

**JULY 8, 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

David Huntington

David Hill - absent

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 89-2021**

**MOTION** by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Huntington to adopt the minutes of the June 10, 2021 meeting as presented.

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

Abstract of Bills**RESOLUTION 90-2021**

**MOTION** by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Grant 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 202100502– 202100587

General: 18712.74

Part Town:	2040.08
OWD:	22417.03
Highway:	28618.19
Refuse:	25960.54
Capital Projects:	309089.00
Trust & Agency:	<u>3312.91</u>
Total:	410150.49
Ayes: Annable, Reed, Grant, Huntington	Nays: 0      CARRIED

**HIGHWAY REPORT:**                      Read and filed

Supervisor Annable stated that the work on Robson Road has begun. The salt shed is up, and we have applied for a grant as well as he is hoping to convert the grant that was for the courtroom to be used for the salt shed.

**WATER REPORT:**                      Read and filed

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

Assessor Hartman reported that sales are still extremely high and a reval should be considered. He stated that because the market is so crazy, a 100% reval will set the values too high. He suggested every 2-year re-assessment with 10% a year. If nothing is done, he projects our equalization percent to be 64% next year, which would affect those with exemptions. If the market goes down, he can always back off the increase. Hartman would like to hire his Royalton clerk to work part time at Hartland to do inventory on all parcels. This would be a 2-year project. He would like her to work 4 hours on Fridays. Supervisor Annable and the board will discuss this and possibly work it into the 2022 budget.

Supervisor Annable stated that the new figures from the Census show that Hartland's population is under 4000 down from 4119.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS:**                      None

**OLD BUSINESS:**                      None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Greg Soemann, President of Comtec Communications has donated \$980.00 to the Hartland Recreation program to provide t-shirts to the participants.

Donation from Comtec

**RESOLUTION 91-2021**

**MOTION** by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Grant to accept the \$980.00 donation from Comtec for use in the Hartland Recreation program.

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

Supervisor Annable and the Council expressed appreciation and gratitude to Norm LaJoie and Audrey Jones for all their work and dedication to the Hometown Hero banner project. The banners are a wonderful tribute to our past and present Veterans. They did a wonderful job!

Supervisor Annable and the Council also recognized and thanked Greg Soemann for donating his time, equipment, and crew to hang all the Hometown Hero banners. Very much appreciated!

Supervisor Annable reported that the Herbert W. Carr Legion Post 425 decorated 976 graves in the six cemeteries in Hartland. There has been a large increase in the number of Veterans from World War II and Korean wars. Cost of the flags this year was \$1545.00.

Mike Weber, Niagara County Entertainment, sent a proof of the Hartland mural that will be painted at the Town park. It features farm stands, wildlife, archery, wineries, tractors, etc., unique to Hartland. Once constructed it can be colored with washable chalk and will be one of several murals across Niagara County towns.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

Adjournment

**RESOLUTION 92-2021**

**MOTION** by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Grant that since there is no further business to come before the board, the meeting be adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cynthia S. Boyler RMC

Town Clerk

Next scheduled regular meeting will be August 12, 2021, at 7:00 p. m.

