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General:	25135.80
Part Town:	763.84
OWD:	64066.17
Highway:	55472.49
Refuse:	18520.71
Fire:	293.88
Total:	164252.89

Ayes: Annable, Reed, Huntington, Hill Nays: 0 CARRIED

ASSESSOR / CEO REPORTS: Read and filed

HIGHWAY/ WATER REPORT: Read and filed

Superintendent Hurtgam reported on the work done, trimming trees, replacing culverts and converting water meters.

The waterline on Ellicott Road needs to be re-routed to extend around a culvert. An environmental assessment must be completed to comply with State requirements.

Lead Agency

RESOLUTION 44-2018

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Hill to authorize Supervisor Annable to accept and sign the SEQR form, declaring the Town of Hartland as lead agency. The proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Ayes: Annable, Reed, Huntington, Hill Nays: 0 CARRIED

Present John Deere 720 mower, valued at \$6800.00 will be given to the Hartland Central Cemetery.

Surplus John Deere 720 mower

RESOLUTION 45-2018

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Reed to declare the John Deere 720 mower as surplus and authorize Superintendent Hurtgam to donate it to the Hartland Central Cemetery.

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Ayes: Annable, Reed, Huntington, Hill Nays: 0 CARRIED

Surplus equipment

RESOLUTION 46-2018

MOTION by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Hill to declare a Lombardi diesel engine and a 5.3 liter Chevrolet engine block as surplus and authorize Superintendent Hurtgam to sell on Ebay.

Ayes: Annable, Reed, Huntington, Hill Nays: 0 CARRIED

Superintendent Hurtgam requested of the Board to purchase a John Deere 1025R Tractor, 60 D mower and 47" 2-stage snow blower, off State Bid.

John Deer Tractor, Mower and Snow Blower

RESOLUTION 47-2018

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Hill to authorize Superintendent Hurtgam to purchase:

John Deere 1025R Tractor; NY Pback NJPA Landscaping and Grounds PC66663 (PG XN CG22) \$11,783.93

John Deere 60 D Mower; NY Pback NJPA Landscaping and Grounds PC66663 (PG XN CG 22) \$2,328.15

John Deere 47" 2-Stage Snow Blower; NY Pback NJPA Landscaping and Grounds PC66663 (PG XN CG 22) \$3,129.12

Total purchase: \$17,241.20

Ayes: Annable, Reed, Huntington, Hill Nays: 0 CARRIED

CAT has discontinued the annual trade in program for wheel loaders. There will be a 2 year trade program, with 2 year warranties on equipment. Superintendent Hurtgam requests to purchase a 2018 CAT Wheel Loader at \$10,000.00 per year, after trade in, with 2 year warranty, on NJPA State bid.

Surplus 930 M CAT Wheel Loader

RESOLUTION 48-2018

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MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Hill to declare the 2017 930M CAT Loader as surplus and trade in price of \$139,960.00.

Ayes: Annable, Reed, Huntington, Hill Nays: 0 CARRIED

2018 CAT Wheel Loader

RESOLUTION 49-2018

MOTION by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Huntington to authorize Superintendent Hurtgam to purchase a 2018 930M CAT Wheel Loader, NJPA State bid for \$149,960.00, less trade in, for total of \$ 10,000.00/ year. 2 year program.

Ayes: Annable, Reed, Huntington, Hill Nays: 0 CARRIED

The same 2 year program will be offered for the 938 CAT Wheel Loader for next year. The total charge for the 938 CAT will be \$24,000.00, with a 2 year warranty, minus trade in value, cost of \$12,000.00/ year.

Recent communications with area farmers, local authorities and other municipalities have raised the concerns about the vehicle weight limits on town roads. A meeting involving all of the above mentioned was held at the Niagara Co-operative Extension, concerning these issues. It was decided to update the weight limits on several Town roads to 10 Ton.

Vehicle Weight Law

RESOLUTION 50-2018

WHEREAS, Vehicle and Traffic Law section 1660 (11) allows the Town Board to temporarily exclude from any portion of any town highway any vehicle with a gross weight of over four or more tons when in its opinion such highway would be materially injured by the operation of any such vehicle thereon, now there, be it

RESOLVED, that any vehicle with a gross weight over 10 tons is temporarily excluded from the Town Highways in the Town of Hartland:

Wheeler Road – Orangeport to Town of Newfane line

Dale Road – Humphrey Road to Wheeler Road

Checkered Tavern Road – Wheeler Road to Route 104

Quaker Road – 104 to Town of Royalton line

Root Road – 104 to Royalton-Hartland Townline Road

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Robson Road – 104 to Royaltown- Hartland Townline Road

This temporary exclusion takes effect upon the posting signs on the sections of roads and after publication of notice in the Town's official newspaper and remains in effect until the signs are removed by the Highway Superintendent.

MOTION by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Hill to approve the above mentioned vehicle weight limit law.

Ayes: Annable, Reed, Huntington, Hill Nays: 0 CARRIED

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Jeremy Verratti, of Verratti Farms approached the Board with concerns on the vehicle weight limits. His family farm and business has purchased equipment which exceeds the weight limits and now with the new guidelines on area bridges, his equipment is landlocked as to where they can travel. Verratti had met with Superintendent Hurtgam last fall and again after the meeting at the Co-operative to discuss a solution. Verratti respectfully requested from the Town Board time and favor to function in the Town of Hartland. The weight limits on Root Road have restricted passage out of the farm, as well as the new lower limits on the bridge on Slayton Settlement. The farm has been hauling liquids in 4 smaller trucks to the fields in order to accommodate the limits. This greatly hinders the time scheduling and has added expense to the budget. He was informed by the County that the limits on the bridge supersede Town law. Verratti is requesting help from the Towns to petition the County to lower the limits on the bridge.

