

Town of Hope  
Regular Board Meeting  
March 11, 2019

- 1) Town of Hope Regular Board Meeting on April; 8, 2019.
- 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019. Supervisor Tomlinson called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 1900.
- 3) Present:           Steven Tomlinson           Supervisor  
                          Mark Stuart               Councilperson  
                          William Witts           Councilperson  
                          John Stuart Jr.           Councilperson  
                          Zachery Colson           Highway Superintendent  
                          Jill Dunham               Town Clerk

Excused Absence: Dianna Downing, Councilperson

RESOLUTION #19- 40

4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF February 12, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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

**ADOPTED**       Ayes 4               S. Tomlinson, M. Stuart, J. Stuart Jr., W. Witts  
                      Nays 0

- 5) Resolved that the minutes of the March 11, 2019 Board Meeting have been reviewed and approved as presented.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Present were Joann Robinson, Colette Tomlinson and Matthew Tomlinson

JoAnn Robinson states that though Pete could not be present, he would like to thank everyone for the card.

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 completed the annual state code report and filed it.
2. I met with Andy Prior and issued a permit for a new modular home and septic system at 649 State Highway 30.
3. I met with Ben White of 682 Maple Grove Road and am completing reviews of plans for an addition and deck.

RESOLUTION # 19-41



8) **APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A NEW ZERO TURN MOWER**

Supervisor Tomlinson and Highway Superintendent Zachery Colson discussed the need for a new zero turn mower. Its primary purpose will be to use it to mow the ballfield. The current mower just is not big enough for the task. After looking at three quotes that were presented to them by Superintendent Colson, the board agreed to purchase one from B7B Equipment.

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

**ADOPTED**      Ayes 4              S. Tomlinson, M. Stuart, J. Stuart Jr., W. Witts  
                     Nays 0

- 9) Resolved that the approval for the Highway Superintendent to purchase a new zero turn mower from B7B Equipment.

RESOLUTION #19-42

10) **APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE DEFERRED COMPENSATION TPLAN FROM A DOLLAR AMOUNT TO A PERCENTAGE AMOUNT**

The Highway Department has requested that the board change the deferred compensation Plan from a dollar amount to a percentage amount. There was little discussion and all board members present agreed to make the necessary changes.

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., W. Witts  
                     Nays 0

- 11) Resolved is the change in the Deferred Compensation Plan from a dollar amount to a percentage amount.

RESOLUTION # 19-43

12) **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF PETER ROBINSON**

Supervisor Tomlinson shared with the board members a letter of resignation from Peter Robinson. All board members wished him well and stated he will be missed.

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., W. Witts  
                     Nays 0

- 13) Resolved was the approval of the resignation letter of Peter Robinson.



RESOLUTION # 19-44

14) **APPROVAL OF BANK STATEMENTS AND EXPENSE REPORT AS OF 4/4/2019**

Supervisor Tomlinson presented the bank statements and expense report as of 4/4/2019. He is seeking the boards approval on this item.

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., W. Witts  
                     Nays 0

15) Resolved was the approval of bank statements and the expense report as of 4/4/2019.

RESOLUTION # 19-45

16) **APPROVAL OF PAY ROLL 6 & 7 & 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER**

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

**ADOPTED**      Ayes 4              S. Tomlinson, M. Stuart, J. Stuart Jr., W. Witts  
                     Nays 0

17) There was an approval for Pay roll 6, 7 & 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.

RESOLUTION # 19-46

18) **APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY FUND ABSTRACT 3A & 4**

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., W. Witts  
                     Nays 0

19) Resolved that the Town Highway Find Abstracts 3A & 4 have been reviewed and approved.

RESOLUTION #19-47

20) **APPROVAL OF TOWN GENERAL FUND ABSTRACTS 3A & 4**



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., W. Witts  
                     Nays 0

21) Resolved that the Town General Fund 3A & 4 have been reviewed and approved for payment.

