

JUNE 14, 2018

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: Brian Seaman
Highway Sup't.: Keith Hurtgam
Assessor/ CEO: absent
Admin Asst.: Janet Slack
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 60-2018

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Hill to adopt the minutes of the May 10, 2018 regular meeting as presented.

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

Abstract of Bills

RESOLUTION 61-2018

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:

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Voucher #'s	201800385 - 201700510
General:	26,543.68
Part Town:	2175.84
OWD:	30,717.94
Highway:	91,137.06
Refuse:	18,688.83
Total:	169,263.35

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

ASSESSOR / CEO REPORTS: Read and filed

Confidential Secretary Audrey Jones gave the Assessor report.

CEO Read and filed

HIGHWAY REPORT: Read and filed

The hot box truck had a fire in May, since it is under warranty; it was sent back to Michigan for repair. Repair on Pearson Road, but will wait to pave until the farm equipment use is slowing. The 2017 F150 sold at auction for \$2,200 above the guarantee. Hurtgam reported that the Tire and Electronic drop off ran smoothly.

The diamonds in the park are ready for the season. The Termite backhoe has been worked on for the cemetery and the debris is cleaned out of the creek that is used for irrigation in the cemetery.

Councilman Grant explained that the cemetery has so much water now because there was a logger who was cutting the trees and dropping them into the creek and it was backing up into the cemetery. The Town has cleaned the area. Grant asked that the Board consider installing a 2" line down the driveway and a 2" hydrant with a regulator. This would save with dealing with a pump. The Board agreed that the system needs to be updated. Grant on behalf of the cemetery thanked the Town Board for all the help with the new tractor.

Superintendent Hurtgam has hired an engineering student from UB to work for the summer. He has recently attended a 3 day training at Cornell.

The fuel bid is in the process of being amended and will be advertised.

WATER REPORT: Read and filed

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The Townline Road extension is underway. Installed several irrigation meters. Veratti Farms has requested to purchase water at the resident rate, rather than the out of town rate.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Eagle Scout, Jeff Chapman, from Troop 23 approached the Board to request permission to work on LeValley Cemetery as his Eagle Scout project. The work on the stones was begun by Eagle Scout, William Woodman and Scout Chapman would like to continue with the next 3 rows. Supervisor Annable recently attended a class on how to repair old gravestones and would like to offer his help and advice with the project. Jeff would like to begin as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Historian, Norman LaJoie announced that his book "Our Story", a history of the Town of Hartland is completed and has been printed. This endeavor has taken many years and precise work to complete. Mr. LaJoie thanked everyone who has helped with the details and then presented a copy to all the members of the board and the Town Clerk. A round of applause followed for the much deserved author.

Town Clerk Boyler administered the Oath of Office to Suzie Spicer, who was hired as a Part-time Deputy Clerk in the Town Clerk's office.

Attorney Brian Seaman explained a Local Law that would provide that no exemption from taxation shall be applicable with respect to any solar or wind energy system or farm waste energy system. If there is nothing in place, then the solar fields would be exempt from taxes. The Town can opt out of this program which would then make them 100 % taxable. The Town could accept an exemption as a PILOT. The process would require:

1. Notice to the Town
2. The Town would then have 60 days to respond and enter into the PILOT. If the Town does not answer within the 60 days, then the property would be tax exempt for 15 years.

Seaman recommended that there be a set of rules and stipulations that would apply and that there would be a standard procedure for all. It was decided that there should be a Work Session to discuss the details before presenting.

A combined Royalton/Hartland Work Session is planned for Thursday, June 28, at 5PM, to discuss the Frost Law. David Orr from Cornell is willing to meet with both boards to put on a presentation.

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Adjournment

RESOLUTION 62-2018

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Hill that since there is no further business to come before the board, the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p. m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Cynthia S. Boyler, RMC

Town Clerk

Next scheduled regular meeting will be July 12, 2018 at 7:00 p. m.