

May 12, 2022

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: David Haylett

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 49-2022

MOTION by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Huntington to adopt the minutes of the April 14, 2022 meeting as presented.

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

Abstract of Bills

RESOLUTION 50-2022

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	202200337– 202200425
General:	42601.56
Part Town:	4373.99

OWD:	15802.90
Highway:	38548.21
Refuse:	<u>25785.54</u>
Total:	127,112.20

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

HIGHWAY REPORT: Read and filed

The Hometown Hero banners have been hung up.

Surplus equipment was sold at auction for a good profit.

WATER REPORT: Read and filed

ASSESSOR / CEO REPORTS: Read and filed

Tentative Roll has been filed. Grievance Day is May 24, 2022 4-8 PM.

Emergency closure of Richard Heschke residence on the corner of Drum and Seaman Roads.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Annual Water Quality Report for 2021 has been posted and filed.

Appointment of Provisional Highway Clerk

RESOLUTION 51-2022

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Grant to appoint Michelle Wolfe as Provisional Highway Clerk.

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

Memorial Day Recognition

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.

May 1 through May 7 is Correction Officers Recognition Week.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Peggy Zaepfel, Ad-Hoc Committee member, explained that there was a misunderstanding about the printing of the survey as to whether it was already at the printers. She asked if the Ad-Hoc Committee could look at the survey before it was distributed to the residents. Peggy also asked how the survey would be given out for accountability.

Supervisor Annable stated that the survey would be sent to all residents, renters, owners, etc. They would then report how many people are living at the residence and each one would have the option to answer.

Peggy Zaepfel asked if the survey would have names on them and if not, how would the survey hold any weight? Someone could make copies; she would like to see the names and addresses on the survey. Peggy also asked why everyone was not contacted about the joint meeting.

Supervisor Annable said that the printer would make sure that the survey was on special paper that could not be copied. The Town Board will make the final decision as to how to send the survey. He also added that Mike Hartman was supposed to contact all the board members.

Bob Harris, Planning Board chairman, stated that the solar law that the Planning Board has presented is not valid because there was no attorney present during the meetings and because of insufficient notification. Is this really an issue? Back in the very first mention of the solar project, the Planning Board called for a joint meeting and was advised by the attorneys that since there was no business to consider, there would be no meeting. The Mount Morris project is completely different from the Hartland proposal.

Supervisor Annable explained that we were only using Mount Morris as a guide. We have contracted with a law firm to handle all solar and they have advised that our Law is sufficient. We will wait until we have the opinion polls back before we consider any revisions. We want the community to know about any meetings. The Town Board will give the Planning Board the task after the polls have been returned. He also stated that the permitting process will continue until 2023, by that time the specifics could change. He is not even sure about battery storage, negotiation process and new laws concerning setbacks. There has been a lot of misinformation about solar coming from the people against it and this is a scare tactic. The public needs to understand the real science of solar, they need documentation with facts and to do research for themselves.

Bob Harris asked at what point would the Planning Board consider writing a new solar law? Supervisor Annable stated that the opinion poll won't formulate a new law, we have time and need to send everything to the attorneys. It is the Town Board's option for the timing of when it is directed to the Planning Board. The public opinion poll will drive what will be done, with Article 94 the process has been sped up.

A plaque was on display that has been given to be placed by the chalk mural from Mr. Weber. A bronze plaque is placed at all of the chalk murals across the County, with sponsors and GPS directions to the other towns.

Executive Session

RESOLUTION 52-2022

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Hill to enter Executive Session to discuss the Refuse contract. 7:38 PM

RESOLUTION 53-2022

MOTION by Councilman Hill, seconded by Councilman Huntington to leave Executive Session at 7:53 PM, no resolutions made.

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

Adjournment

RESOLUTION 53-2022

MOTION by Councilman Hill, seconded by Councilman Huntington that since there is no further business to come before the board, the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Cynthia S. Boyler RMC

Town Clerk

Next scheduled regular meeting will be June 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM