

## **FEBRUARY 11, 2021**

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 - absent

David Huntington

David Hill

Attorney: David Haylett, 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 50-2021**

**MOTION** by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Huntington to adopt the minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting as presented.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 51-2021**

**MOTION** by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Huntington to adopt the minutes of the January 21, 2021 meeting as presented.

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

### Abstract of Bills

#### **RESOLUTION 52-2021**

**MOTION** by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Hill 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	202100037– 202100127
General:	26638.94
Part Town:	1120.21
OWD:	10648.81
Highway:	53359.72
Refuse:	25156.38
Fire:	<u>93142.86</u>
Total:	210066.92

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

**HIGHWAY REPORT:**      Read and filed

Supervisor Annable recognized Janet Slack and Gary Gorrow on their retirement. Supervisor Annable congratulated both Janet and Gary and thanked them for their service to the Town of Hartland. We have benefited from their knowledge and experience and they will be missed. A retirement lunch was held in their honor to celebrate with them.

**WATER REPORT:**      Read and filed

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

Assessor Hartman stated that sales are still up and the prices remain high. Our State equalization rate has dropped from 88% to 81%, sale prices are up 50-70% from assessed value.

Hartman has been working with Clerk Boyler on revisions and updates to tax bills.

The Zoning office has been busy with business permit renewals.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS:**

Darrell Lindahl, Quaker Road inquired as to where the code stands with changes in the lighting regulations.

Supervisor Annable stated that he has met with Mr. Heitzenrater, pertaining to the issues with the lights on his property. The Town is moving in the direction to mitigate with Mr. Heitzenrater; however, he is not in agreement.

Mr. Lindahl stated that the berm that was built does help some with the situation, however, their home is a split ranch, and the living quarters are upstairs, the light still streams over the berm and into their living room. He did state that it has helped slightly.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

A correction to the Organizational minutes is made.

### **Job Description Amendment**

### **RESOLUTION 53-2021**

**MOTION** by Councilman Hill, seconded by Councilman Huntington to amend the job title of Chauncey McKee from laborer, part-time to Truck Driver, part-time.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Recreation Appointment**

### **RESOLUTION 54-2021**

**MOTION** by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Reed to appoint Michael Adinolfe to the Recreation Commission.

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

Proposal BE 3 Corp.

The Town Board is seeking to contract with the BE 3 Corp. to provide a proposal for engineering/consulting support services for the Ridge View Solar Energy Center solar project in Hartland. The firm will provide a report and advise the Town as to the issues concerning the solar project. The report will address the comments and concerns that have been expressed by the community and then deliver said report, along with references, to the public.

### **BE3Corp. Solar Project Support – Ridge View Solar Energy Center**

### **RESOLUTION 55-2021**

**MOTION** by Councilman Hill, seconded by Councilman Huntington to contract with BE3 Corp for an amount not to exceed \$2500.00 to provide a Solar Project Support Report which can be delivered to the residents of the Town of Hartland.

Ayes: Annable, Huntington, Hill Nays: 0 CARRIED

Councilman Reed abstained from the vote.

Holiday Schedule for Town of Hartland

**RESOLUTION 56-2021**

**MOTION** by Councilman Hill, seconded by Councilman Reed to approve the 2021 Holiday Schedule as presented.

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

Executive Session

**RESOLUTION 57-2021**

**MOTION** by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Hill to enter Executive Session to consult with the Attorney, at 7:15 pm

**RESOLUTION 58-2021**

**MOTION** by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Huntington to return to Regular session, with no decisions to be made, at 7:35 pm.

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

Assessor Hartman announced that the Niagara County Assessor's Association will be offering an online class on the Effects of Solar on Farmland. It is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday or Thursday, the week of February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

Adjournment

**RESOLUTION 59-2021**

**MOTION** by Councilman Hill, seconded by Councilman Reed that since there is no further business to come before the board, the meeting be adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cynthia S. Boyler RMC  
Town Clerk

Next scheduled regular meeting will be March 10, 2021 at 7:00 p. m.

