

MARCH 14, 2019

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: Daniel Seaman

Highway Sup't.: Keith Hurtgam

Assessor/ CEO: Michael Hartman

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 40-2019

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Grant to adopt the minutes of the February 14, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

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

Abstract of Bills

RESOLUTION 41-2019

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	2019000145 - 2019000226
General:	28157.79
Part Town:	732.02
OWD:	9842.06
Highway:	80960.40
Refuse:	19625.93
Total:	139318.20

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

ASSESSOR / CEO REPORTS:

Assessor Hartman reported that January and February sales have slowed down. Exemptions are in and the final role will be sent to the County by April 15. Hartman has been at conference all week long.

CEO

CEO Hartman reported that there are currently two court cases pending, both involving trailers. The trailers are located on Johnson Creek Road and South Quaker Road.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Read and filed

Superintendent Hurtgam reported that they have been keeping up with winter maintenance. There has been a lot of cleanup of the downed branches from the wind storms. Three crew members have completed the required pesticide training for license renewal.

CEMETERY

Modified one of the army gators with a hydraulic hoist for use in the Hartland Central Cemetery. The new mower, purchased last year, has been serviced. Superintendent Hurtgam requested authorization to purchase a second mower for the cemetery. It was discussed last year, as part of the 3 year plan, to purchase 3 new mowers for the cemetery, one a year until all are updated. They will all be under warranty, so that the oldest one can be taken to auction and all will be kept under warranty.

Cemetery John Deere Mower

RESOLUTION 42-2019

MOTION by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Hill, to purchase one John Deere Select Series X584 and one John Deere 48 in. mower deck at cost of \$7857.63, from LandPro Equipment LLC.

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

During the power outage, it was discovered that the large military generators would not run. They were taken to Lacey Heavy Equipment and diagnosed. They have now been repaired and are in good working order.

Superintendent Hurtgam presented a report on New York's Infrastructure, Fortifying our Roads, Bridges and Water Systems. To ensure that proper funding remains available through CHIPS funding, there must be an assurance that dedicated revenue sources are identified and stable. It is much more cost effective to maintain our roads than it is to wait until they deteriorate then need reconstruction.

WATER REPORT:

Read and filed

Superintendent Hurtgam reported that the meters have been read for February and for the first time the water loss was the same for both sides of the Town.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Kimberly Wilson, Secretary of the Hartland Volunteer Fire Co. presented to the Board a Resolution in response to Bill Number A1413, which proposes the prohibiting of firearms as prizes in any game of chance. If passed the Fire Co. could no longer hold gun shows and raffles. The fire company relies on these types of fundraisers to support their fire company. The loss of revenue could result in the shutdown of this necessary volunteer service to our community. The Town Board of the Town of Hartland has voted to support the HVFC.

Opposition to Bill Number A1413

RESOLUTION 43-2019

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Reed to support the Hartland Volunteer Fire Co. in opposing NY Bill Number A1413, which would prohibit giving firearms as prizes in any game of chance.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Superintendent of Royalton Hartland Schools, Dr. Hank Stopinski along with Board member, Jason Williams presented the 2019 Capital Improvement Project which will be up for vote on May 21, 2019. The project will address the health, safety and security needs for all the buildings. There will be 2 phases to the program, set for completion in 2021, with no tax implications. Site improvements include; replacing the roofs, upgrading fire alarm and PA systems, replacing windows and repairing playgrounds and tennis courts.

The Roy-Hart 2028 vision highlights the following programs:

Improve student performance

Agricultural Education Program

STEAM Program

Business Education Program

K – 12 College and Career readiness curriculum alignment

Superintendent Stopinski stated that enrollment has been dropping and there needs to be positive changes to extend opportunities that will encourage families to want to move into the district. These changes will, in the future, enable the community and staff to aid in providing outstanding student results.

Supervisor Annable thanked Mr. Stopinski and Mr. Williams for presenting the proposals and 2028 Vision goals.

Supervisor Annable stated that the Annual Report has been submitted to the Comptroller and is available upon request from the Town Clerk's office.

The Hartland Volunteer Fire Company presented the schedule of events for approval.

HVFC 2019 Schedule of Events**RESOLUTION 44-2019**

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Reed to approve the 2019 schedule of events, as presented, for the Hartland Volunteer Fire Co.

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