22) **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Colson stated the following:

1. We have been doing maintenance on some of our equipment. The pins for the bucket on the loader stopped taking grease and were starting to seize up. So, we are replacing them and while we have the bucket off, we are sand blasting it and the lift arms.
2. We took the plows off the 2010 Mack and with a little modification we put them onto the 1999 International. We did this because the plows on the International were rusting thru and we were patching the holes.
3. The 2010 Mack – We were able to turn the motor over by hand. So we then decided to start it. The motor smoked at first then it cleaned up. After letting it run for 15 minutes, we drove it from the shop to the pole barn. There is a lot of damage to the cab and to the mechanical parts. What I would like to see happen is to put the truck on Auctions International and see what we get for it as is.

It was asked by board members if it can be fixed, should the town spend the money in repairs. After much discussion, the board agreed to put it up for auction. They asked Superintendent Colson to speak with Hamilton County Highway Superintendent Tracy Eldredge on his thoughts for value and to see if it can be combined on the site with the county's items.

4. I would like to make the River Road a seasonal road starting just past the camp right before the ledges. (He noted that Section 205-a of the Highway Law allows him to make this decision.) It will be a seasonal road from December 1<sup>st</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>. I will order two signs. One will be the normal seasonal road sign and the other will be put up at the beginning of the road and it will say seasonal road ahead.



JoAnn Robinson asked about blocking it off if they have fire insurance, Superintendent Colson will double check with Hamilton County Highway Superintendent Tracy Eldrege to be sure.

5. Supervisor Tomlinson added to this report that he would like to see the garage door panels replaced that are broken and a garage door opener installed. Superintendent Colson received a quote from Amsterdam Overhead Doors and will be seeking to get one from Colonial Doors. The board agreed to go ahead with the project once the second quote was received and go with the best offer.

23) RESOLUTION 19-48

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 'WELCOME TO HOPE' SIGNS FOR THE END OF THE OLD NORTHVILLE ROAD, MAPLE GROVE ROAD AT THE TREE FARM ON THE OLD NORTHVILLE ROAD.**

Superintendent Colson talked to Eric and Michelle Reidell and they agreed to allow a 'Welcome to Hope' sign on their property at the end of the Old Northville Road.

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

**ADOPTED**      Ayes 4              S. Tomlinson, M. Stuart, J. Stuart Jr., W. Witts  
                     Nays 0

- 24) Resolved was the approval to purchase new 'Welcome to Hope' signs.

25) RESOLUTION 19-49

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE PARK AND TRANSFER STATION SIGNS FOR THE BALLFIELD**

Supervisor Tomlinson seeks the boards approval to purchase a 'Transfer Station' sign and a 'Park' sign, both to be located at the ballfield.

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

**ADOPTED**      Ayes 4              S. Tomlinson, M. Stuart, J. Stuart Jr., W. Witts  
                     Nays 0

- 26) Resolved was the approval to purchase a 'Transfer Stations' and 'Park' sign to be located at the ballfield.



27) **TOWN CLERK'S COMMENTS**

Jill states tax collection has ended, and she will be reconciling the account on 4/10/2019 with Beth Hunt at the Hamilton County Treasurer's office.

She will also be attending a webinar on Online Death Records.

Jill stated she received an email from Eliza Darling requesting to know how far back the books go at the town hall. Many books and records were lost in a fire some years ago. However, the records she needs, the town does not have any that can be located. It is in reference to Sarah and John Bennet from 1913-1914. She also asked if the Town of Hope ever had a police officer or sheriff's department. There are no records to indicate this either.

Marleen Webster would like to use the pavilion on 9/14/2019. However, Jill has not granted this yet due to not knowing when the town picnic would be. After much discussion with the town board, it was agreed that the town picnic would be 9/15/2019.

Jill will have no town hall hours from April 22nd- May 8<sup>th</sup> due to vacation.

28) **TOWN SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

Supervisor Tomlinson summarized the meeting and all that was accomplished.

**COUNCILPERSON'S COMMENTS**

Councilperson William Witts would like dates of anything happening around town as he will submit them for the Hamilton County calendar.

29) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none currently.

With no further business on a motion by Councilperson Mark Stuart, seconded by Councilperson John Stuart Jr., the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hope was adjourned at 1933.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Dunham, Town Clerk

Meeting notes can be found at the Town of Hope website at: [www.townofhopeny.org](http://www.townofhopeny.org)

