

MAY 9, 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 60-2019

MOTION by Councilman Grant, seconded by Councilman Reed to adopt the minutes of the April 11, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

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

Abstract of Bills

RESOLUTION 61-2019

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:

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| Voucher #'s | 201900291 - 201900375 |
| General: | 31,533.77 |
| Part Town: | 1.613.34 |
| OWD: | 4,180.63 |
| Highway: | 96,168.57 |
| Refuse: | 19,262.75 |
| H: | 1,330.60 |
| Total: | 154,225.12 |
| Ayes: Annable, Reed, Grant, Huntington, Hill Nays: 0 CARRIED | |

ASSESSOR / CEO REPORTS: Read and filed

Assessor Hartman reported that the Tentative Roll has been filed in the Assessor's office. Grievance day will be Tuesday, May 28, with 1 session that will run 4 – 8 PM.

CEO Read and filed

Hartman reported that there have only been 4 permits issued; it has been too wet to build. All new violations will have 14 days to comply or they will be sent to the court. Currently all cases that have been sent to court have been fined and are now cleaned up. After the complete loss of the house on the corner of Checkered Tavern Road, the owner does not plan to rebuild. The question of whether the Town could bill for the cost of demolishing a structure after a fire was raised by the Supervisor. Superintendent Hurtgam stated that the Town has never charged in the past for emergency removal.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Read and filed

Superintendent Hurtgam reported that the crew has been battling with the trees affected with the Emerald Ash Bore Beetle. They have taken down 146 dead trees that were in the right of way. National Grid had come in and tagged all trees that needed to be taken down. The concerns are that a tree will fall in the right of way and cause a fatality. Since the emerald ash bore beetle is a huge problem, this will affect the trees for years to come.

All damage from snow plowing has now been repaired. Screened millings to use for recycle and to top the new driveway to the splash pad.

The 2 New Holland tractors will not be delivered until September, so the Superintendent Hurtgam will not take the old ones to auction until then.

WATER REPORT:

Read and filed

Installed a new guardrail at the Town Park. Installed a new driveway and parking area from the fire hall parking lot to the splash pad. Fencing has been ordered for the splash pad. The hot water heaters have been reinstalled for the Snack Shack.

Administrative Assistant, Janet Slack stated that the tire collection day is all set, no tractor tires will be accepted and all tires must be off the rim.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignation of Richard Gerou

RESOLUTION 62-2019

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Hill to accept the resignation of Richard Gerou from the Zoning Board.

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

Transfers

RESOLUTION 63-2019

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Hill to accept the following transfers:

A1990.400 Contingent to A1460.400 Records Management Cont. 3,000.00

A1620.400 Buildings Cont. A1460.400 Records Management Cont. 5,800.00

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

In honor of Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day, Supervisor Annable read the names of Hartland residents who lost their lives serving as police officers and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice while in battles of the Civil War, World War I and II.

Law Enforcement Officers, buried in Hartland Central Cemetery:

Police Officer Jared Forsyth, age 33, killed during a Firearms Training Accident, April 13, 2015

Niagara County Deputy Sheriff, Howard Mead, age 62, died from a fatal injury while struggling with two prisoners at Niagara County jail. Mead was a Major with the Military Police during WWII

Deputy Sheriff Lawrence McParlin, age 35, was shot and killed while serving a summons on May 21, 1918 in Washington DC

Civil War

Captain Benjamin Foote, Co. E 8th NY Cavalry, killed during the battle of Brandy Station June 9, 1863

Lt. Carlos S. Smith, Co. E 8th NY Cavalry, killed at Broad Run, Virginia during the Bristoe Virginia Campaign, October 14, 1863

Corp. Henry H. Bickford, Co. E 8th NY Cavalry, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his role in stopping the Confederate attack on Fort Stedman, Virginia, March 25, 1865

Brothers; Samuel and William Nichols served together in the 2nd NY Independent Battery. They both were captured and spent time in a southern prisoner of war camp. The head stones read "A victim to rebel starvation" They are buried in Stewart Cemetery.

World War I

Charles Harrington, Ponteaux Landis, France January 1, 1919

World War II

Lt. Glen Mudge, murdered in Algiers, while on leave.

The following veterans gave their lives during WWII and are listed on a monument that stands in Hartland Central Cemetery, dedicated in 1950

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. Silsby

Gerald L. Swift

The Town of Hartland recognizes and honors all of those who gave their lives to protect our rights and freedom. God bless their service.

Adjournment

RESOLUTION 64-2019

MOTION by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Grant that since there is no further business to come before the board, the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 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 June 13, 2019 at 7:00 p. m.