

## **DECEMBER 10, 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 - absent

Attorney: David Haylett and Anthony Serianni

Assessor/ CEO: Michael Hartman

Attended by: Sign in sheet attached

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

### Minutes

#### **RESOLUTION 109-2020**

**MOTION** by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Grant to adopt the minutes of the November 12, 2020 meeting as presented.

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

### Minutes

#### **RESOLUTION 110-2020**

**MOTION** by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Grant to adopt the minutes of the November 1, 2020 meeting as presented.

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

### Abstract of Bills

#### **RESOLUTION 111-2020**

**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	202000937 – 2020001044
General:	35,764.00
Part Town:	1,155.20
OWD:	14,832.32
Highway:	46,142.02
Refuse:	25,559.58
Fire:	224.86
Total:	123,677.98

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

**HIGHWAY REPORT:**    Read and filed

Superintendent Hurtgam has requested authorization to purchase 32-foot hydraulic tag trailer, as per procurement, lowest quote is from Teitsworth at \$19,781.93. This would replace 2 older, smaller trailers. This would eliminate having to use 3 vehicles to a job site. The purchase would come out of the water budget.

Discussion included whether the weight of the trailer would cause damage to the roads and how much would the older trailers bring at auction.

Superintendent Hurtgam, by phone, explained that he had taken into consideration the weight of the equipment and it would not damage the roads. The other trailers were 20 years old and would possibly bring \$2500 – 5000 each.

Purchase of Hydraulic Trailer

**RESOLUTION 112-2020**

**MOTION** by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Reed to authorize Superintendent Hurtgam to purchase a tag trailer from Roy Teitsworth for \$19,781.93.

Ayes: Annable, Reed, Huntington    Nays: Grant    CARRIED

**WATER REPORT:** Read and filed

**ASSESSOR / CEO REPORTS:** Read and filed

Assessor Hartman reported that the sale price of homes is off the charts, with the high sales it brings the equalization rate down for next year. Building is slow now. The court cases have been postponed.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS:**

Leo Shannon, 9248 Seaman Road noted that the Town is lucky to have Keith Hurtgam, he knows what the town needs and has served the town well. He is confident that the equipment is a good purchase if Keith says so.

Mr. Shannon then asked what was happening with the solar project?

Supervisor Annable answered that the Solar company is waiting on the Article 94 permitting process. The company has not reapplied and will wait until the fall of 2021 to apply under the new regulations.

Mr. Shannon asked about the first responders, noting that in Arizona, the roof of a Walmart with solar panels started on fire and the first responders did not know how to put it out. They were told not to use water.

Annable stated that he had met with all the fire departments and experts, along with Emergency Management and they would be trained to handle any situation. Hazmatt is also ready. He stated that the batteries are not bombs that would explode. The one thing to use on a battery fire is water and then the companies would be responsible for any hazardous material after the fire has burned itself out. The batteries are contained and are vented, the object is to let the fire burn out, not spread and then after it has burned out, water will put it out. One fireman stated that there are more toxins in a house fire than can be found in the battery storage.

Mr. Shannon said that he has witnessed a battery catch fire and does not believe that the fireman was correct. After the unit is on fire and hit with water, the container fills and then the runoff contains contamination.

Annable assured Mr. Shannon that one individual on the panel worked on a committee for design safety standards for NYS. We are going, based on the experts who say that it is manageable. Annable invited Mr. Shannon to make an appointment to come in and he will share the information with him.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Shared Service Agreement

**RESOLUTION 113-2020**

**MOTION** by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Grant to extend the Shared Services Agreement with the NYSDOT for four (4) years November 2, 2020 to October 31, 2024.

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

Supervisor Annable set the date for the Re-Organizational Meeting for January 7, 2021 at 7 pm.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Leo Shannon stated that there are environmental groups that are protesting the use of brine and salt, they claim that it is killing birds.

Adjournment

**RESOLUTION 114-2020**

**MOTION** by Councilman Grant, seconded by Councilman Huntington that since there is no further business to come before the board, the meeting be adjourned at 7:35p. m

Respectfully submitted:

Cynthia S. Boyler RMC

Town Clerk

Next scheduled regular meeting will be January 14, 2021 at 7:00 p. m.