

Town of Hope
Regular Board Meeting
March 11, 2019

- 1) Town of Hope Regular Board Meeting on March 11, 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 11th day of March 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- 31

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

On a motion by Councilperson John Stuart Jr., 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 February 12, 2019 Board Meeting have been reviewed and approved as presented.
- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
Present were Joann Robinson, and Pete Robinson, and Phil Snyder
Phil Snyder wanted to say that he likes what he sees happening in the Town of Hope and wanted to see the Town of Hope and the Town of Benson look to working together more through the shared services as both towns are small and will benefit more from those shared services.
- 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 census report for the Town.
2. I am working on completing annual state code report and will file it before April 1st deadline.
3. I met with Andy Prior and am reviewing his plans for a new modular home on State Highway 30.
4. I spoke with Derek Vandenberg regarding a new modular house he wants to build on 177 Rice Rd and I anticipate receiving plans from him soon.



RESOLUTION # 19-32

8) **APPROVAL TO START GARBAGE PICK UP FOR ALL TOWN OF HOPE RESIDENTS**

Supervisor Tomlinson summarized the Public Hearing regarding weekly garbage pick up for Town of Hope residents that had occurred one hour prior to tonight's regular board meeting. He stated two residents were in attendance. They asked questions about the details in leaving garbage out and when it would be picked up. Highway Superintendent added that he is seeking the boards approval to move ahead with weekly garbage pickup. It would start one week after the Annual Clean Up week. The start date would be Monday, May 13, 2019. He states the pick up would occur every Monday, unless Monday were a holiday or inclement weather prevented the pickup. At this point garbage pick up would occur on Tuesdays. He states that he believes it can be completed in a half of a day and completed with his current number of crewmen. There was further discussion on the details of what would be picked up and the weight of garbage allowed. The details of such will be going out in the annual flyer that Jill intends to mail out within the next week or two. Supervisor Tomlinson and Superintendent Colson plan to also go visit the residents and spread word of the details.

Attached to these notes are the flyer inserts that will be mailed in the next week or two.

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

- 9) Resolved that the approval for the Highway Department to start weekly garbage pick up starting May 13, 2019.

RESOLUTION #19-33

10) **APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF A NEW DUMP TRUCK**

As stated in the previous meeting notes, Highway Superintendent Zachery Colson had an accident with the 2010 Mack dump truck in which he and the truck went over embankment. He town board also help a special board meeting on February 25, 2019 regarding the insurance options since the truck was totaled. Ultimately, the town board voted to buy the truck from the insurance company and will be discussing further on what to do with it.

Highway Superintendent Colson presented detailed demographics of four trucks that he feels would be best suited for the town of Hope. At the suggestion of Superintendent Colson, the board unanimously agreed to purchase a new International CV. Supervisor Tomlinson discussed how the town would pay for it through a vehicle CD and insurance money. He explained at this point he sees no need to have to touch the fund balance to cover the cost. The truck will be purchased through H.L. Gage Sales, Inc. The builder of the box will be Viking Lives. The state contract # is: 7823.



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 purchase of a new dump truck for the Highway Department.

RESOLUTION # 19-34

- 12) **APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO POST TOWN ROADS IN 2019**
Highway Superintendent Tracy Eldredge seeks the Town of Hope town boards approval to be able to post town roads as deemed necessary by him in the year 2019.

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 to grant permission to County Highway Superintendent to post Town of Hope town roads in 2019 as when he deems necessary.

RESOLUTION # 19-35

- 14) **APPROVAL OF BANK STATEMENTS AND EXPENSE REPORT AS OF 2/26/2019**
Supervisor Tomlinson presented the bank statements and expense report as of 2/26/2019. He is seeking the boards approval on this item.

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

- 15) Resolved was the approval of bank statements and the expense report as of 2/26/2019.

RESOLUTION # 19-36

APPROVAL OF 2018 AUD REPORT

Supervisor Tomlinson presented to the town board the 2018 AUD report and is seeking the boards approval to accept it.

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



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

16) Resolved that the town board approved the 2018 AUD report.

RESOLUTION # 19-37

17) **APPROVAL OF PAY ROLL 4 & 5**

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

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

18) There was an approval for Pay roll 4 & 5.

RESOLUTION # 19-38

19) **APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY FUND ABSTRACT 2A & 3**

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

20) Resolved that the Town Highway Fund Abstracts 2A & 3 have been reviewed and approved.

RESOLUTION #19-39

21) **APPROVAL OF TOWN GENERAL FUND ABSTRACTS 2A & 3**

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

22) Resolved that the Town General Fund 2A & 3 have been reviewed and approved for payment.



23) **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Colson stated the following:

1. We have been using the 99 International and so far, it is holding up ok. It is starting to burn thru some antifreeze, and it will need to be addressed if we decide to keep using it.
2. We have been getting things ready for spring. We are welding new teeth on the rake, putting new brushes on the broom and making water bars in the roads for the spring melt.
3. I have created a list of the town's equipment. It details the equipment has some estimate replacement times (in years).
4. The weather is looking good for the next couple of weeks and with any luck the spring thaw is upon us.

24) **TOWN CLERK'S COMMENTS**

Jill states that she received calls from the assessor, Jim Abbott, regarding the state's refusal to pay their property taxes due to the line item Fire Tax on the bill. This has been an ongoing issue and she has been working with the county on this matter. Apparently, they were seeking the proof as to when Hope Fire Department became a district in the town. The County Clerk's Office was able to find this information and sent the proof on to the respected parties. Hope Fire Department became a Fire District by town resolution in 1961.

Jill spoke briefly on the movement forward for GAVAC Ambulance seeking a permanent Certificate of Need for many areas, including the Town of Hope. She states that Supervisor Tomlinson did sign the requested letter of support for GAVAC and she will mail that to the appropriate parties.

Tax season is winding down with only a few weeks left. There are about 100 outstanding bills to be collected on at this time.

25) **TOWN SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

Supervisor Tomlinson summarized the meeting and all that was accomplished.

COUNCILPERSON'S COMMENTS

No councilperson had anything new to add.



26) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none currently.

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 1749.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Dunham, Town Clerk

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