

Town of Hope
Regular Board Meeting
June 11, 2018

- 1) Town of Hope Regular Board Meeting on June 11, 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 11th day of June 2018. Supervisor Tomlinson called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 1900.
- 3) Present: Steven Tomlinson Supervisor
 Mark Stuart Councilperson
 Dianna Downing Councilperson
 John Stuart Jr. Councilperson
 Zachery Colson Highway Superintendent
 Jill Dunham Town Clerk

Absent: William Witts Councilperson

RESOLUTION # 65

4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF May 14, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

On a motion by Councilperson Mark Stuart, seconded by Councilperson Dianna Downing, 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 May 14, 2018 Board Meeting have been reviewed and approved as presented.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Present were: Joann Robinson, and Pete Robinson and Dan Jenkins.

Dan Jenkins asked when the roads were going to get fixed. He specified Creek Road and Tannery Road. Highway Superintendent Zachery Colson stated he is presented quotes tonight and the work will probably begin in early fall.

Dan Jenkins also asked why the dump looked so dumpy. He was asked to be more specific. He then asked why there are paint cans piled up. Highway Superintendent Colson responded that they will be taken away this week. Mr. Jenkins also asked about the metal and glass piling up. He states the metal dumpster is always full. Highway Superintendent Colson advised it goes once a week. Supervisor Tomlinson stated during warmer months it always fills up faster, but that the Highway Department does indeed take care of the metal once a week. Councilperson Dianna Downing asked where the metal goes. He stated they take a full load to Bornt's. He receives the cash and receipts and he deposits the money. As far as the glass, per Highway Superintendent Colson, that gets pulled by the county and it will be going next week. Councilperson John Stuart asked if we could get a bigger dumpster. Highway Superintendent Colson stated no because it will hang off the truck too far. Mr. Jenkins asked if it could be hauled twice a week. Supervisor Tomlinson stated no because the schedule for getting everything done is tight. He said we know



we get busier in the summer months and the Highway Department is doing a great job taking care of it.

Highway Superintendent Colson added there will be a gate going up and all tires and mattresses will have to be checked in. He is also putting a sign up that says brush only. No C&D.

Eric Robinson spoke on behalf of the Hope Fire Department. He stated they are asking for an increase of \$7000.00 annually to assist with the monthly payment on the new fire truck. He states the new truck is going to cost the Department \$350000.00. With their added costs of increased insurance cancer policies that are mandated and the fact that all Class A firemen have to have an annual physical, they will need the increase in budgeted monies to make payments. Supervisor Tomlinson asked if there was a different approach to get the funds available. Pete Robinson explained that there needs to be proving for the life of the loan that the monies will be there. Supervisor Tomlinson thanked Eric for coming and stated this will be discussed at the budget meeting that will be scheduled in a couple of months. Eric also presented the board with a letter in regards to this information that will also be reviewed. Councilperson Dianna Downing will also look into the USDA grant to see if the fire department qualifies.

Joanne Robinson wanted to remind everyone that the historian will be showing the documentary in regards to the making of the lake on 6/12/2018 from 6pm – 8pm. It will be at the firehouse.

7) **BUILDING / CODE OFFICER REPORT**

Supervisor Tomlinson handed out a report given to him by Code Enforcer Mike Stewart. It reads as follows:

1. I issued a permit for a porch to Robert and Linda Edwards on Maple Grove Road.
2. I spoke with an engineer regarding the Lyden property and type of foundation they want to place their existing house in after the flooding damage they had.
3. I am reviewing plans from Bob Oliver on the Old Northville Road about a garage he wants to build.

8) **RESOLUTION # 66**

APPROVE CODE OFFICER REPORT

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

ADOPTED

Ayes 4

Nays 0

S. Tomlinson, M. Stuart, J. Stuart Jr., D. Downing

9) The Code Officer's Report was accepted.



10) Progress on Town Highway Garage

Supervisor Tomlinson wanted to thank Highway Superintendent Colson for working the highway garage in between a lot of other ongoing projects. Highway Superintendent Colson responded that work will continue this week on the front and side with the doors and believes that part will be completed, minus the trim, by week end. He hopes to have the entire project completed by the end of the month. He stated that Rob from the Town of Benson has been assisting and his help is greatly appreciated. Councilperson John Stuart stated that it looks great. Councilperson Mark Stuart stated it will be a cost saving benefit for the colder months with the insulation now in existence.

11) Playground Installation Discussion

Supervisor Tomlinson advised that the playground installation will now be 6/12/2018 instead of 6/13/2018 due to impending weather for 6/13. He states the installation will take approximately 5 hours. All of it is paid for minus \$800.00, which he will give to them at the completion of the work. There was a brief discussion between the board members as far as placement of the direction of the playground. At the end of the discussion, it was decided to discuss it with the company upon installation. Councilperson John Stuart, Jr. asked what type of material would be being placed around the playground. Highway Superintendent Colson stated 1A Round Stone is being laid down.

12) RESOLUTION # 67

APPROVAL TO TRANSFER FUNDS FOR PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Supervisor Tomlinson STATED HE IS SEEKING APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD IN REGARDS TO A FUND TRANSFER FOR THE PLAYGROUND PROJECT. He is requesting he be able to move \$11000.00 from fund ZAH 9060.8 to ZAH 7140.4

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

ADOPTED

Ayes 4

Nays 0

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13) The approval for Supervisor Tomlinson to make the fund transfer was accepted.

