alden Goodermote</i> |
| <i>(X) Councilman Chris Demick</i> | <i>(X) Assessor, Jennifer Van Deusen</i> |
| <i>(X) Councilman William Jennings</i> | |
| <i>(X) Councilman Philip Roder</i> | |
| <i>(X) Councilman - Gerald Robinson</i> | |
| <i>(X) Town Clerk Stephanie Wagar</i> | |

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

11 from the Public were present

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #236-16 through #270-16 in the amount of **\$141,064.49** from the **General Account**
- Claim #175-16 through #195-16 in the amount of **\$149,337.48** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$290,401.97** were audited and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: RODER **SECONDED BY:** ROBINSON

VOTES OF: **5 AYE** **0 NAY**

Minutes of the **AUGUST 15th, 2016 Regular Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: RODER **SECONDED BY:** DEMICK

VOTES OF: **5 AYE** **0 NAY**

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$728.00** to the Supervisor for the month of **AUGUST 2016**.

JUSTICE COURT REPORT: The distribution from the office of the State Comptroller, Justice Court Fund to the Town of Stephentown from January 2016 to July 2016 are listed below (Prior reports included State, County and Town)

Justice Report for 2016	
Month	Actual Revenues to Town
January	\$2,386.00
February	\$2,496.00
March	\$2,917.75
April	\$4,284.00
May	\$2,448.00
June	\$3,857.00
July	\$2,791.00
August	\$4,742.00
Total as of 8/31	\$25,921.75

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

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| Bags: \$4,901.00 | C&D: \$1,343.00 | Metal: \$82.00 | Tires: \$45.00 |
| Stickers: \$2,745.00 | Appl.: \$105.00 | Propane Tanks: \$5.00 | Electronics: \$50.00 |

ACCOUNT TOTALS:

GENERAL \$257,489.62

HIGHWAY \$693,726.28

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.

L. Eckhardt: received the 2nd quarter sales tax check for \$65,291 we have the 2nd Mortgage Tax check left, Supervisor opens meeting up too public (7:34pm)

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe, Art, and Rik (from the Rail trail): talk about the trail and how New Lebanon partnered with Stephentown to accomplish the trail, they have had great success. Great comments in the log book. The trail is currently a total of 2.9 miles.

L. Eckhart: was unaware of the log book, where is it kept?

Rik: there is a bench the log book is located there.

Joe: we are looking for some volunteers to help spread some of the gravel, and clean up the trail, people can sign up at the Library.

Art: had gravel donated to us from someone in Town, we are looking for someone to transport it, we would like to continue to maintain the trail and expand it to help the community grow.

L. Eckhardt: what can we do?

Rik: Trail is open year around except during hunting season the owners of the properties have asked no one use the trail during hunting season, otherwise it is open to walking, hiking, bikes, horses, and snowmobiles, no other vehicles are allowed on the trail.

A. Goodermote: have you looked into funds from the State?

Joe: the properties are still privately owned, hard to get state funding.

L. Eckhardt: thanks Joe, Art, and Rik for coming to talk about the rail trail, Flu Shot coming up on October 6th, 2016 Sponsored by the Seniors.

Motion: Go into Executive Session 7:41 PM to discuss personnel matters.

By: Eckhardt

Seconded by: Demick

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

Motion: Come out of Executive Session 8:00 PM

By: Eckhardt

Seconded by: Jennings

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

Rik: checked the website the other day and the last budget that is up is 2013

S. Wagar: will look into it.

P. Roder: on the website now and it has up to 2015 on the Budget page.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD:

RESOLUTION #49-16

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

WHEREAS: the Town Board would like to Advertise for Snow removal at the Transfer Station and Town Hall including shoveling and salting sidewalks from November 1st, 2016 – to October 31th, 2017, and

WHEREAS: all interested parties must have at minimum a ¾ ton pick-up, and proof of insurance with the Town listed as additional insured, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk is authorized to advertise for snowplowing at the Transfer Station and the Town Hall for the year 2016 – 2017 Winter Season. Bids are due to the Town Clerk by Friday, October 14th, 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: 5 AYE 0 NAY

L. Eckhardt: Budget requests will need to be submitted to the Supervisor by 9/20 (tomorrow), the Supervisor will then put together the Tentative Budget to give to the Town Clerk. May have to adopt the Budget on November 14th at the workshop, since the 20th of November is a Sunday this year, will reach out to see if we could adopt the budget on the 21st at our Regular Board meeting.

RESOLUTION # 50- 16

ADVERTISE FOR THE 2017 BUDGET MEETINGS

WHEREAS: the Town Board would like to a workshop meeting regarding the tentative budget on Monday, October 10th, 2016 at 7:00pm and a Public Hearing regarding the Preliminary Budget on Monday, October 24th, 2016 at 7:00pm here at the Town Hall, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk is authorized to advertise for the Budget Workshop on October 10th and the Public Hearing on October 24th.

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: DEMICK

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

RESOLUTION # 51- 16

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM GENERAL RESERVE FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE 2017 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK PAYMENT

WHEREAS: the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to transfer \$118,470.00 from the General Reserve Fun to the General Fund to pay for the 2017 International Truck, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the transfer of funds will be from the General Reserver Fund to the 5010.2 equipment line in the General Fund.

MOTION BY: ECKHARDT

SECONDED BY: ROBINSON

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

G. Robinson: so far 160 responses for the broadband survey, all good responses, more reasonable prices for fiber optics, this will help us get a plan in place, looking to get another 100 responses to get a better outcome. Last day will be the end of the month on the 31st.

C. Demick: Dog cases – Rouse case – didn’t charge them for abuse, but was ticketed for unlicensed dog. Hoping to get money back from the other cases through the court.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:15 PM

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

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, October 17th, 2016** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

Stephanie M. Wagar
Town Clerk