

Town of Mohawk
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 8th, 2016 at 7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting was held on December 8th, 2016 at the Richard A. Papa Office Building, 2-4 Park St. Fonda NY 12068.

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

The meeting was opened with a flag salute.

A motion to approve the minutes of the 11/10/2016 Regular Meeting was made Smith and seconded by Tyler. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

Public to speak: Mary Lou Coughlin asked for an update on the speed reduction on Mohawk Drive. Supervisor Bishop reported that we have not heard yet.

Supervisor Bishop welcomed Dan Wilson, District 5 County Legislator elect, Ryan Weitz, District 4 Legislator, Claudia Braymer, Caffrey and Flower and Chris Round, Chazen Companies, who is working on the draft scope.

Ryan Weitz thanked the board for all the support the Town of Mohawk has given him as he finishes up his duties as legislator.

Town correspondence: Heather and Fran Saunders of 283 Old Johnstown Road wrote regarding the many accidents on the intersection of Old Johnstown and Old Trail Rd. They would like possible speed reduction and a 4 way stop.

Payments made prior to this meeting to avoid late payments: Total: \$37,263.69

General A: \$35,357.32

Highway: \$498.51

General B: \$1,407.86

The Money Market Account as of 11/30/2016: \$1,217,425.49

The Investment account balance as of 11/30/16 is: \$751,573.49

Report from the Highway Superintendent as follows:

1. The men have been busy with equipment maintenance.
2. The overhead door has been installed in the annex building.
3. Bill Holvig met with county officials regarding a possible increase in the snow contract and the mowing contract was also discussed.
4. Holvig explained the main causes of accidents when a snowfall occurs. Adding that poor tires and speed are the major factors and drivers need to yield to plows.
5. We will be receiving the new truck within 2 weeks and the men will be helping to clear the fire lane.

Stella Gittle, Sole Assessor reported that she's been busy with exemption applications.

Discussion concerning the draft scope was held. Chris Round reported that the comments from the previous meeting were reflected in his final draft as well as some changes from the workshop held at 6:00pm today. Letters from residents were received and placed on record as well.

Discussion was held on flood insurance. Supervisor Bishop questioned the need for it vs the cost of it. After consideration it was determined that we will go forward with the insurance in assuring FEMA monies and proper coverage should a flood occur.

An update was given on the adoption of a local law governing solar in the Town of Mohawk. It was passed by the Planning Board and we will do the SEQRA in January.

Resolution #48 authorizing the Supervisor, Town Board and Highway Superintendent to audit and pay bills was made by a motion from Smith and seconded by Bruno. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Bills Totaling: \$19,795.35

General A account: \$9,618.39

Highway account: \$6,346.95

General B account: \$2,236.06

Street Lighting: \$1,593.35

Resolution #49 to amend the 2016 operating budget was made by Tyler and seconded by Smith. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Resolution #50; the Town of Mohawk Town Board accepts the final scoping document with changes made from the 12/8/16 Town Board Workshop, for the SEQRA review of the annexation of lands from the Town of Mohawk, Montgomery County to the City of Johnstown, Fulton County. Motion made by Tyler and seconded by Smith. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Resolution #051 to amend the 2016 Operating Budget was made by Bruno and seconded by Smith. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

In further business:

1. Councilman Bruno mentioned that with all the press the Town of Mohawk receives, the 10% decrease in Town Tax was not reported in our local paper.
2. Supervisor Bishop added that all Legislator elects representing the Town of Mohawk were invited to attend our meeting and he thanked Dan Wilson for accepting his invitation.

A motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting at 7:45pm was made by Tyler and seconded by Smith. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly M. Sullivan
Town Clerk