

Town of Hope
Regular Board Meeting
December 10, 2018

- 1) Town of Hope Regular Board Meeting on December 10, 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 10th day of December 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
 Mark Stuart Councilperson
 William Witts Councilperson
 Zachery Colson Highway Superintendent
 Jill Dunham Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 109

4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF November 12, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

On a motion by Councilperson William Witts, seconded by Councilperson Mark Stuart, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 S. Tomlinson, W.Witts, J. Stuart Jr., D. Downing, M. Stuart
 Nays 0

- 5) Resolved that the minutes of the November 12, 2018 Board Meeting have been reviewed and approved as presented.
- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
Present was: Peter Robinson, Joanne Robinson and David Rogers from the Town of Benson. David Rogers introduced himself, stating that he is a new councilperson in the Town of Benson. He stated he came to the meeting to see how we conduct our meetings. Supervisor Tomlinson thanked him for coming, along with each board member also thanking him.

7) **BUILDING / CODE OFFICER REPORT**

There was no Code Officer's Report this month.

8) RESOLUTION # 110

APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE COVER SHEET OF THE 2019 ADOPTED BUDGET

Supervisor Tomlinson advised the board that the 2019 Budget is not changing, but the cover sheet needed to be updated to reflect the 2.11% increase instead of the 1.89% that it is currently showing.



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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 S. Tomlinson, W.Witts, J. Stuart Jr., D. Downing, M. Stuart
 Nays 0

Approved was the change of the cover sheet for the 2019 adopted Budget.

RESOLUTION # 111

12) APPROVAL TO HIRE KYLE TOMLINSON FULL TIME

Supervisor Tomlinson stated the interviews were completed and the decision to hire Kyle Tomlinson full time for the Highway Department was made. Per Highway Superintendent Colson his start date will be Monday, December 17th.

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

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

Supervisor Tomlinson has abstained.

13) Resolved was the approval of hiring Kyle Tomlinson as a full time Highway Department employee.

Resolution # 112

14) APPROVAL OF PAYROLL 24 & 25

15) On a motion by Councilperson W. Witts, seconded by Councilperson Dianna Downing, the following resolution was

16) ADOPTED Ayes 5 S. Tomlinson, W.Witts, J. Stuart Jr., D. Downing, M.
 Stuart
 Nays 0



17) There was an approval for Payroll 24 & 25.

RESOLUTION # 113

18) APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT 11A & 12

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

ADOPTED	Ayes 5	S. Tomlinson, W.Witts, J. Stuart Jr., D. Downing, M. Stuart
	Nays 0	

19) There was an approval for General Fund Abstract 11A & 12

RESOLUTION # 114

20) APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY FUND ABSTRACT 11A & 12

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

ADOPTED	Ayes 5	S. Tomlinson, W.Witts, J. Stuart Jr., D. Downing, M. Stuart
	Nays 0	

21) Resolved that the Town Highway Find Abstracts 11A & 12 have been reviewed and approved.

RESOLUTION # 115

22) APPROVAL FOR SUPERVISOR TOMLINSON TO MAKE NECESSARY BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2018

Supervisor Tomlinson distributed a list provided by the county, of the budget adjustments made in 2018. There was nothing alarming or unexpected on the list.



On a motion by Councilperson William Witts, seconded by Councilperson Mark Stuart the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 S. Tomlinson, W.Witts, J. Stuart Jr., D. Downing, M. Stuart

Nays 0

- 23)** Resolved was the approval for Supervisor Tomlinson to make necessary Budget Adjustments for 2018.

RESOLUTION # 116

24) APPROVAL OF CONCEPT TO USE NORTHVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL AS AN EMERGENCY SHELTER AND TO MAKE JILL DUNHAM A REPRESENTATIVE AND DIANNA DOWNING AN ALTERNATE

Town Clerk Jill Dunham attended an Emergency Preparedness meeting at the Northville School. The residents of the Town of Hope have been invited to use the Northville School, an official Red Cross Site, for their site in the event of a disaster and other placement is necessary. The Northville School does have a generator in great working order that will run the entire school. The committee is in the infant stages and currently is working at forming a board before they can make a definite decision moving forward. They are looking from representation from each town. Jill Dunham has volunteered to be the representative for the town and Dianna Downing has agreed to be an alternate.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 S. Tomlinson, W.Witts, J. Stuart Jr., D. Downing, M. Stuart
Nays 0

- 25)** Resolved was the approval of concept to use Northville School as an emergency shelter site and to make Jill Dunham a representative and Dianna Downing an alternate.

Resolution # 117



26) APPROVAL FOR THE TOWN TO APPLY FOR A \$50,000.00 PARKS AND RECS GRANT FROM SENATOR TEDISCO

Supervisor Tomlinson distributed the grant application, along with specs for a truck in order to secure the \$50,000.00 grant process. Once we are approved and receive the money, it can be utilized for other projects at the rec field and pavilion area if necessary. He explained that we can always change the direction of the grant money after we get it. This is just to complete the application process in hopes of securing the grant.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 S. Tomlinson, W.Witts, J. Stuart Jr., D. Downing, M. Stuart
 Nays 0

27) Resolved was the approval for the town to apply for a \$50,000.00 Parks and Recs grant from Senator Tedisco.

28) SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Tomlinson reported that he spoke to the person that delivers propane for the town. As of today versus one year ago, we are using 30% less propane. He also stated that the temperatures have been cooler. He attributes much of this to the new insulation and siding on the Highway garage.

29) 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 took the 2018 Mack tandem to Utica Mack to have some warranty work done on it. The trucks interlock sensor kept lighting inside the truck and it was calling for the EATS system to be serviced. When they took it in for warranty work, they found that a wire was rubbed through and the computer needed an update. This fixed all the issues.
2. We had our first ice storm of the year. It started late in the day and continued long into the night. During this ice storm we were down a man due to being sick. This left Jaret and I to deal with the storm. We stayed on the roads until 1 AM to make sure there was a safe passage for motorists and to make sure emergency vehicles could



pass safely if needed. The next day we were up early to continue dealing with ice.

3. We have replaced the chain, sprockets and bearings on the single axle Mack. These items were worn out last winter from years of use and needed to be replaced. In doing this, we should not have to replace any of these items for a significant amount of time.
4. Superintendent Colson spent some time and presented the board with a written list of ideas for garbage pick up and what he would like to see happen should the town agree to do it. Jill will be running an ad for a time before the next meeting for the public to come and take part of an informational meeting regarding the idea of garbage pick up.

30) TOWN CLERK'S COMMENTS

Town Clerk Jill Dunham reports that she is preparing for the upcoming tax season. She will post her hours soon.

31) COUNCILPERSON'S COMMENTS

The town board members have nothing new to report.

32) PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

With no further business on a motion by Councilperson Mark Stuart , seconded by Councilperson Dianna Downing, the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hope was adjourned at 1942.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Dunham, Town Clerk

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

