

**REGULAR MEETING  
TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN  
JULY 17, 2017**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by *Lawrence Eckhardt* at **7:06 PM** at the Town Hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

<i>( X ) Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt</i>	<i>( X ) High. Superin. Alden Goodermote</i>
<i>( X ) Councilman Chris Demick</i>	<i>( X ) Town Justice, John Meekins</i>
<i>( X ) Councilman William Jennings</i>	<i>( X ) Legal Counsel, Craig Crist (arrived 7:45pm)</i>
<i>( ) Councilman Philip Roder</i>	
<i>( X ) Councilman Gerald Robinson</i>	
<i>( X ) Town Clerk Stephanie Wagar</i>	

A quorum  was  wasn't established.

**8** from the Public were present

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

- Claim #197-17 through #228-17 in the amount of **\$20,094.76** from the **General Account**
- Claim #129-17 through #150-17 in the amount of **\$62,110.18** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$82,204.94** were audited and approved by the Town Board.

Discussion on Audit:

*L. Eckhardt:* last month we held voucher #183 and 184 for Pondview Kennels, what are we doing with these bills?

*C. Demick:* the dogs were there we did discuss this last month, at this point it's like paying your mortgage.

*G. Robinson:* is attorney going to get us reimbursement?

*B. Jennings:* we can hold them until the attorney shows.

*S. Wagar:* want to hold them until next month?

*L. Eckhardt:* yeah, we can pay them next month.

*A. Goodermote:* I'd hold them until next month when everything else gets settled.

*L. Eckhardt:* agree will Bill to hold and discuss when attorney arrives and pay them in August, is everyone else okay with this?

*Board Members agreed.*

**MOTION BY: ROBINSON**

**SECONDED BY: JENNINGS**

**VOTES OF: 4 AYE**

**0 NAY**

Minutes of the **JUNE 12, 2017 Public Hearing** were approved by the Town Board as written.

**MOTION BY: JENNINGS**

**SECONDED BY: DEMICK**

**VOTES OF: 4 AYE**

**0 NAY**

Minutes of the **JUNE 19, 2017 Regular Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

**MOTION BY: ROBINSON**

**SECONDED BY: JENNINGS**

**VOTES OF: 4 AYE**

**0 NAY**

**TOWN CLERKS REPORT:** The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$858.83** to the Supervisor for the month of **JUNE 2017**.

**JUSTICE COURT REPORT:** The distribution from the office of the State Comptroller, Justice Court Fund to the Town of Stephentown for the month of **JUNE 2017** was \$\_\_\_\_\_. **(report is not available at this time.)**

**TRANSFER STATION REPORT:** The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$7,271.00** for the month of **JUNE 2017**.

Bags: **\$ 4,863.00**

C&D: **\$1,933.00**

Metal: **\$42.00**

Tires: **\$18.00**

Stickers: **\$50.00**

Appl.: **\$50.00**

Propane Tanks: **\$35.00**

Electronics: **\$280.00**

**ACCOUNT TOTALS:**

**GENERAL \$ 239,992.37**

**HIGHWAY \$764,892.01**

**GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$250,423.34**

**HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$298,157.94**

**BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19**

**BEACON ESCROW FOR PLANT (BOND) \$5,000 & \$70,000.**

*L. Eckhardt:* apologizes for Transfer Station calendar being incorrect, July 3<sup>rd</sup> they were closed for the holiday, the calendar was finalized prior to the holiday dates being set.

*B. Jennings:* new stickers are available, Hazardous waste collection day will be here in Stephentown next April at the Transfer Station

*L. Eckhardt:* introduces the TRACs group

*TRACs presentation – they thanked the board for their support this year and sponsoring two youth to go to the Y2Y.*

*G. Robinson:* the work you do is very valuable and we are very proud of you.

**REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD:**

**RESOLUTION #13-2017**

**ADVERTISE FOR BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW POSITION**

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board would like to advertise for a Board of Review position that is due to expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town board would like to request letters of interest and resumes for the 5 year term which is due to expire September 30, 2022, now therefore be it,

**RESOLVED:** the Town Board request the Town Clerk to advertise for said position, letters and resumes are to be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office no later than 7:00pm on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**MOTION BY: DEMICK**

**SECONDED BY: ROBINSON**

**VOTES OF: 4 AYE**

**0 NAY**

**RESOLUTION #14 – 17**

**CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE TOWN'S DOG CONTROL LAW AND DOG LICENSURE LAW**

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board desires to amend the Dog Control Law and Dog Licensure Law, now therefore be it,

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Board hereby calls for a public hearing to be held on August 14, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall, 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, New York, at which time the public may comment on the text of said law as annexed.