RESOLUTION #68



- 14) Supervisor Tomlinson stated that along with himself, Councilperson Dianna Downing, they placed new flags on the cemeteries prior to Memorial Day. He stated at this time we need to purchase more flags and he was able to find them for \$1.50 each and he will need to order 144 of them.

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

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

- 15) The approval to purchase new flags was accepted.
16) At this time, 1920, Supervisor Tomlinson has asked the board for permission to enter in an Executive Session.

On a motion by Councilperson John Stuart Jr., seconded by Councilperson Mark Stuart, with all in favor, the board entered into an Executive Session. All guests were asked to wait outside until the session was completed and reopened to the public.

- 17) Executive Session ended at 1950.
On a motion by Councilperson Mark Stuart, seconded by Councilperson Dianna Downing, the Executive Session was closed and the meeting was reopened to the public.

Resolution #69

18) **APPROVAL OF PAY ROLL 11&12**

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

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

- 20) There was an approval for Pay roll 11 & 12

RESOLUTION # 70

21) **APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY FUND ABSTRACT 5A &6**



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

22) Resolved that the Town Highway Find Abstracts 5A & 6 have been reviewed and approved.

23) RESOLUTION #63

APPROVAL OF TOWN GENERAL FUND ABSTRACTS 5A & 6

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

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

24) Resolved that the Town General Fund 5A & 6 have been reviewed and approved for payment.

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 have started the insulation and siding on the highway garage. We have had to take a short break from this project to address other issues with the town, but I am hoping to continue work on this project this week. Hopefully we will complete this project by the end of the month.
2. I attended highway school this month and it was a very helpful experience. I spent 21/2 days in classes at Ithaca University learning about a number of things. Some items I took away from the schooling are proper paving techniques, a better understanding of maintaining dirt roads, how to save money by replacing light duty trucks, and proper PPE for the employees. The PPE needs upgrading.



3. We cleaned all three cemeteries. We went more in depth this year with the cleaning. We mowed, weed wacked, and leaf blew all three. There was a lot of debris in them that we removed. We also found some head stones that were covered with leaves and moss. We will continue to maintain them on a regular basis to keep them looking nice for the people of the town.
4. Zac presented the board with the 284 agreement and paving quotes. He needs the board members approvals and signatures for reclamation of ½ mile on Creek Road and reclamation of 400 feet on Tannery Road. The board looked over the quotes. There was discussion and it was agreed upon to let him spend \$31000.00 for the paving project.
5. We had a bulk storage inspection on the diesel tanks and storage in the highway garage. There were only three items that needed to be addressed. They are painting the tanks to stop the rusting, I need to fax in monthly inspections, and the change of names on the bulk storage certificate from Robert Edwards and Terry Robinson to Steven Tomlinson and Zachery Colson.
6. On the end of Hope Falls Road where the new trail head is located I need a motion to put up two “No Parking Beyond This Point” signs. I was approached by Forest Ranger Ian Kerr and asked to take down 10 of the 12 “No Parking” signs at the end of the road and just put up the two signs by the trail head. Councilperson John Stuart said there is no place for emergency vehicles to turn around. Another issue he raised was that it is difficult to maintain it since a York rake will not be able to be turned around either. If we don’t maintain it, we lose it. Can we reclaim it? Councilperson Mark Stuart prior to any of this there was never an issue with parking. At this time Zac will not be putting any signs out and he will call DEC tomorrow to discuss it.

RESOLUTION # 71

26) TO APPROVE THE PAVING PROJECT ON CREEK ROAD AND TANNERY ROAD AT A COST OF \$31000.00

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

ADOPTED

Ayes 4
Nays 0

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26) Approval of the paving project on Creek Road and Tannery Road for \$31000.00 was accepted.



27) **TOWN CLERK'S COMMENTS**

Jill states that she has completed spring cleaning. She has also planted flowers outside the town hall and placed banners. She thanks Supervisor Tomlinson for the fresh coat of paint on the town hall door. Jill also advises that she has decreased the summer hours at the town hall. Due to slow internet speeds it is easier for her to work from home. She has left her home phone number for folks to get ahold of her and this seems to be working out well.

28) **COUNCILPERSON'S COMMENTS**

Dianna Downing stated she received an email from Marty Christensen's sister in regards to placing ashes in the Willard Cemetery of family members and she would also like to place a river stone. There was discussion on the plots and the prices are still the same as they have been. Jill and Dianna will look into if the ashes can be placed by them.

29) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dan Jenkins addressed Highway Superintendent Zachery Colson. He wanted to know if he was aware that there were loggers skidding across the River Road down by Monk's old place. Zac advised that he did give them permission. The agreement was they were to make sure the road could be cleared for traffic that it was cleaned up each night and it is maintained throughout. The logging company advised they will fix the road at the end of the project better than it was. Councilperson Mark Stuart asked if they were keeping it cleaned up. Zac advised that they were cleaning up every night and also keeping it passable.

With no further business on a motion by Councilperson Dianna Downing, seconded by Councilperson John Stuart Jr., the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hope was adjourned at 2026.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Dunham, Town Clerk

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

