

MAY 13, 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 – absent
Highway Superintendent:	Keith Hurtgam
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 78-2021

MOTION by Councilman Hill seconded by Councilman Huntington to adopt the minutes of the April 8, 2021 meeting as presented.

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

Abstract of Bills

RESOLUTION 79-2021

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:

Voucher #'s	202100306– 202100393
General:	21285.23

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS:

Cheryl Chunco, representing the 4th of July committee approached the board concerning the fireworks and celebration for Independence Day. She asked if the town would be allowing the fireworks this year. Supervisor Annable stated that he had met with Matt Snell, chairman of the committee to discuss the celebration. It was decided that the request was too late, it was not budgeted and there was not enough time to get everything in order. Due to COVID, we were still not sure what restrictions would be in place. There would need to be cleaning stations, extra staff, policing for social distancing, etc. There is not a sheriff's work program, so that means no clean up crew. Six weeks is just too short of a time to prepare. Ms. Chunco asked what would be the best timeline for planning the celebration? Councilman Reed suggested that the group put a timeline together by January. Supervisor Annable stated that everything should be in order by March or April. It should be coordinated with the police department, fire company, highway department and vendor list.

Ms. Chunco stated that they were not planning on an all-day event, she also asked if there would be anything else that the board would request. She asked if the town would join the committee in making a joint response for the cancellation this year. Supervisor Annable stated that while the town would love to host the event, due to COVID there were too many unknowns, if something would go wrong, the town would be held liable. He suggested monthly meetings, starting in January to plan. Councilman Hill requested a safety plan for social distancing and any other issue that might arise.

Supervisor Annable thanked Ms. Chunco for coming.

Ms. Chunco also asked if the town still planned on expanding the athletic fields in the near future? She coordinates 19 soccer teams and the cost of insurance to use the Barker School fields is too high. Supervisor Annable said that he is working on phase 2 of the greenway plan and there would be expansion of the park, including an inclusive playground.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Annable stated that the Lighting Law was still on the table and not on the agenda tonight.

NEW BUSINESS:

Franchise Agreement with Spectrum

Public hearing is set for June 10, 2021 @ 7 pm to vote on the agreement.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

In honor of Memorial Day, Supervisor Annable gave remembrance for those Hartland residents who had paid the ultimate price for our freedoms.

CIVIL WAR

Capt. Benjamin Foote, Company E 8th Cavalry killed during the battle of Brandy Station June 9th, 1863

Lt. Carlos S. Smith, Company E 8th NY Cavalry killed at broad Run Virginia During the Bristoe Virginia Campaign October 14th, 1863

Two men received the Medal of Honor, Sgt. Henry H. Bickford, Company E 8th NY Cavalry, resident of Johnson's Creek, was awarded the medal of honor for his role in stopping the confederate attack on Fort Stedman, Virginia in March 1865.

James Congdon ANA/James Madison from Hartland was discharged for a disability, he re-enlisted under the name James Madison assigned to Company E Cavalry, he recaptured Union General George Crooks headquarters flag March 1865. Cited for "bravery in the face of danger." He was wounded and later discharged.

Brothers:

Samuel Nichols

William Nichols

Served together in the 24th NY Independent Battery They were captured and spent time in a southern prisoner of war camp. Their headstone reads "A victim to rebel starvation"

World War I

Charles Harrington Killed at Ponteaux Landis, France January 1, 1919

World War II

1950 seven ft. tall granite markers are inscribed with the names of Hartland

Residents Killed in WWII

Ralph V. Buffham	William Ellis
Henry Glaser	Alfred Kuzynski
Merrill T. McDaris	Glen M. Mudge
Charles C. Patszalek	Leo Patszalek
Charles A. Peters	Edward A. Peterson
Howard A. Shepard	John R. Slisby
Gerald L. Swift	

Supervisor Annable also recognized fallen police officers in honor of National Police Week.

Peace Officer Memorial Day, National Police Week May 15, 2021

In 1963, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations. dedicated to honoring America's law enforcement community.

We recognize three Hartland residents Killed in the line of Duty that are laid to rest in Hartland Central Cemetery.

Ocala City FL. Police Officer Jared Forsyth, age 33 April 13, 2015, killed in a firearms training accident.

Niagara Co. Deputy Sheriff Howard Mead, age 62 June 4,th 1967 suffered fatal head injury while struggling with two Prisoners at Niagara Co. Jail. Also Major in United States Military Police, WW2

Charles Co. Maryland Deputy Sheriff Lawrence McParlin age 35 May 21, 1918 was shot and killed along with Wash. DC officer John Conrad while serving a summons in Washington DC.

I want to make sure that we remember those individuals on an annual basis that paid the ultimate sacrifice, and we thank them and their families and remember everyone, on Memorial Day, that served. W. Ross Annable

Adjournment

RESOLUTION 80-2021

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 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cynthia S. Boyler RMC

Town Clerk

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