

## **JUNE 11, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Town of Hartland, County of Niagara, State of New York, was held on the above date via Zoom. Meeting began at 7:00 PM. Pursuant to the Governor's executive order 202.1 the above meeting will not be open for the public to attend in person. The Town Board meeting will be conducted by ZOOM teleconference. Any member of the public wishing to participate may do so by visiting the following web address:

<https://zoom.us/join> Meeting ID: 829 9368 4952; password 474079

The meeting will be for Town agenda items, only. There will not be any public participation, anyone wishing to submit a statement can do so by sending via email to: [cindyboyler@townofhartland.ny.us](mailto:cindyboyler@townofhartland.ny.us)

Members present:

Supervisor:	W. Ross Annable
Councilman:	Joseph Reed
	Clifford Grant
	David Huntington
	David Hill
Attorney:	Brian Seaman
Administrative Asst.:	Janet Slack
Assessor/ CEO:	Michael Hartman
Town Clerk:	Cynthia Boyler

Opened the ZOOM meeting at 7:00 PM

Supervisor Annable: We will start with our pledge; we have our flag so. Let us do the pledge. (All recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag)

### **( RESOLUTION 65-2020)**

First up, we have approval of the bills, I think everybody got a chance to see them.

Councilman Reed: I have gone over them and see they are ready for payment, so I move.

Annable: Motion by Joe, second by Dave, Roll call: Annable, aye, Reed, aye, Grant, aye, Huntington, aye, Hill, aye

They are carried.

Supervisor Annable: As our minutes are already recorded, everybody had an opportunity to see they are online. We can bypass the approval of the minutes.

We don't have anything to report from Highway.

Assessor Michael Hartman: Grievance day went off without a hitch, no one came in. I took care of everything prior to that. I have been dealing with several complaints, one at a time. Starting to get everyone on lawn mowing. Building is picking up rapidly. That is it.

Supervisor Annable: New business, first off is waiving the late fee for the water bills for this quarter only. If everyone is ok with that, I need a motion to approve that.

**(RESOLUTION 65-2020)**

Councilman Hill: I make that motion, Councilman Reed: second

Supervisor Annable: I have a motion from Dave Hill, a second from Joe Reed, Roll call

Clerk Boyler: Annable, aye, Reed, aye, Grant, aye, Huntington, aye, Hill, aye That is carried.

**(RESOLUTION 66-2020)**

Supervisor Annable: Next up is the Standard Workday Resolution for elected officials that are in the retirement system, our Town Clerk and Tax Collector. Standard workday for Town Clerk is 7 hours and for Tax Collector it is 6 hours. I need a motion to approve that calendar.

Councilman Huntington: Is this new?

Supervisor Annable: Every year, if you are an elected official and you are reporting for the retirement system, the elected officials have to take a 3-month worth of estimated of a calendar. How many hours they work in a week so that it can be reported to the State and that's what is utilized for the remainder of the year. As most of you members are not in the retirement system, we don't have to do that now.

Attorney Seaman: You don't have to do that every year.

Clerk Boyler: No, every 8 years, unless it changes, every 4 if it changes, but you can recertify every 8 years.

Councilman Huntington: I don't remember doing it before, that is why we ask.

Clerk Boyler: Yeah, we did one for you.

Supervisor Annable: Dave, you made the motion?

Councilman Huntington: yeah

Supervisor Annable: We have a second?

Councilman Grant: I did

Supervisor Annable: Cliff is second, so roll call

Annable, aye, Reed, aye, Grant, aye, Huntington, aye, Hill, aye

That is carried

Supervisor Annable: Next up is a Local Law that Brian forwarded to us here, in discussion with the fact that we are going to be losing our Tax Collector, will be moving, the opportunity to transfer that over to the Town Clerk position and eliminate the part time clerk's position. We have that opportunity at this time, this is just introducing the Local Law and we will have to have a public hearing to determine if we are going to go forward with that or not. The timing has to be done now, so we can get it on the November election calendar. So, if you have had an opportunity to look at it.

**(Introduction of Local Law #1 – 2020)**

**A Local Law Abolishing the Office of Tax Collector and Transferring All Powers and Duties of That Office to the Office of the Town Clerk**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Hartland as follows:

**Section 1. Purpose**

The purpose of this law is to abolish the Office of Tax Collector in the Town of Hartland and to transfer all the powers and duties of that office to the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Hartland.

**Section 2. Authority**

This law is enacted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10 and superseded the provisions of the Town Law, Article 3, Section 20(1) (b) as it pertains to the Office of Tax Collector.

**Section 3. Abolition of Office and Transfer of Powers and Duties.**

The Office of Tax Collector in the Town of Hartland is hereby abolished. The powers and duties of the Tax Collector are hereby transferred to the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Hartland.

**Section 4. Mandatory Referendum.**

This law is subject to a mandatory referendum and shall be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters of the Town of Hartland at a special election. The date of such special election shall be fixed by resolution of the Town Board and shall not be less than 60 days after the adoption of this law.

**Section 5. Effective Date**

This law shall be effective immediately upon the filing of the law with the Office of the Secretary of State after the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified voters voting at the aforesaid election.

Supervisor Annable: then we need a public hearing, mandatory referendum, any questions? If none, then I just need a motion to establish that.

Councilman Hill: I will make that motion

Councilman Reed: second

Supervisor Annable: second by Reed, roll call

Annable, aye, Reed, aye, Grant, aye, Huntington, aye, Hill, aye Carried

Supervisor Annable: and we need to establish a public hearing for that, we can probably do that our next board meeting. I'm hoping we can be back to our normal meeting by July or at least give it a try so we can establish a Public Hearing at 7:00 PM. I don't think we need a motion for that.

Attorney Seaman: Yes, we need to make a motion to set the Public Hearing

**(RESOLUTION 68-2020)**

Councilman Grant: I will make a motion for a Public Hearing

Supervisor Annable: fine, Cliff, I have a motion

Councilman Huntington: second

Roll call: Annable, aye, Reed, aye, Grant, aye, Huntington, aye, Hill, aye Carried

Supervisor Annable: Lastly, under new business, we have a purchase offer that Keith discussed with everyone, relative to the property over on Wruck Road, L shaped piece of property, 1.50 acres. I think everyone has had an opportunity to see the map of it. Just extends our current

property, gives us a little buffer zone, make sure no one else can encroach on that. The buyer agrees to a price of \$5000.00. So, I just need a motion, unless anyone objects, I need a motion to approve that purchase offer

**(RESOLUTION 69-2020)**

Councilman Huntington: motion

Supervisor Annable: did we get a second?

Councilman Reed: second

Roll Call: Annable, aye, Reed, aye, Grant, aye, Huntington, aye, Hill, aye Carried

Supervisor Annable: that is all I have under new business. That being said, anyone have anything for the good of the Town before we adjourn? I just entertain a motion to adjourn

**(RESOLUTION 70-2020)**

Councilman Hill: I will make that motion

Councilman Grant: second

Supervisor Annable: Thank you all for joining, another successful one for the books.

(Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM)

Voucher # 419 - #502

General	22,786.82		
Part Town	1,939.23		
Highway	21,850.27		
Refuse	24,629.74	Water	20,211.71