

OCTOBER 13, 2016

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 7:30 p.m.

Members present:

Supervisor: W. Ross Annable

Councilman: F. David Snyder

Daniel Hill

Joseph Reed

Clifford Grant

Attorney: Daniel Seaman

Highway Sup't.: Keith Hurtgam

Assessor/ CEO: Absent

Highway Admin: 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 96-2016

MOTION by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Hill to adopt the minutes of the September 8, 2016 meeting as presented.

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

RESOLUTION 97-2016

MOTION by Councilman Grant, seconded by Councilman Snyder to adopt the minutes of the October 5, 2016 Special meeting as presented.

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

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Abstract of Bills

RESOLUTION 98-2016

MOTION by Councilman Snyder, seconded by Councilman Reed 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	2016000701 - 201600803
General:	50930.01
Part Town:	8492.09
OWD:	87238.38
Highway:	50256.63
Refuse:	124148.24

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

ASSESSOR / CEO REPORTS: Read and filed

HIGHWAY REPORT: Read and filed

Superintendent Hurtgam reported that the roadsides have been mowed and the GIS system for road signs has been completed. The new garbage totes have been delivered.

The work at LeValley Cemetery has been ongoing, the work has taken two weeks to complete, which included setting of the stones, trimming the trees, seeding and straightening the rows. The Town has taken measures to insure that the cemetery does not fall into disrepair.

WATER REPORT: Read and filed

Water Superintendent, Keith Hurtgam reported that there have been several water leaks which needed repair. Ongoing work with the DEC and the swamp land on the Ditch Road ditch. After a walk through with DEC personnel it was determined that the Town could use a small excavator to remove downed trees instead of removing them by hand.

The work to the Army truck has been completed, now it is ready to be converted to a plow truck. The truck would be ready in 2017, if approved for to go to bid.

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Conversion of Army truck to Plow truck

RESOLUTION 99-2016

MOTION by Councilman Snyder, seconded by Councilman Hill to go to bid for equipment needed to convert army truck to a plow truck.

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

Set date of November 8, 2016 to open sealed bids at 10 am.

Fuel contract is expiring and will need to be rebid. Requested permission to go to bid for fuel purchases.

Fuel Bid

RESOLUTION 100-2016

MOTION by Councilman Snyder, seconded by Councilman Reed to go to bid for the fuel contract.

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

Bid will be for one year with 4 options for renewal up to 5 years.

Superintendent Hurtgam requested permission to sign the NYSDOT Snow and Ice contract.

NYSDOT Snow and Ice Contract

RESOLUTION 101-2016

MOTION by Councilman Hill, seconded by Councilman Grant authorizing Supervisor Annable to sign the agreement to extend the municipal snow and ice contract, now expiring June 30, 2018.

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

It is a benefit for the Town, especially when working with FEMA to have an agreement for shared services in place with the NYSDOT.

Shared Services Agreement

RESOLUTION 102-2016

MOTION by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Snyder to authorize Superintendent Hurtgam to sign a shared services agreement with the NYSDOT.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Darrell Lindahl, Quaker Road resident approached the board to inform and inquire of the members about the traffic by Becker Farms. Mr. Lindahl's son and family were involved in an accident in August when traveling southbound past Becker Farms. The person directing traffic motioned for the northbound car to turn, did not check the southbound traffic. Mr. Lindahl is very concerned that another accident such as this one might result in a fatality. Becker Farms has grown so much over the last few years and the road is not wide enough to handle the traffic, especially if there are people crossing. The speed limit is 55 mph with several blind spots. Mr. Lindahl would like to see a reduced speed, more signage and possibly lighting in order to avoid future serious accidents. He did note that he has taken his family to Becker Farms for several years and does not want to see them lose their farm over someone bringing legal action against them.

Supervisor Annable stated that Vizcarra's have not been in to petition the Town for a reduced speed zone and they had some concerns over the increased traffic about 5 years ago. It was suggested then that Becker Farms hire law enforcement to direct traffic. Since that end of Quaker is a town maintained road, Annable, along with CEO Hartman will meet with Oscar to address the concerns.

Mr. Lindahl also stated that he had spoken to Oscar, as well as Senator Ortt's office and the State Police. He stated that the entire stretch is a double yellow line and it is illegal to have the traffic directed to cross when turning into the Farm.

Superintendent Hurtgam said that the study was conducted 20 years ago which was used to base the speed limits and road striping, long before the growth of the business.

Mr. Lindahl thanked the Board for listening to the concerns.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Town Board members conducted the annual walk through inspection and inventory of the Highway and Water buildings and equipment, tonight before the meeting. Superintendent Hurtgam outlined the inventory and gave his recommendations for the 2017 upgrades.

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The Tentative budget was presented at a special meeting on October 5, in accordance with Town Law. The Board has had time to study the figures and is now to be presented as the Preliminary Budget.

Tentative to Preliminary Budget

RESOLUTION 103-2016

MOTION by Councilman Snyder, seconded by Councilman Reed that the Tentative Budget for 2017 be adopted as the Preliminary Budget for 2017.

FURTHER MOVED that a Public Hearing on the 2017 Preliminary Budget for the Town of Hartland be held on November 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: Annable, Snyder, Reed, Hill, Grant Nays: 0 ADOPTED

Unpaid Water to Taxes

RESOLUTION 104-2016

MOTION by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Hill to authorize the unpaid water accounts to be levied to the County tax bills.

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

Councilman Grant reported that he will be attending the Honor Freedom Flight trip to Washington DC on October 19. Senator Ortt organized the trip which is open to any Veteran of World War II or Korean War to visit all of the memorials in Washington. WalMart has paid for the flights and food for the one day trip. Grant will be the chaperone for James Haight, former Hartland Code Enforcement Officer and member of the Planning Board. The Town of Hartland continues to honor and thank our Veteran's for their service.

Adjournment

RESOLUTION 105-2016

MOTION by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Snyder that since there is no further business to come before the board, the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p. m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Cynthia S. Boyler

Town Clerk

Next scheduled regular meeting will be November 10, 2016 at 7:30 p. m.