

SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

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

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.

Supervisor Annable recognized Labor Day and in the shadow of the 19th anniversary of 9/11, he asked for a moment of silence and prayer for those who lost their lives and their families.

Minutes

RESOLUTION 91-2020

MOTION by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Huntington to adopt the minutes of the August 13th and September 3rd meetings as presented.

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

Abstract of Bills

RESOLUTION 92-2020

MOTION by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Hill 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 2020000628 - 2020000766

General:	20,763.01
Part Town:	3,963.34
OWD:	15,021.59
Highway:	56,055.49
Refuse:	24,439.84
Fire:	750.00
Total:	120,993.27

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

HIGHWAY REPORT: Read and filed

WATER REPORT: Read and filed

ASSESSOR / CEO REPORTS: Read and filed

Assessor Hartman noted that assessments will be affected by the sales of housing values. Sales of houses are now 40 – 60% over assessed values. Hartman will have the new numbers in March for assessments.

Building and Codes:

Hartman reported that he has one violation case to go to court. He also reported that he has presented the Dark Skies Law for review. This law deals with bright lights on properties that could shine into neighboring properties, causing an adverse effect. Attorney Seaman suggested that if the Town were to adopt this law, then everyone in town must comply and it would be something to give much consideration before adopting.

Hartman presented a Site Plan Review checklist to use as a guide for the Planning Board to follow when someone requests a variance. The Planning Board has the authority to review site plans and this would be a more useful way to go. The check list would show every detail of the plan.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Annable stated that Spectrum is laying underground cable and next spring will be making a big push to come through town. Keith is working with Spectrum for the placement of the underground cable lines. He will mark waterlines along the roadsides. Running the cable underground is less expensive than using the poles.

CHIPS money is down by 20%, a loss of \$38,000.00 to the Town, this will call for adjustments to the budget.

Budget Transfers

RESOLUTION 93-2020

MOTION by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Grant to approve the following transfers:

To increase A5182.400 Street Lighting by \$3000.00 from Unreserved Fund Balance

To increase A8810.1 Cemeteries Personal Service by \$4000.00 from Unreserved Fund Balance

To increase A8810.4 Cemeteries Contractual by \$40,000.00 from Unreserved Fund Balance

To increase DB2665 Sales of Equipment by \$96,674.43 from Unreserved Fund Balance

To increase DB5130.2 Machinery Equipment by \$52,319.00 from Unreserved Fund Balance

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

The annual equipment walk through, as required by the Comptroller's office is scheduled for October 8, 2020 at 5p.m.

Supervisor Annable asked for a moment to recognize Florence Fuller, a past Deputy Town Clerk, who had served for over 30 years. Flo, who recently passed away, was remembered as a wonderful, lovely woman who always had a kind and friendly smile. She will be missed by family, friends, and the residents of the Town of Hartland.

OPEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

Adjournment

RESOLUTION 54-2016

MOTION by Councilman Grant, seconded by Councilman Snyder that since there is no further business to come before the board, the meeting be adjourned at 7:16 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 October 8, 2020 at 7:00 p. m.