

Town of Hope
Regular Board Meeting
October 8, 2018

- 1) Town of Hope Regular Board Meeting on October 8, 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 8th day of October 2018. Supervisor Tomlinson called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 1903.

- 3) Present: Steven Tomlinson Supervisor
 Mark Stuart Councilperson
 Dianna Downing Councilperson
 John Stuart Jr. Councilperson
 Zachery Colson Highway Superintendent
 Jill Dunham Town Clerk

Excused: William Witts Councilperson

RESOLUTION # 94

- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF September 10, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
On a motion by Councilperson William Witts, seconded by Councilperson Mark Stuart, the following resolution was

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

- 5) Resolved that the minutes of the September 10, 2018 Board Meeting have been reviewed and approved as presented.

- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Present was: Dan Jenkins

Dan Jenkins addressed Town Clerk Jill Dunham about the website being down. Jill was not aware but will look into since there have some recent changes with the website due to the death of the owner.

- 7) **BUILDING / CODE OFFICER REPORT**

There was no Code Officer's Report this month.

- 8) RESOLUTION # 95

APPROVAL A CHANGE IN THE TOWN OF HOPE'S MEDICAL INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE TO BRYAN MOLDT



Supervisor Tomlinson advised the board that our current representative is difficult to get ahold of and does not return messages accordingly. Mr. Moldt was able to sit down with Supervisor Tomlinson and discuss different options available for the Town of Hope employees that seek Medical Insurance.

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

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

Approved was the agreement to reach out to Mr. Moldt to discuss medical insurance options for the Town of Hope employees who seek the insurance.

RESOLUTION # 96

12) APPROVAL OF THE NYS RETIREMENT REPORTING

Supervisor Tomlinson presented a resolution with the necessary paperwork required for the NYS Retirement Reporting. The board looked over and were satisfied with the paperwork presented to them.

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

13) ADOPTED Ayes 4 S. Tomlinson, M. Stuart, J. Stuart Jr., D. Downing
 Nays 0

14) Resolved was the approval of NYS Retirement Reporting paperwork to be submitted.

15) Update on Sand, Salt and Loader usage from Benson

Supervisor Tomlinson stated he met with Supervisor Stortecky and the Town of Benson has agreed to pay for all changes to the Transfer Station Agreements that were made for 2018 – 2019. There will an increase of \$500.00 for 2019.

RESOLUTION #97

16) APPROVAL OF 3RD QUARTER PAYROLL



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

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

17) The 3rd Quarter payroll was approved.

RESOLUTION #97

18) APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT 9A & 10

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

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

19) There was an approval for General Fund Abstract 9A & 10.

RESOLUTION # 98

20) APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY FUND ABSTRACT 9A & 10

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

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

21) Resolved that the Town Highway Fund Abstracts 9A & 10 have been reviewed and approved.

RESOLUTION #99

22) APPROVAL OF 2019 TOWN OF HOPE TENTATIVE BUDGET

Supervisor Tomlinson reviewed with the town board in a Public Meeting prior to the regular Board Meeting the tentative budget. There was discussion and changes made.



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

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

23) Resolved was the approval of the 2019 Town of Hope Tentative Budget

RESOLUTION # 100

24) APPROVAL OF THE USE OF THE TOWN OF HOPE'S PAVILION GROUNDS BY THE NORTHVILLE CENTRAL SCHOLL DISTRICT FOR THE 2019 SPRING SPORTS SEASON

Supervisor Tomlinson presented to the town board allowing the Northville Central School District the use of the pavilion grounds for their 2019 spring sports season. He explained that they recently had new turf put down on their new fields and they cannot be used this school year. The town board agreed for this to happen. Also offered was manhours from our Highway Department, as well as equipment to transform the area into a softball field. He advised that work would probably begin this fall. The board was okay with this decision.

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

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

Resolved was the approval of the use of the pavilion grounds by Northville Central School District for the Spring 2019 sports season.

25) 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 finished the insulation and siding of the Highway garage. The Town of Wells sent John Anderson down to help us. It really helped us because Pete was helping the county haul blacktop. The garage is now ready for the trim to be put on. Supervisor Tomlinson



thanked them for their hard work on this project and said it looks great.

2. We replaced the culvert on top of Creek Road. It was back filled with sand and millings on top. It needed to settle and pack in before we put blacktop back in.
3. The septic has been replaced. It took us one day to dig the old tank out and put the new tank and leach field in. We forgot to order the fabric to cover the infiltrators, so I called Millers Concrete and had them send up a roll.
4. At the last meeting I was informed about holes that were starting on Tannery road. I was told that they were undermining the section of road that we fixed. So, the day after the meeting I went over to address the issue to find that the holes were 4 feet from the edge of the blacktop and they were not impacting the roadway. They were still in our right of way and we filled them in with material that we have.
5. Brian Savage held true to his word and purchased a load of item four for the river road and it is fixed to better condition than it was when he first moved his equipment in there to start logging.

26) TOWN CLERK'S COMMENTS

Jill thanked Highway Superintendent Colson for his help in combating the mouse problem that is hopefully starting to be resolved completely now. She also stated that she spoke with Brian Mackey from Northville Funeral Home in regard to having a casket and urn in one plot. NYS Law states that you can. She will pass this information onto the folks that inquired about it. Jill also stated that since January of this year she has been attempting to make it so she can issue fishing and hunting licenses. There is a problem with the test being made available to her by DEC, along with discrepancies that do not show her an issuing agent even though all appropriate paperwork has been received by DEC through their own acknowledgement. Jill has asked the town board if she can ask DEC to come get their equipment and licenses since this is turning into a much larger headache than ever anticipated. The board agreed.

27) TOWN SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Tomlinson thanked the town board for their work and dedication. He will has set a date of November 1, 2019 at 6PM for the Public Meeting and hopeful approval of the 2019 Town of Hope Preliminary Budget.



Supervisor Tomlinson also spoke of the upcoming meeting with county and APA official in regard to a possible communications tower within the town. He will follow up more after the October 27th meeting.

The next Town Board Meeting will be November 12, 2019 at 7 PM.

COUNCILPERSON'S COMMENTS

Councilman John Stuart said everything looks great and he addressed the ongoing phone issue at the Town Hall and said it is being handled. Councilpersons Dianna Downing and Mark Stuart state agrees that everything looks good.

28) 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 1937.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Dunham, Town Clerk

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