

**REGULAR MEETING
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
FEBRUARY 20, 2017**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by *Lawrence Eckhardt, Town Supervisor* at **7:04 PM** at the Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

(X) *Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt* () *High. Superin. Alden Goodermote*
(X) *Councilman Chris Demick*
(X) *Councilman William Jennings*
(X) *Councilman Philip Roder*
(X) *Councilman Gerald Robinson*
(X) *Town Clerk Stephanie Wagar*

A quorum (X) was () wasn't established.

5 from the Public were present

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #17-17 through #64-17 in the amount of **\$30,220.34** (board tabled voucher #47-17 and #48-17 to Pondview Kennels in the total amount of \$ 4,706.00 until further review) from the **General Account**
- Claim #18-17 through #35-17 in the amount of **\$27,685.03** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$57,895.37** were audited and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: RODER

SECONDED BY: DEMICK

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

Minutes of the **JANUARY 16, 2017 Regular Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: RODER

SECONDED BY: DEMICK

VOTES OF: 4 AYE

0 NAY 1 ABSTAINED (ECKHARDT)

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$335.28** to the Supervisor for the month of **JANUARY 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 **JANUARY 2017** was **\$3,215.00**.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of \$_____ for the month of **JANUARY 2017. (No report at this time).**

Bags: \$	C&D: \$	Metal: \$	Tires: \$
Stickers: \$	Appl.: \$	Propane Tanks: \$	Electronics: \$

B. Jennings: gave the annual report for 2016, reported it was a good year for the transfer station the cost to run the transfer station this year was a total of \$8,788.00, we are doing much better from previous years.

L. Eckhardt: asked if we have heard anything regarding the credit?

B. Jennings: will probably see the recycling credit in the January bill.

ACCOUNT TOTALS:

GENERAL \$146,198.07

GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$250,423.34

BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19

HIGHWAY \$ 329,177.44

HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$298,157.94

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

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD:

RESOLUTION #1 – 2017

TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN ACCOUNTS

WHEREAS: the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to transfer within accounts to balance and close the books for 2016 and,

WHEREAS: the Town Board requested that the Supervisor submit an itemized report, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED: that the Town Supervisor, has submitted an itemized report of all fund transfers, and be it further,

RESOLVED: that the list is attached to these Town Board Minutes.

MOTION BY: ECKHARDT

SECONDED BY: RODER

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

L. Eckhardt opens meeting up to the public at 7:35pm

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

P. Dibble: what is this about the area code switching to 838?

L. Eckhardt: it will be a new area code, only if you get a new number you may get this new area code. March you will have to dial the 10 digit number and in August the numbers will be issued at that time you will be required to dial all 10 digits. Gerry are we still in with the grant with Fairpoint?

G. Robinson: end of the month we should know more and we will be in the footprint, met with New Lebanon they met with Charter last week there will be breaks for low income families and seniors over 65 if we get in the footprint we will be in that and the underserved or not served will be eligible for lower rates. BPO grant finished by 2018, will get more information once they get a franchise, supposed to have upgrades by 2018 in New Lebanon and finished by 2020.

L. Eckhardt: Gerry and I met with Anita Henry and Greg on energy savings, looked into propane, will have a couple resolutions to apply for some grants maybe in March. We have received all the Town's portion in Taxes, all contracts have been paid Fire department for the hall, Veterans, Library, Historical Society.

P. Roder: Master Planning meeting next Monday here at 7:00pm

L. Eckhardt: health care will be changing from CDPHP to MVP, paid premium for March just incase we don't meet the deadline. Thanked PJ for his negotiation, MVP has higher deductible we are going with the maximum deductible amount, met with Union Rep. main question was why change, Union Rep. said it's a number game.

P. Roder: easier they will have a debit card with their max amount on it so no more \$750 reimbursement at the end of the year, they will use their preloaded card.

B. Hammersmith: just a reminder we do a DASHA safety refresher in April for Town's, takes about 30 minutes, just a refresher, normally 40 hours to be completely trained.

B. Jennings: email us with an official date.

L. Eckhardt: Town has PESH which the highway employees and Aldie have to go through.

B. Hammersmith: explains the consequences if regulations/policies are not followed properly and that everyone involved will be issued a ticket if safety regulations aren't followed while using equipment.

