

Town of Mohawk
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 12th, 2019 at 7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting was held on September 12th, 2019 at the Richard A. Papa Office Building, 2-4 Park St. Fonda NY 12068.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the 08/08/19 Regular Meeting was made Paton and seconded by Tyler. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

No one from the public wished to speak.

Town Correspondence:

1. A letter from Judy Kelly, President of Frothingham Free Library Board of Trustees asking for us to consider increasing our funding from 5,000 to \$6,000 for 2020.

Payments made prior to this meeting to avoid late payments: Total: \$6,975.27

General A: \$931.36 General B: \$135.00 Highway: \$5,908.91

The Money Market Account as of 8/31/2019: \$907,009.16

Fund breakdown as follows:

General A: 320,773.84

B- Outside the Village: \$136,741.72

DB Hwy Fund: 435,118.62

SL- Street Lighting: 14,374.98

The Investment Account Balance as of 08/31/19: \$758,730.59

Report from the Highway Superintendent as follows:

1. Bill reported that he would like to sell Truck #7. It is valued between \$11,000 and \$13,000.
2. The mowing, ditching, prep for paving is all winding down. The men are also cutting low hanging limbs.
3. The new plow truck for roads in Tribes Hill will be delivered by winter.
4. Truck #24 needs work on its computer.

Stella Gittle, Sole Assessor reported that the STAR rebate checks have gone out.

A motion to approve the appointment of Stella Gittle as Sole Assessor for a new six year term beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30th, 2025 was made by Tyler and seconded by Paton. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

A motion to approve the updated highway specs (2 lifts of asphalt, binder and top) for new town roads and follow up with a resolution in October was made by Paton and seconded by Tyler. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Bishop gave a brief update on the DEIS Document. In short, Ed reported that Sterling has sent a letter to our attorney saying it is complete and ready for public review. Attorney Braymer disagreed, stating it was incomplete and inaccurate.

A motion to not accept the DEIS as it is not complete or accurate and not ready for public review was made by a motion from Tyler and seconded by Paton. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Ed gave an update on C.S. Energy. The Town Planning Board is meeting on Tuesday September 17, 2019 at 7:00pm at which time they will declare a positive or negative declaration. If negative, it will then go to the County Planning Board, then sent back to our Planning Board for a vote.

Update on replacing our accounting system. BAS sold their accounting software to Edmunds. Initially it was very expensive but they lowered the cost and we will stick with them.

Budget workshop will be held September 19th, 2019 at 6:30 pm here at the town building.

A motion to set the Town Clean up Days on October 5th and 12th, 2019 from 7-12pm and the Village of Fonda Clean Up Days for the 19th and 26th of October, was made by a motion from Bruno and seconded by Paton. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

A motion to sell Truck #7 F350 to Todd Perry at a cost of \$11,000 as is, was made by a motion from Tyler and seconded by Bruno. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

A motion to increase the funding for the Frothingham Free Library from \$5,000 to \$6,000 for the year 2020 was made by a motion from Bruno and seconded by Tyler. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Resolution #032 authorizing the Supervisor, Town Board and Highway Superintendent to audit and pay bills was made by a motion from Paton and seconded by Bruno. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Bills Totaling: \$66,800.28

General A account: \$49,660.20

Highway account: \$12,375.42

General B account: \$3,358.12

Street Lighting: 1,406.54

In further business: Bill stated that the oversized stop signs along with warning signs will be placed on the intersection of Old Trail and Old Johnstown Roads, creating a 4 way stop. Bill also completed sealing of the roads along with help from neighboring towns and county. Tony reported that volunteer ambulance corps are going out of business all around us. They are struggling due to the lack of Medicare and Medicaid allowances for payments. He also thanked the board for their support during his recent surgery.

A motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting at 8:08pm was made by Bruno and seconded by Tyler. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly M. Sullivan
Town Clerk