Verratti cited the excellent job that Superintendent Hurtgam has done with the roads in Hartland and he understands that late frost conditions have hindered the work of the farm. His farm is looking into other options for a solution to this situation and requested of the Town of Hartland to not involve police enforcement. Verratti asked the Town of Hartland to please work with his farm, since many dollars are pumped back into the economy from agriculture. They will need to be using Root Road in the next few weeks to ready the fields.

Supervisor Annable asked Mr. Verratti what kind of trucks and what are the procedures now.

Verratti explained that they are using 3 truck-trailers and have hired someone to run smaller loads, several times a day. The trucks will load and travel Slayton Settlement and then return, empty by way of Root Road. They are trucking solid manure to the fields and piling it.

Councilman Hill explained that communication between the Town and farms is a major concern. We understand that there is a narrow window with the weather.

Verratti; if the slurry is full, then it has to be dumped, what are the options?

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Councilman Reed: What can the Town do, if the answer is no, we have to look out for the interests of the Town of Hartland

Verratti: The farm understands the dilemma, but federal regulations require certain quantities per acreage. It is better to haul when the ground is hard and the larger tires spread out the soil. The Town of Hartland can say no and the County could take a long time to re-do the bridge on the Royalton side. The problem of being land locked is immediate

Annable: What is the long term plans to rectify the situation? Perhaps you should have approached the Town before purchasing the large equipment.

Verratti: The biggest obstacle is the bridge on Slayton Settlement. There would be other routes to take if the limits had not been reset. The farm is now using 3 trucks to haul from the lagoon and the heavy equipment stays in the fields, lighter loads could be a solution, but at a loss to the farm.

Annable: Long term solutions need to be addressed with all area farmers. This will continue to be a problem each year. The Town has invested a large sum to rebuild the roads.

Verratti: We will ask the County Legislature to help with the issues. The County has told the farm not to go over Slayton Settlement, but to route by way of Root Road, bridge law takes precedence.

Annable: The person to talk to is Legislator Mike Hill. It would be good to discuss the matter with Hill before the County meeting. There are projects and bonds used to take care of the roads. There needs to be a long term plan, as there will be repairs.

Verratti: Could the Town consider widening Root Road?

Hurtgam: Whether the road is widened the spreaders are too heavy, empty or not. The answer is no.

Verratti: The issue at hand is the trucks and manure, not the spreaders.

Hurtgam: Verrattis told the Town that they would do whatever was needed, no need for more talk. The police will be called, without hesitation.

Verratti: Keith had come to talk and it was a busy day at the wrong time. They had not talked about the trucks at that time, and then the trucks were pulled over by the police.

Annable: Police stop farm equipment for many reasons, the Police chief was asked to give a warning and not a ticket. We do not want any tickets issued.

Verratti: Appreciate not given a ticket. This was an unprecedented issue.

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Hurtgam: There was a lot of money put into the program, which should encourage everyone to follow the law. If the equipment continues to be driven on the roads, then it leaves no choice but to have the police give a ticket, in order to stop the damage.

Verratti: The farm is trying to grow the business and I am here to present a case for the farm. We need to haul trucks with manure off the farm in order to run the business. It would cost \$500,000.00 to pump underground; it is not feasible especially when milk prices are down.

Annable: We wish there was more to do to help, by using technology.

Verratti: Perhaps the Town could use new ideas to pave for harder surfaces.

Hurtgam: The last time that Root Road was paved, it cost \$400,000.00 to rebuild. This still can't handle the weight and the edges are giving out. It cannot be repaved again.

Verratti: Let's leave the roads to Hurtgam and the farms to Verratti.

Annable: Verratti farms should get back to the Town after meeting with Mike Hill and the County.

Verratti: I wanted to address all with respect. I will pursue the County; we can't have aggression and mean sentiment. We will be reasonable and will try hard to accommodate requests from the Town. Thank you for your time.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Annable received a request from the Somerset Youth Baseball League for an increase in funds per youth. Over the last several years, the Town has paid \$5.00 per Hartland student. It was decided to raise the amount to \$20.00 per student.

Somerset Youth Baseball

RESOLUTION 51-2018

MOTION by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Huntington to increase funds for the Somerset Youth Baseball League to \$20.00 per Hartland participant.

Ayes: Annable, Reed, Huntington, Hill Nays: 0 CARRIED

Supervisor Annable recognized Thursday, May 3, 2018 as the National Day of Prayer. Those who wish to gather at the flagpole at noon are invited in observance.

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Police Chief John Swick was recently recognized for 40 years of service. Supervisor Annable acknowledged Chief Swick for his humble and honorable service. The Town of Hartland appreciates the dedication and thanks Chief John Swick.

Councilman Huntington spoke with a resident who was inquiring about making Asher Street a One-Way street. Attorney Seaman was to check if the Town Board had the authority to make the change or if it needs to a Local Law. There needs to be a road study conducted before any change could take place.

Adjournment

RESOLUTION 52-2018

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Hill that since there is no further business to come before the board, the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p. m.

Ayes: Annable, Reed, Huntington, Hill Nays: 0 CARRIED

Respectfully submitted:

Cynthia S. Boyler, RMC

Town Clerk

Next scheduled regular meeting will be May 10, 2018 at 7:00 p. m.