

**REGULAR MEETING
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
AUGUST 21, 2017**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>High. Superin. Alden Goodermote</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Councilman Chris Demick</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Town Attorney, Craig Crist</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Councilman William Jennings</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Councilman Philip Roder</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Councilman Gerald Robinson</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Town Clerk Stephanie Wagar</i>	

A quorum was wasn't established.

10 from the Public were present

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #229-17 through #261-17 in the amount of **\$21,393.84** from the **General Account**
- Claim #151-17 through #171-17 in the amount of **\$90,111.21** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$111,505.05** were audited and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: JENNINGS	SECONDED BY: ROBINSON
VOTES OF: 3 AYE	0 NAY

Minutes of the **JULY 10, 2017 Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law #1 of 2017 Dog Licensure Law and Proposed Local Law #2 of 2017 Dog Control Law** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: ROBINSON	SECONDED BY: JENNINGS
VOTES OF: 3 AYE	0 NAY

Minutes of the **JULY 17, 2017 Regular Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: ROBINSON	SECONDED BY: JENNINGS
VOTES OF: 3 AYE	0 NAY

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$466.74** to the Supervisor for the month of **JULY 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 **\$1,743.00** and the month of **JULY 2017** was **\$2,830.50**.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$7,269.00** for the month of **JULY 2017**.

Bags: \$4,953	C&D: \$1,681	Metal: \$11	Tires: \$54
Stickers: \$375	Appl.: \$20	Propane Tanks: \$5	Electronics: \$170

ACCOUNT TOTALS:

GENERAL \$ 237,696.68	HIGHWAY \$692,242.44
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.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

J. Atwater: questions on the dog laws

L. Eckhardt: asks to hold questions on the laws right now until the board gets to the resolutions.

J. Atwater: expresses another concern regarding the Library and how she was treated over the weekend. Went over to the library to put up a bulletin board and they locked the door behind her when she went back out to get something from her car. There is no other handicap entrance, going to put a complaint in with the ADA that they are not allowed to use the handicap entrance to access the community room. They said the Library was closed, if they lock that door then there is no handicap access to the community room. The budget should reflect putting an access ramp in to the community room.

L. Eckhardt: spoke to Dean it is an issue we need to come up with some way for disabled people to access the community room. Congratulates Scott and Jennifer for all their hard work they put in to the event over the weekend. Celebrate Stephentown was a success.

S. Menhinick: going to follow up with people to find out how things went, we have some t-shirts still available if people are interested, mostly larger sizes.

L. Eckhardt: Channel 13 called

S. Menhinick: went to Zema's, the Berry Patch, made my way around to some events, the Eagle had an insert.

L. Eckhardt: close to 100 people for the reveal of the sign.

C. Lawless: how come Betty's name wasn't named or mentioned? She worked hard getting the original signs.

L. Eckhardt: going to post history about it in the near future. May have people challenge the sign now.

S. Menhinick: some people kept saying the signs were taking down because another Stephentown existed. People also kept asking about buying a sign, maybe it would be something to consider? Thanked the board for their support.

J. Atwater: suggestion, put on the bottom of the sign "you can purchase these signs at the Town, do not steal."

S. Menhinick: it was a great event people who haven't seen each other in a long time got together and people got to meet new people.

J. Atwater: there was an event going on today, at Gardner's, bunch of kids were biking and running and no one knew the event was going on.

L. Eckhardt: Gerry went to most events

G. Robinson: everything was great and worked out great.

L. Eckhardt: how many were in the 5k?

S. Menhinick: there were 15 people

E. Beach: the ice cream event was great, just difficult getting in and out of the event.

L. Eckhardt: quick update on the Youth Commission

S. Menhinick: biggest outcome, had a lot of campers, biggest attendance since the library had taken over.

L. Eckhardt: did we have enough swimmers?

S. Menhinick: yes attendance was in the low 20s.

B. Jennings: Berlin is going to have a ceremony in October and dedicate the field to Elroy Face, he's in his 80's or 90's now he will be at the event as well.