P. Flint: presents a photo to the town board to hang in the hall from 1954 of Town Officials.

Year End Funds Transfers			General Fund			Stephentown			2016		
From Account	Description	Amount	New Budget	To Account	Description	Amount	New Budget	To Account	Description	Amount	New Budget
90108.1.0	State Retirement	435.33		10104.1.0	Town Board CE	435.33	4,935.33			435.33	4,935.33
81604.1.0	Refuse/Garbage CE	3,592.38		11104.1.0	Justices CE	3,592.38	12,592.38			3,592.38	12,592.38
81604.1.0	Refuse/Garbage CE	112.69		12204.1.0	Supervisor CE	112.69	2,612.69			112.69	2,612.69
81604.1.0	Refuse/Garbage CE	995.26		13304.1.0	Tax Collector CE	995.26	2,495.26			995.26	2,495.26
81604.1.0	Refuse/Garbage CE	4.12		14102.1.0	Town Clerk EQ	4.12	1,504.12			4.12	1,504.12
81604.1.0	Refuse/Garbage CE	726.58		14104.1.0	Town Clerk CE	726.58	4,226.58			726.58	4,226.58
81604.1.0	Refuse/Garbage CE	1,795.21		14204.1.0	Attorney CE	1,795.21	14,295.21			1,795.21	14,295.21
81604.1.0	Refuse/Garbage CE	116.91		14504.1.0	Elections CE	116.91	616.91			116.91	616.91
81604.1.0	Refuse/Garbage CE	881.00		19104.1.0	Unallocated Insurance	881.00	13,381.00			881.00	13,381.00
16202.1.0	Buildings EQ	6,300.00	700.00	35104.1.0	Dog Control CE	6,412.50	7,812.50			6,412.50	7,812.50
90108.1.0	State Retirement	112.50									
90108.1.0	State Retirement	1,064.18		36204.1.0	Code Enforcement CE	1,064.18	6,564.18			1,064.18	6,564.18
	Balance Unable to be Covered			50102.1.0	Supt of Hwys EQ	118,470.00	118,470.00			118,470.00	118,470.00
90108.1.0	State Retirement	103.68		50104.1.0	Supt of Hwys CE	103.68	603.68			103.68	603.68
	Balance Unable to be Covered			73101.1.0	Youth Programs PS	1,506.20	11,506.20			1,506.20	11,506.20
81604.1.0	Refuse/Garbage CE	4,401.57	87,447.40	73104.1.0	Youth Programs CE	4,401.57	11,401.57			4,401.57	11,401.57
80101.1.0.9	Zoning PS - Clerk	1,500.00	-	81604.1.0	Refuse/Garbage PS	1,523.32	33,537.32			1,523.32	33,537.32
80201.0.0	Planning PS	23.32	1,487.68								
90108.1.0	State Retirement	130.90	22,436.41	90308.1.0	Social Security	130.90	19,938.90			130.90	19,938.90
Year End Funds Transfers			Highway Fund								
From Account	Description	Amount		To Account	Description	Amount				Amount	
51424.3.0	Snow Removal CE	662.55		51104.3.0	General Repairs CE	662.55	106,662.55			662.55	106,662.55
51424.3.0	Snow Removal CE	3,367.61	95,969.84	51122.3.0	Perm Improvement EQ	3,367.61	6,867.61			3,367.61	6,867.61
	Balance Unable to be Covered			51124.3.0	Perm Improvement CE	38,522.72	228,522.71			38,522.72	228,522.71
	Balance Unable to be Covered			51302.3.0	Machinery EQ	154,808.00	154,808.00			154,808.00	154,808.00
	Balance Unable to be Covered			51304.3.0	Machinery CE	46,995.00	48,995.00			46,995.00	48,995.00
						Total					
						386,627.71					

Motion: Go into Executive Session 8:00 PM to further discuss Dog Control Issues that are being heard in Court.

MOTION BY: ECKHARDT

SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

Motion: Come out of Executive Session 8:53 PM

MOTION BY: RODER

SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

Board requests Town Clerk to email all bills submitted by Dog Control Officer, no further action on voucher #47-17 or #48-17 at this time until further review and discussion with Dog Control Officer.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:54 PM

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: DEMICK

VOTES OF: 5 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, February 20th, 2017** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

Stephanie M. Wagar

Town Clerk