**MOTION BY: ECKHARDT**

**SECONDED BY: ROBINSON**

**VOTES OF: 4 AYE**

**0 NAY**

*L. Eckhardt:* Craig do you have any comment?

*C. Crist:* that will be the drafts we discussed, wanted to recognize Gerry, he has been great to work with and has done a tremendous job taking this on.

*G. Robinson:* discusses protocols and procedures.

*L. Eckhardt:* communications have been an issue, hopefully we can get this under control.

C. Crist: spoke to the Dog Control Officer suggested speaking with the trooper in charge of the unit to address the issues they are having.

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:**

L. Eckhardt: Scott do you have an update on Celebrate Stephentown? Pleased we have 61 kids to the youth program, and got to the minimum for the swim program.

S. Menhinick: Great 1<sup>st</sup> week for the youth program we had Rik for Fire Safety, and Wildcats came from HVCC. Celebrate Stephentown update we are hoping to have programs the first week of August, we currently have 30 events in 20 locations, fliers and signs at each site, banner at Library is up, we have social media ([www.celebratestephentown.com](http://www.celebratestephentown.com)).

L. Eckhardt: Aldie and I met thought we should go with what is on the mugs, going to get a sign made "Only Stephentown on Earth" Announcement for dedication sign we were thinking 3'x6'.

S. Menhinick: do you think the county reps will come?

L. Eckhardt: most definitely it's election year.

A. Goodermote: DOT is going to shut bridges down next year. We will be alright but need to start doing something on the bridges.

L. Eckhardt: tax collector report, taxes collected from the time she started increased from 85% to 87%, during her regular business hours. Craig there was one question on legislation where towns can take partial payment?

C. Crist: yes, there is something being drawn up regarding partial payment of taxes.

L. Eckhardt: thoughts on that?

C. Crist: have to think about it at a Town level, because there are requirements which makes you have a charge to prior years, may cause some issues on keeping track.

Motion: Go into Executive Session 8:08 PM to discuss Attorney client information .

**MOTION BY: JENNINGS**                      **SECONDED BY: DEMICK**  
**VOTES OF:        4 AYE**                                      **0 NAY**

Motion: Come out of Executive Session 8:09 PM

**MOTION BY: DEMICK**                      **SECONDED BY: JENNINGS**  
**VOTES OF:        4 AYE**                                      **0 NAY**

**RESOLUTION #15 – 17**

**TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN AUTHORIZING ENTRY OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH UPSEU AND JAMES HOFFMAN**

**WHEREAS:** the Town, employee James Hoffman and the union representing Mr. Hoffman, UPSEU are desirous of entering into an agreement to resolve a dispute concerning the need for supplemental insurance by said employee, and

**WHEREAS:** the aforementioned parties have formulated a proposed settlement agreement concerning same, now therefore be it,

**RESOLVED:** that Supervisor Eckhardt is hereby authorized to execute the settlement agreement and execute all obligations contained therein.

**MOTION BY: ECKHARDT**                      **SECONDED BY: JENNINGS**  
**VOTES OF:        4 AYE**                                      **0 NAY**

*G. Robinson:* glad to see the Eastwick Press is continuing.

*D. La Rocque:* president of the Eastwick has taken over. There are changes coming working with Berkshire Eagle, going to add more communities to the paper, revenue will be increased.

*S. Wagar:* where do I send Legal Notices?

*D. La Rocque:* same process Alex will still be working with us just not 70 to 80 hours a week.

*L. Eckhardt:* relieved to see the paper continuing.

*D. La Rocque:* was going to then not going to because I couldn't find a partner. Startup money has been lower than what we thought so we are off to a good start. Two ladies that will continue to write for us. Country Recipes will be added, looking for a new recipe to add each week.

*S. Menhinick:* the sending in date might move up correct?

*D. La Rocque:* may move it up a little because we may have to have it in by mid-morning Tuesday, looking to be more involved in the communities.

*S. Menhinick:* need to get things in by Mondays.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:20PM**

**MOTION BY: JENNINGS**

**SECONDED BY: DEMICK**

**VOTES OF: 4 AYE**

**0 NAY**

**\*\*A Workshop Meeting** is held every second Monday of every month at **7:00PM** at the Town Hall.

**\*\*The next Regular Meeting** of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

*Stephanie M. Wagar*

**Town Clerk**