

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 20, 2020

At the Regular Board Meeting held at the Hopkinton Town Hall on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilpersons Pullano, Rust, Wenzel, Clerk Powers, Assessor Fukes, Codes Officer Ploof.

ABSENT: Councilperson Sochia

OTHERS PRESENT: Vickie French, Kelly & Frank Potenzano, Sue Lyon, Amber & Randy Lindsey, Luke Dailey, Doug & Lori Witherill, Janice & Joe Pease, Jan Keller, Richard Eakins, Charlie Rohlf.

Supv. Wood called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Privilege of the Floor:

John Mahoney: A letter was received from Mr. Mahoney supporting the two (2) local laws under consideration.

Vickie French: Spoke concerning the two (2) local laws: against the "opt-out" law and questioning if the Solar law should fall under "land-use" provision. She also asked about Board plan to pay NYS Retirement this year.

Lori Witherill: Spoke supporting the "opt-out" law.

Janice Pease: Spoke supporting the "opt-out" law and voiced concern with Mr. Sochia voting regarding Solar law. It was noted the Mr. Sochia was not present.

Mr. Wenzel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pullano to accept minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 15, 2020 and the Public Hearing on June 29, 2020. Supv. Wood Aye, Councilpersons Pullano, Aye, Rust Aye, Wenzel Aye.

Ms. Pullano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wenzel to accept the Supervisors Financial Report for May 2020. Supv. Wood Aye, Councilpersons Pullano, Aye, Rust Aye, Wenzel Aye.

Voucher Nos. 161 to 185 General Fund Abstract 7 in the amount of \$56,899.18 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 81 to 88 Highway Fund Abstract 7 in the amount of \$137,316.73 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 12 to 13 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 7 in the amount of \$779.99 were audited and approved by the Board.

Ms. Pullano made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rust to pay the bills. Supv. Wood Aye, Councilpersons Pullano, Aye, Rust Aye, Wenzel Aye.

Budget Report: nothing to report

Correspondence:

Supv. Wood read a submitted report from Legislator Rick Perkins. She reviewed a letter received from April Fullerton regarding a request to set-up a mobile "hot-spot" and a snack shack in the Hopkinton Park, at no cost to the Town, through the summer. Ms. Pullano made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rust to approve the request. Supv. Wood Aye, Councilpersons Pullano, Aye, Rust Aye, Wenzel Aye.

Supv Wood received a telephone call from Debbie Christy regarding the possibility of posting speed limit signs in the Whitehill Rd. area in regard to 4-wheeler use.

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Old Business:

Solar Law: Ms. Pullano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wenzel, to adopt proposed Local Law 1 of 2020, entitled "Solar Energy Systems". There was a short discussion regarding the law. A full text of this Local Law is filed in the Local Law Book of the Town of Hopkinton.

Supv. Wood AYE, Councilpersons Pullano, AYE, Rust NAY, Wenzel AYE

Tax Law Section 487: Mr. Wenzel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pullano, to adopt proposed Local Law 2 of 2020, entitled "Opt-Out of the Tax exemption provisions of Real Property Tax Law 487". There was a short discussion regarding the law. A full text of this Local Law is filed in the Local Law Book of the Town of Hopkinton.

Supv. Wood AYE, Councilpersons Pullano, AYE, Rust NAY, Wenzel AYE

Committee Reports:

Supervisor Update: Supv. Wood discussed the on-going issue regarding the Food Pantry. Georgia Macy has resigned and Mary Converse has also resigned unless another individual can be found to assist her. Discussion was held and Supr. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wenzel, to have Ms. Pullano investigate further options. Supv. Wood Aye, Councilpersons Pullano, Aye, Rust Aye, Wenzel Aye

Supv. Wood also noted she is still awaiting final word regarding the Town Hall grant.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Ploof provided a report regarding the work permits to date.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes read his provided report.

Library: Ms. Keller noted that the Library has re-opened and there have been no capacity issues to date. She also requested the return of the Chrome book that had been lent to a board member.

Museum: Mr. Wenzel reported that the Historical Group is discussing attempts to re-start meetings under Covid precautions. All events to date and through the summer have been cancelled. The Holly Berry Craft Sale is still "up-in-the-air" for November, dependent on Covid precautions.

Highway: Supv. Wood read Mr. Green's provided report. There has been a request from Parishville-Hopkinton Central School to assist with the playground project. The Highway crew will assist if possible.

Town Facilities: No report

Rescue: Supv. Wood reported that a committee had been established to consider a new rescue vehicle. The TTVRS has received two new members.

BHLS: Supv. Wood read the provided report.

Groundskeeper: No report.

New Business:

S. Green Work Day Resolution: Ms. Rust introduced the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Wenzel, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hopkinton, location code 30582, hereby established the following standard workdays for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities: Stephen Green, Highway Superintendent, standard work day 6 hours per day.

Supv. Wood AYE, Councilpersons Pullano, AYE, Rust AYE, Wenzel AYE

Speed zone issue: The issue with a speed zone for 4-wheelers in the Jones Hill/Whitehill Rd. area needs to be tabled to receive additional information.

NYS Retirement payment: will be discussed in conjunction with 2021 Budget review.

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Privilege of the Floor:

Richard Eakins: Mr. Eakins asked why the present solar units are not assessed. Discussion was held regarding if assessment is based on wattage, if the units add value, if the units are on or off "the grid", and what other towns are doing. Need for assessment is needed due to the "opt-out" law. Mr. Fukes will review and research the issue and look to NYS for guidance.

Blood Drive: Ms. Pullano announced there will be a ARC Blood Drive on September 30, 2020 from Noon - 5:00 PM at the Hopkinton Town Hall.

Mr. Wenzel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pullano to adjourn the meeting. Supv. Wood Aye, Councilpersons Pullano, Aye, Rust Aye, Wenzel Aye

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Richard L. Powers
Town Clerk