L. Eckhardt: the ceremony will be on October 28th.

S. Menhinick: youth commission Halloween event will be right after

W. Hammersmith: maybe he can sign some balls and auction them off or sell them.

J. Atwater: talk to Dean about Elroy it's his cousin, he has a lot of good stories to tell.

J. Bonesteal: RPA monthly meeting will be next month

L. Eckhardt: DEC has acquired some land from Cowey lands.

J. Bonesteal: Rensselaer Plateau Alliance, 1500 acres, it will be public access, there is 400 acres located in the Cherry Plains, they will be allowing hunting and rec. snowmobiles will be allowed, will continue to pay taxes, will not come off the tax rolls.

W. Hammersmith: they are not going to allow ATVs so they will be going through corn fields again, they will shut everything down for ATVs.

J. Bonesteal: they are going to be making the snowmobile trails permanent but you may be correct on the ATVs.

L. Eckhardt: we will keep an eye on that.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD:

2018 Budget Timeline:

- *By September 20th, 2017 Departments need to submit their estimates to the Town Supervisor*
- *By September 30th, 2017 the Town Supervisor should have the Tentative Budget submitted to the Town Clerk*
- *By October 5th, 2017 the Tentative Budget Meeting should be held*
- *By November 9th, 2017 a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget needs to be held (Thursday after Election)*
- *By November 20th, 2017 the 2018 Budget should be Finalized for the Town Clerk to submit to the proper departments*

RESOLUTION #16-2017

LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2017 - DOG LICENSURE LAW

WHEREAS: the Town Board has commissioned the drafting of a proposed amended Dog Licensure Law; and

WHEREAS: the Town Board has conducted the necessary public hearing on the proposed local law, and

WHEREAS: the Local Law #1 of 2017 Dog Licensure Law reads as follows, (See attached), now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Board resolves to enact said local law, and further

RESOLVED: waived the reading of the attached local law.

MOTION BY: ROBINSON

SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

VOTES OF: 3 AYE

0 NAY

J. Atwater: section 6 refers to 5 days, what happens after 5 days? The law doesn't state that.

C. Crist (Attorney): there are a number of things stated in the Ag & Markets law so we don't need to state it here.

RESOLUTION #17-2017

LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2017 - DOG CONTROL LAW

WHEREAS: the Town Board has commissioned the drafting of a proposed amended Dog Control Law; and

WHEREAS: the Town Board has conducted the necessary public hearing on the proposed local law, and

WHEREAS: the Local Law #2 of 2017 Dog Control Law reads as follows, (See attached), now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Board resolves to enact said local law, and further

RESOLVED: waived the reading of the attached local law.

MOTION BY: ROBINSON

SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

VOTES OF: 3 AYE

0 NAY

RESOLUTION #18 - 2017

APPOINT BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW POSITION

WHEREAS: the Town Board requested letters of interest and resumes for an expiring Board of Assessment Review position due to expire on September 30, 2017, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board has received a letter of interest from 1 applicant for the Board of Assessment Review position,
1. *Daniel Sidor of Stephentown, NY*
now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Board would like to appoint *Daniel Sidor of Stephentown*, to the Board of Assessment to a 5 year term due to expire on September 30th, 2022.

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: ROBINSON

VOTES OF: 3 AYE

0 NAY

RESOLUTION #19 - 2017

AUTHORIZING ENTRY OF AGREEMENT WITH DOUGLAS GOODERMOTE FOR KENNEL SERVICES

WHEREAS: the Town has been informed of the need to designate a kennel pursuant to Article 7 of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law, and

WHEREAS: the Town has been given a deadline to designate such a kennel, and

WHEREAS: Douglas Goodermote provides such services on behalf of the Town of Berlin and this Town Board seeks to utilize shared services with other municipalities, especially nearby municipalities, whenever possible, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Douglas Goodermote as the Town's designated shelter pursuant to Article 7 of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law with such contract to be approved by The Law Offices of Craig M. Crist, PLLC and to contain at minimum the requirement that any Town Dog Control Officer shall drop off any dogs at such place to be designated by Douglas Goodermote, and further be it

RESOLVED: that all prior designations are revoked.

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: ROBINSON

VOTES OF: 3 AYE

0 NAY

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:42 PM

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: ROBINSON

VOTES OF: 3 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, September 18th, 2017** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

Stephanie M. Wagar

Town Clerk