

Town of Mohawk
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 11th, 2019 at 7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting was held on July 11th, 2019 at the Richard A. Papa Office Building, 2-4 Park St. Fonda NY 12068.

Present: Supervisor Edward Bishop, Councilmen: Janet Tyler, Anthony Bruno, William Smith and Matt Paton Also present, William Holvig, Supt. of Highways, Kimberly M. Sullivan, Town Clerk, Stella Gittle Sole Assessor and Town Attorney Robert Kruger

A motion to approve the minutes of the 06/13/19 Regular Meeting was made by Smith and seconded by Bruno. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

Town Correspondence:

1. The Tribes Hill Iroquois Seniors sent a letter asking for an increase in their yearly budget allotment from our township.
2. NYSDEC sent the results of the visual inspection on Lock E-12 Dam. All looked good.

Payments made prior to this meeting to avoid late payments: Total: \$3,783.31

General A: \$3,148.31 Highway: 500.00

General B: \$135.00

The Money Market Account as of 06/30/2019: \$922,802.58

Fund breakdown as follows:

General A: 376,904.72

B- Outside the Village: \$129,885.45

DB Hwy Fund: 398,898.38

Street Lighting: \$17,023.03

The Investment Account Balance as of 06/30/19: \$757,951.53

Report from the Highway Superintendent as follows:

1. Ditching, culvert, prep paving for this and next year have been completed. The men are busy hauling sand and mowing.
2. Extreme Winter Recovery has been restored and we received a check in the amount of \$13,982.42

Stella Gittle, Sole Assessor reported that she is currently fighting with the state over Enhanced STAR exemptions that were taken away from 15 of our residents.

Partners in Education sent a letter asking us for a donation once again. The board feels it is a good program if the schools are using the papers in the classrooms. Ed will call the school to see how and where they are being utilized.

Update on EIS:

Chazen Companies sent a letter dated July 10th, 2019 and stated the following

“We recommend that the Town of Mohawk, as Lead Agency for the environmental review of the project, remain firm in their finding that the DEIS is not complete and that further information as described in the March 6th, 2019 comment matrix is necessary to determine the potential impacts of the project per the adopted Scoping Document. It may be beneficial to meet with the applicant’s consultants to discuss the comments in advance of a resubmittal to the town.” Chris Round, AICP
Sr. Principal

Update on Conti Solar:

Part one of the SEQR completed. 7/16/19 is the deadline from the mailings for Lead Agency. Part Two SEQR- the Planning Board will name themselves as the Lead Agency and a Public Hearing date will be announced. Conti will then send letters to all homeowners that will be affected. We will ask Claudia Braymer Esq. to attend the meeting.

Discussion was held on the 12% increase of tipping fees by Montgomery County for the disposal of our waste. Montgomery County would like to “break even” we compared it to our annual Snow Contract with the county and noted that we also would like to “break even” we will weigh our options.

A letter from NYSCC has requested lead agency status for earthen embankment work along the canal. We are in agreement.

Resolution #029 authorizing the Supervisor, Town Board and Highway Superintendent to audit and pay bills was made by a motion from Paton and seconded by Smith. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Bills Totaling: \$23,553.54

General A account: \$1,952.74

Highway account: \$17,548.06

General B account: \$2,761.19

Street Lighting: \$1,291.35

In other business:

Tony contacted Brian Sweet and he contacted Eric Mead regarding work on Hickory Hill. They are waiting for a machine and will then begin work.

Highway Superintendent Holvig stated that the Town of Amsterdam’s loss with the Snow Contract is very close to ours.

A motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting at 7:50pm was made by Tyler and seconded by Paton. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly M. Sullivan
Town Clerk