

AUGUST 13, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town of Hartland, County of Niagara, State of New York, was held on the above date at the Town Hall, 8942 Ridge Road, Gasport convening at 7:00 p.m.

Members present:

Supervisor: W. Ross Annable

Councilman: Joseph Reed

Clifford Grant

David Huntington

David Hill

Attorney: Daniel Seaman

Attended by: Sign in sheet attached

Supervisor Annable called the meeting to order with all present standing for the pledge to the flag.

Supervisor Annable asked Katherine Hirner to come forward to receive a proclamation for her many years of service to the Town of Hartland. Katherine is retiring as of August 31, 2020. Katherine has served as Court Clerk for 18 years, Tax Collector for 17 years and has worked as a Deputy Town Clerk and served on the Recreation Commission. The Town Board recognized Katherine for her dedicated service and wished her well in her new endeavors. Justice Joanne Sullivan expressed her gratitude and well wishes for Katherine's many years in the Court office.

Minutes

RESOLUTION 81-2020

MOTION by Councilman Grant, seconded by Councilman Huntington to adopt the minutes of the July 9, 2020 meeting as presented.

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

Abstract of Bills

RESOLUTION 82-2020

MOTION by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Huntington resolved that the following bills, as prepared by the Clerk and having been reviewed by the Town Board, be authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Voucher #'s 202000585 - 2020000686

General: 18,038.51

Part- Town: 2,136.92

SW: 13,697.59

Highway: 77,528.15

Refuse: 24,616.27

Trust & Agency: 3,208.15

Total: 139,225.59

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

HIGHWAY REPORT: None

WATER REPORT: None

ASSESSOR / CEO REPORTS: Read and filed

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Retirement of Katherine Hirner

RESOLUTION 83-2020

MOTION by Councilman Hill, seconded by Councilman Huntington to accept the resignation of Katherine Hirner, on her retirement, effective August 31, 2020.

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

Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records

RESOLUTION 84-2020RESOLVED, By the Town Board of the Town of Hartland that Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A

- (a) Only those records will be disposed of that are described in Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein;
- (b) Only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Grant to adopt the new retention schedule as stated.

Ayes: Annable, Reed, Grant, Huntington, Hill Nays: 0 ADOPTED

Our law firm, Seaman & Norris LLP has asked to be excused from legal counsel concerning the solar development project, presented in the town, the Board has interviewed 4 different law firms to look to for guidance with the Article 10 process. George VanNess and partnership gave the best price and were the most knowledgeable of the solar concerns.

Attorney Contract/ Legal Services for Solar Development

RESOLUTION 85-2020

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Hill to engage the services of Underberg & Kessler LLP to provide legal services to the Town of Hartland regarding the possible development of Ridge View Solar Energy Center by EDF Renewables Development, Inc. and to approve the expenses as outlined in the Statement of Billing Policies, on file.

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

Councilman Reed recused himself from the vote.

Supervisor Annable addressed to the board complaints concerning 4-wheeler complaints on Johnson Creek and Mill Roads. This area does not receive much local patrol, so he asked the Board to write a letter to the individuals that are trespassing and driving at all hours of the night on the 4 wheelers and deliver it before law enforcement is involved.

Executive Session

RESOLUTION 86-2020

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Hill to enter Executive Session, at 7:11 p.m., for consultation with the attorney.

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

RESOLUTION 87-2020

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Hill to close the Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

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

Adjournment

RESOLUTION 88-2020

MOTION by Councilman Grant, seconded by Councilman Hill that since there is no further business to come before the board, the meeting be adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 CARRIED

Respectfully submitted:

Cynthia S. Boyler

Town Clerk

Next scheduled regular meeting will be September 10, 2020 at 7:00 p. m.