

Town of Hope
Regular Board Meeting
November 12, 2018

- 1) Town of Hope Regular Board Meeting on November 12, 2018.
- 2) A Regular Board Meeting of the Town of Hope, Hamilton County, and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, Route 30, Hope, New York on the 12th day of November 2018. Supervisor Tomlinson called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 1900.
- 3) Present: Steven Tomlinson Supervisor
 Dianna Downing Councilperson
 John Stuart Jr. Councilperson
 William Witts Councilperson
 Zachery Colson Highway Superintendent
 Jill Dunham Town Clerk

Excused: Mark Stuart Councilperson

RESOLUTION # 101

4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF October 8, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

On a motion by Councilperson William Witts, seconded by Councilperson Dianna Downing, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 S. Tomlinson, W.Witts, J. Stuart Jr., D. Downing
 Nays 0

- 5) Resolved that the minutes of the October 8, 2018 Board Meeting have been reviewed and approved as presented.
- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
Present was: Dan Jenkins, Peter Robinson, Joanne Robinson
No public comment.

7) **BUILDING / CODE OFFICER REPORT**

There was no Code Officer's Report this month.

8) RESOLUTION # 102

APPROVAL OF THE 2019 ADOPTED BUDGET

Supervisor Tomlinson advised the board that there were no changes made at the public hearing on November 1, 2018 when the Tentative Budget was presented. He is asking the town board to now move forward with the approval of the 2019 adopted budget.



On a motion by Councilperson John Stuart Jr., seconded by Councilperson William Witts, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 S. Tomlinson, W.Witts, J. Stuart Jr., D. Downing
 Nays 0

Approved was the 2019 Adopted budget for the Town of Hope.

RESOLUTION # 103

12) APPROVAL TO HIRE ANOTHER FULL TIME HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE

Supervisor Tomlinson presented to the town board that he would like approval to hire another full-time highway department employee. He states the budget will allow as such. He states that this will allow more work to be completed, employees vacation and time off to be covered and allow a more thorough inspection of the roads. Highway Superintendent Zac Colson added that this will also allow for safer work zones when doing road work and allow more tree trimming to be done. It was asked if there will be a minimum mile radius in order to accept the job due to call ins in emergencies or snow clean up. Supervisor Tomlinson stated they will screen the applications for such. Councilperson William Witts asked when the hire date would be so that there is ample time for a person to leave their current job possibly and start a new one. Highway Superintendent Colson stated that January 1, 2019 would be fine. Jill will place an ad in the classified to advertise the job opening. It was asked by members of the town board what the new hire will be paid. Supervisor Tomlinson responded that they will determine the pay scale based on abilities and experience. He stated they will be required to have a CDL.

On a motion by Councilperson William Witts, seconded by Councilperson Dianna Downing, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 S. Tomlinson, W.Witts, J. Stuart Jr., D. Downing
 Nays 0

13) Resolved was the approval of hiring another full time Highway Department employee.

RESOLUTION # 103



14) APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT A PLAN FOR WEEKLY HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE IN THE TOWN

Supervisor Tomlinson Proposed to the town board that the Town of Hope move forward with implementing a plan to start weekly pickup of household garbage in the town. There was some discussion on how this will work, but Supervisor Tomlinson said they need to sit down and implement of plan and discuss the pros and cons of it. He asked the board's permission to move forward in setting this up.

On a motion by Councilperson Dianna Downing, seconded by John Stuart Jr., the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 S. Tomlinson, W.Witts, J. Stuart Jr., D. Downing
 Nays 0

- 15)** Resolved was the approval to move forward to implementing a plan for weekly household garbage pickup in the town.

RESOLUTION #104

16) APPROVAL FOR FUNDING 2018 CHIPS ROAD PROJECTS

Supervisor Tomlinson distributed the CHIPS paperwork for the board to review. He will be creating a fund to collect and spend the CHIPS money moving forward so that there is a more understanding as to how the money is received and spent.

On a motion by Councilman William Wiits, seconded by John Stuart Jr., the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 S. Tomlinson, W.Witts, J. Stuart Jr., D. Downing
 Nays 0

- 17)** Resolved was the approval for Funding the 2018 CHIPS Road projects.

RESOLUTION #105

18) APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR STEVEN TOMLINSON TO SIGN THE 2019 TRANSFER STATION AGREEMENT WITH BENSON



Supervisor Tomlinson distributed the 2019 Transfer Station Agreement with Benson. He stated the only change for 2019 is an increase in the amount we will collect from the Town of Benson.

On a motion by Councilperson John Stuart, Jr, seconded by Councilperson Dianna Downing, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 S. Tomlinson, W.Witts, J. Stuart Jr., D. Downing
 Nays 0

- 19)** Resolved was authorization for Supervisor Steven Tomlinson to sign the 2019 transfer station agreement with Benson.

Resolution # 106

20) APPROVAL OF PAYROLL 21, 22 & 23

21) On a motion by Councilperson John Stuart Jr., seconded by Councilperson William Witts, the following resolution was

22) ADOPTED Ayes 4 S. Tomlinson, W.Witts, J. Stuart Jr., D. Downing
 Nays 0

- 23)** There was an approval for Payroll 21, 22 & 23.

RESOLUTION # 107

24) APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT 10A, 11 & 11A

On a motion by Councilperson John Stuart Jr., seconded by Councilperson Dianna Downing, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 S. Tomlinson, W. Witts, J. Stuart Jr., D. Downing
 Nays 0

- 25)** There was an approval for General Fund Abstract 10A, 11 & 11A.

RESOLUTION # 108

26) APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY FUND ABSTRACT 10A, 11 & 11A

On a motion by Councilperson Dianna Downing, seconded by Councilperson William Witts the following resolution was



ADOPTED Ayes 4 S. Tomlinson, W. Witts, J. Stuart Jr., D. Downing
 Nays 0

27) Resolved that the Town Highway Find Abstracts 10A, 11 & 11A have been reviewed and approved.

28) HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Zachery presented the board with a report of how things are going and what upcoming things he would like to see happen.

1. We have been doing a lot of maintenance items this month getting equipment ready for this winter.
2. We had our first snowstorm of the season and it was a messy one. It was a heavy wet snow that brought trees down and made commuting awful. We were stuck in different locations because of trees being down. I was stuck on the south side of town because trees were on lines blocking Route 30 and on Hope Falls Road there was the same thing. During this storm, Benson's driver hit a tree that came down and wrecked their truck. This put them down to the f550. With this being said after our roads were done, we went to Benson with our trucks to help them plow their roads.
3. We sanded and painted the v plow that we have and made a spot for it between the garage and fuel island. When it warms up in the spring, I will get a hold of Barney's signs to get it lettered.
4. We have not had phone or internet at the Highway garage for over a week, stemming from a pine tree that came down across Route 30 by the firehouse two Saturdays ago. I have called Frontier and they have a ticket for the repair.

Supervisor Tomlinson asked Highway Superintendent Colson if Benson has a plan for the upcoming storm and if they have asked to use our old truck. Highway Superintendent Colson responded that he has not heard from them, but if they ask, they will help them get it ready and put the plow on.

29) TOWN CLERK'S COMMENTS



None.

30) TOWN SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Nothing further.

COUNCILPERSON'S COMMENTS

The town board members have nothing new to report.

31) PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

With no further business on a motion by Councilperson John Stuart Jr., seconded by Councilperson Dianna Downing, the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hope was adjourned at 1925.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Dunham, Town Clerk

Meeting notes can be found at the Town of Hope website at: www.townofhopeny.org