

NOVEMBER 8, 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
Administrative Asst.:	absent
Assessor /CEO:	Michael Hartman
Attended by:	Sign in sheet attached

Supervisor Annable called the meeting to order with all present standing for the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC HEARING

Preliminary Budget for the Town of Hartland for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2019

Date/Time/Place: November 8, 2018 - 7:00 p.m. – Town Hall

Notice of said hearing was duly published in the Lockport Union Sun & Journal.

Hearing # 1 – 2019 Budget

Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Annable.

Town Clerk, Cynthia Boyler noted the annexed notice of the hearing on the adoption of the Preliminary Budget.

Pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following Town Officers are hereby specified:

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SUPERVISOR:		\$ 18,151.00
TOWN CLERK:		\$ 47,409.00
COUNCILMAN:	(4@)	\$ 6,097.00 each
SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS:		\$ 48,006.00
JUSTICE:	(2@)	\$ 18,284.00 each

With no one desiring to be heard, Supervisor Annable closed the hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Hearing # 2 – Amounts to be raised by taxation

Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Annable at 7:03 p.m. on the amounts to be raised by taxes and Fire Districts as follows:

Hartland Water District	\$ 407,000.00
Hartland Fire Protection	\$ 229,328.00
Hartland Refuse	\$ 267,225.00

With no one desiring to be heard, Supervisor Annable closed the hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Hearing #3 – Fire Protection Contracts

The following amounts were listed for the fire protection contracts:

Hartland Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.	\$ 134,785.00
Gasport Fire District # 1	\$ 31,258.00
Middleport Volunteer Fire Company No. 1	\$ 43,736.00
Miller Hose Company, Inc.	\$ 10,413.00
Wrights Corners Fire Co., Inc.	\$ 3522.00

Each fire protection contract shall run from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 and shall thereafter be automatically renewed on a yearly basis until December 31, 2019 unless terminated according to the provision of Section 184 of the Town Law.

Amounts of \$750.00 will be paid to the Towns of Hartland, Middleport and Royalton for the payment of physicals for the firemen.

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Councilman Grant voiced a concern on the new cancer bill for fire companies. The law states that the fire company has to provide this insurance for each fire fighter, will run about \$125.00 per fireman. The fire companies will most likely request additional funds from municipalities next year to help compensate for this expense.

With all comments being heard and addressed, Supervisor Annable closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Supervisor Annable opened the regular meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Minutes

RESOLUTION 95-2018

MOTION by Councilman Grant, seconded by Councilman Huntington to adopt the minutes of the October 11, 2018 meeting as presented.

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

Abstract of Bills

RESOLUTION 96-2018

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	2018000877 – 201800944
General:	52,513.38
Part Town:	4,751.36
OWD:	59,167.84
Highway:	55,097.35
Refuse:	18,520.71
H:	88,960.69
Total Expenditures:	279,011.33

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

ASSESSOR / CEO REPORTS: Read and filed

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Assessor Hartman reported that sales have been busy, but have started to slow a little. Unpaid water has been levied on the 2019 tax bills. The tax roll has been sent to the County. Processing the next round of exemption renewals.

CEO: Read and filed

Eight building permits, one sign and one demolition permits were issued and seven complaints were addressed.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Read and filed

Superintendent Hurtgam reported that patching is done for the season and trucks are ready for the winter weather. Roadside mowing has been completed.

Hurtgam stated that Joseph Woodmancy has retired after many years with the highway department. Derek Wagner has been hired to fill the open position. Derek will start as a laborer and work his way up to mechanic.

WATER REPORT: Read and filed

One new service has been installed, Matthew Snell on Hartland Road. Most of the hydrants have been flushed and drained in preparation for winter.

Hartland employees have helped with the construction of the splash pad in the park. One of the John Deere mowers has been repaired for use in the cemetery.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. William Buncy approached the board with concerns about the house on the corner of Checkered Tavern and Wheeler Roads, which now belongs to McCollum farms. The former owner still has much of his belongings in and around the house; he is working with the Veteran's to clean out his personal belongings. This has been an ongoing situation and the condition of the property is deteriorating. Supervisor Annable directed CEO Michael Hartman to contact McCollum farms to clean the property.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Real Property Tax Cap Report has been submitted and filed with New York State.

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Adoption of Preliminary Budget to the Final Budget

RESOLUTION 97-2018

MOTION Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Reed to adopt the 2019 Preliminary Budget as the Final Budget as presented.

Annable: aye

Reed: aye

Grant: aye

Huntington: aye

Hill: aye

Nays: 0 CARRIED

Said Budget is on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of Hartland where any interested person may inspect it during normal business hours. Full text of budget is attached.

Fire Contracts

RESOLUTION 98-2018

MOTION by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Grant to approve the following contracts for fire protection:

Hartland Volunteer Fire Co. - \$134,785.00

Gasport Fire District #1 - \$31,258.00

Middleport Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1 - \$43,736.00

Miller Hose Co. Inc. - \$10,413.00

Wrights Corners Fire Co. Inc. - \$3,522.00

Each fire protection contract shall run from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 and shall thereafter be automatically renewed on a yearly basis until December 31, 2019 unless terminated according to the provision of Section 184 of the Town Law.

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

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In accordance with the New York State Town Law, section 198, the town board has opted to enforce various unpaid accounts for water by placing a lien upon the real property for which such services were provided.

Unpaid Water Levy to Taxes

RESOLUTION 99-2018

MOTION by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Huntington to authorize the amount of \$ 28,622.62 in unpaid water to be levied to the appropriate properties on the tax warrant.

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

A water rate change was discussed, concerning out of town irrigation users. Veratti farms own several parcels in the Town of Hartland and have requested a lower rate for their out of town irrigation usage. The rate for irrigation for residents is \$ 1.40/ thousand, out of Town users pay double that amount, Veratti is asking for water #1 rate of \$1.90/thousand, since they do own parcels in the Town. Superintendent Hurtgam suggested that any farmer who owns parcels in the town and pays the water rate through their taxes be offered this rate. Out of town users do not pay the water rate on their taxes, so the double rate would cover the difference.

Discussion on whether to consider a different rate for volume users, in order to eliminate someone purchasing a small parcel and then asking for the lower rate. Veratti Farms own about 600 acres in Hartland. Also discussed was requiring a minimum amount of property in order to offer the rate difference, such as a district and out of district irrigation rate. There would definitely need to be a standard fee and set a minimum assessment to qualify.

Attorney Seaman will investigate and write a policy.

Sexual harassment policies and new State law have been distributed to all employees.

Supervisor Annable recognized and thanked Joseph Woodmancy for his many years of service to the Town of Hartland.

Annable also, in recognition of Veteran's day acknowledged all Veteran's and their service to our country.

Adjournment

RESOLUTION 100-2018

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

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

Respectfully submitted: Cynthia S. Boyler

Town Clerk

Next scheduled regular meeting will be December 13, 2018 at 7:00 p. m.