

## TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2020

7pm

Supervisor Russell Hall calls meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance observed by all.

Roll call: Supervisor Russell Hall-Present  
Councilperson- Jill Hoopes-Present  
Councilperson-Carolyn Carney-Present  
Councilperson- Steve Ritter-Present Late  
Councilperson- Linda Mascho-absent

Also present: Patricia Schurr-Town Clerk  
Attorney- David Pullen

Assemblage: Jim Monheim, Dale Clark, Les Dahill, Barb Davison, B.J. Howe, Oakley Sortore.

**Motion to** approve the minutes from February 19, 2020 meeting, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

**Motion to** approve the Supervisor's report for February 2020, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

**Motion to** approve the audited bills for February 2020 in the amount of \$236,115.51 offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Roll call: Jill Hoopes-aye, Carolyn Carney-aye, Russell Hall-aye.

### **Supervisor's Concerns**

Supervisor Hall advises that the Town Departments are segregating their workers/splitting up their work and or sending some workers home as it is not a busy time and to try to keep workers from acquiring illness(COVID-19) and subjecting the whole dept. from being ill. There was a question as if an employee was sent home if he would get still get paid and he advised they would and hopefully, Towns will somehow get compensated by the government. The Town Courts are halted till further notice.

Supervisor advised he may have to declare the Town of Friendship in a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19, he said we aren't to that point yet, he will wait and see.

CODE ENFORCEMENT- Supervisor Hall asked for a committee to appoint an Code Enforcement officer, it really has come down to 2 Code applicants that are already Code Enforcement

officers. It was decided that Carolyn Carney and Supervisor Hall would look at the two applicants and decide the best one. There were some applications from residences in Friendship, however the Town really needs one now and anyone else would have to have Schooling. Whoever they appoint would just be till the end of the year, and they can re-appoint him or if he doesn't do a good job they can look for someone else. Town is really in need of a Officer, now. Kevin Margerum would stay to help the new person to close out some files.

Board members made aware over the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Finance School, in Saratoga Springs, NY, or Geneva, NY scheduled in May if anyone as interested.

### **WATER- SEWER BILLING ON TWO PROPERTIES**

Main Street where the Sacred Church was and old Variety Store. This property was Donated to the Historical Society. There is water and sewer caps for both sites.

The Historical society combined these on property to one and wants to get caps for just one of them, especially since it is a non for profit.

The Board decided that the water bills should stay the same, Jill Hoopes questioned this since they are the Historical Society and non for profit. Supervisor Hall stated they could go to individuals or business and ask for donations or have a fundraiser. Dale Clark advised that the Fire Dept. gets caps and they are a non for profit.

There other property in question was 14 West Water, owned by Joshua Cross. It was a duplex And he initially asked for 2 meters, however he has gutted the downstairs and only using water in the upstairs. The Board decided that until the bottom is livable or apartment that the bottom should just get the caps from this time on. He still gets his full bill for the upstairs.

### **PUBLIC CONCERNS**

**Dale Clark's**-Concern was over the Code Enforcement officer. He has a list of things he Needs the Code Officer to follow up on.

Concern over 22 Maple Ave., property owned by Fred Cook. Supervisor Hall stated the Board made a decision that tied Code's ability to do anything. The Town Attorney advised, unless there is a dangerous situation under the Building Code, such as being unsightly or dangerous then it would have to be demoed because it is a derelict building. The Town Law states the Board can declare a Resolution that the Land owner be held liable and demo the building.

There are means. Kevin Margerum had advised at a time that it will not fall down, there is tape around it.

**Dale Clark** also advised that the Town Board can always use the BINGO Hall for meetings if they need to, they just have to let him know.

**Jill Hoopes** mentioned that there are some people that are interested in Friendship having the Hometown Hero banner. She will look into this a little further and let the Board know what she can find out.

**Supervisor Hall** also advised that there is missing ambulance "stuff" from the bay area and would like a motion to buy 2 more cameras like the Town Hall has in their office. The following motion was set forth:

**Motion to** purchase 2-more Cameras for the ambulance bay; possibly 2 more z-moto cameras and with the yearly cloud charge, it should not be more than \$200.00, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

**Motion to** approve the Southern Tier West Basic Membership due of \$200.00, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

#### **HIGHWAY 10 WHEELER TRUCK DUMP BOX AND PLOW BOND RESOLUTION**

The following resolution was offered by Jill Hoopes, who moved its adoption and seconded by Carolyn Carney, to wit:

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 18, 2020 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS NOT TO EXCEED \$225,000.00 BY THE TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP, ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE IN PART THE COST OF NEW 2021 FREIGHTLINER 114SD TRUCK WITH TENCO DUMP BOC AND PLOW EQUIPMENT.**

**BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 18, 2020 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS NOT TO EXCEED \$225,000.00 BY THE Town of Friendship, Allegany County, New York, Pursuant to the Local Finance Law to Finance in part the cost of new 2021 Freightliner 114SD Truck with Tenco Dump Box and Plow Equipment.**

**WHEREAS**, THE TOWN Board of the Town of Friendship, Allegany County, New York, by resolution duly adopted on March 18, 2020 authorizing the purchase of a New 2021 Freightliner 114SD Truck with TENCO Dump Box and Plow Equipment for use by the Town of Friendship Highway Department, said truck with equipment to be purchased at a total price of \$216,811.92, and

**WHEREAS**, it is now desired to provide for the financing of said truck with equipment to be purchased at a total price of \$216,881.92, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The purchased of a new 2021 Freightliner 114D Truck with TENCO Dump Box and Plow Equipment is hereby authorized at a maximum cost of \$216,881.92.
2. The plan for the financing of said truck with equipment is by the payment of \$100,081.92 from the Town Highway Equipment Reserve Fund, and by the issuance of \$116,800.00 serial bonds of said Town, pursuant to the Local Finance Law which bonds are hereby authorized therefore; further details pertaining to said bonds may be prescribed in another resolution or resolutions of this board.
3. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of said notes, is hereby delegated to the Supervisor of said Town, the chief fiscal officer. Said notes shall be of such term, for and contents, and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with provisions of the Local Finance Law.
  4. It is hereby determined that the period of the probable usefulness of the aforesaid object or purpose if fifteen years, pursuant to subdivision of 28 of paragraph A of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and the said bonds will mature over a period not in excess of five years.
  5. The faith and credit of said Town of Friendship, Allegany County, New York are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same respectively becomes due and payable.
  6. The bonds hereby authorized are declared to be "exempt bonds" under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 inasmuch as the Town of Friendship will not issue more than \$10,000,000.00 of bonds during the year of issue.
  7. The validity of such bonds or notes or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds may be contested only if:
    - i. Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the municipality, school district or district corporation is not to expend money, or
    - ii. The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution or summary thereof, or certificate, as the case may be, are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty(20) days after the date of such publication, or
    - iii. Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

The question of the adoption of the forgoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Jill Hoopes-aye  
Carolyn Carney-aye  
Linda Mascho-absent  
Steve Ritter-aye  
Russell Hall-aye

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Reports Received:**

Town Clerk report for February 2020

Hwy

Dept. reports for October, November, December 2019, Jan 2020.

Dog Control report for February 2020

Public works

Shared Services report

Justice report

Police Dept. report

Motion to adjourn offered by Jill Hoopes seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Adjourned 8:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr  
Town Clerk