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TOWN OF HUME JANUARY 9, 2013

A regular meeting of the Hume Town Board, Allegany County, New York was held on January 9, 2013 at the Town of Hume Museum, 10842 Claybed Road, Hume, New York. Supervisor Dennis Ricketts called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and he led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Officials in attendance: Supervisor Dennis Ricketts; Council members Gregory McKurth, Christopher Austin, Daniel Miller, and Bruce Hinz; Highway Superintendent Kevin Peet; Historian Rondus Miller; Attorney David Pullen; Town Clerk Sondra MacEwan; and Deputy Town Clerk Joanne Cockle.

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Councilman Austin moved that the Minutes of the December 12, 2012 meeting of the Board be accepted as presented. Councilman Miller seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Joe Lates was given the floor to explain his concerns about erosion and his property on Higgins Creek Road. The pictures he presented showed the encroachment of the creek through his property and the undercutting of his garage along the creek bank. He estimated that, if unchecked, the erosion was also a threat to the bridge connecting Higgins Creek Road to County Road 3.

Discussion centered on the DEC permitting processes, the area wide problem with stream bank erosion, costs, and procedures.

Supervisor Ricketts will set up a meeting with the Allegany County DPW, Soil and Water Conservation, the Town of Hume, and Mr. Lates to continue discussion and seek a remedy.

Joseph Miller addressed the Board. He outlined the benefits extended to the Town of Hume through its relationship with Houghton College. He then questioned the Board on the policy relating to use of the Town Ball field.

Mr. Miller was assured that the Town was not seeking a monetary contract for ball field use, but needed proof of insurance and coordinated schedules. Councilman Austin will be the liaison with Houghton College and Fillmore Central School for field use.

Mr. Miller also commented on the abuse of the back stops during batting practices. This will be addressed during the park upgrade.

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Joe Miller had questions about the assessment of his property as compared to neighboring properties. He was directed to Assessor Russell Heslin for clarification.

PUBLIC HEARING – FIRE/RESCUE CONTRACTS

At 7:15, Supervisor Ricketts opened the Public Hearing for any comment on the proposed contracts with the William P. Brooks Hose Company, Brooks Hose Rescue Squad, and the Wiscoy/Roszburg Fire Company.

No one was present for this hearing, but the opportunity to comment was left open while the Board turned back to the Community Forum topics. The hearing was closed at 8:50 PM.

Councilman Austin moved that the contracts with the William P. Brooks Hose Company, Brooks Hose Rescue Squad, and the Wiscoy/Roszburg Fire Company be ratified. Councilman Miller seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

FUEL BIDS

At 7:53 PM, Supervisor Ricketts opened the lone bid for fuels for the Town for 2013. The bid was from Rinker Oil Company.

Diesel #2	\$3.2920/gallon
Diesel #1	\$3.3770/gallon
Unleaded	\$2.93900/gallon

Councilman Austin moved that the Rinker Oil Company bid be accepted, and Councilman McKurth seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Clair Beeman and Kevin Margerum, from the Office of Code Enforcement, were present to discuss property maintenance, inspections, and compliance procedures with the Board.

Primary discussion centered on the Board's desire to pursue compliance. Mr. Margerum emphasized the need to be consistent with each inspection, recognizing that the legal trail was vital to the resolution of each case.

Supervisor Ricketts moved that Attorney David Pullen review the present Junk Dealer Ordinance for possible updating and strengthening. Councilman Austin seconded the motion. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

MUSEUM

Historian Rondus Miller explained her plans to move a half wall at the Museum to better use work areas and meeting space.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Ricketts moved that the Board enter Executive Session to consult with legal counsel, and Councilman Austin seconded. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:43 PM and returned to Open Meeting at 9:45 PM.

LEGAL DISCUSSIONS

Councilman Austin moved that the Notice of Complete Application for the Cold Creek Stabilization Project be published in the Olean Times Herald, and Councilman McKurth seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Genesee River Wilds requested that the Board endorse their grant application for work along Genesee River through the Allegany County and Town of Hume areas. Councilman McKurth moved that the Town adopt a resolution (1-A-13) endorsing Genesee River Wilds and the grant application of that corporation. Supervisor Ricketts seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Councilman Austin moved that the Dog Control Officer's report be accepted as presented. Councilman Miller seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Supervisor Ricketts brought up the budget for dog control, and suggested an increase in fees for licensing. Councilman Austin moved that the issue be tabled until the next meeting so that more information was available, and Councilman Hinz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Councilman Austin moved that the report of the Bingo Inspector be accepted as presented, and Councilman Hinz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Councilman Austin moved that the Town sign the Mutual Aid Agreement with Allegany County. Supervisor Ricketts seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Andrew Peet submitted a written request for a one-year leave of absence to pursue self-employment, the leave to be effective 01-18-2013 to 01-1-8-2014.

Councilman Austin moved that Andrew Peet be granted a one-year unpaid leave. Councilman McKurth seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Councilman Austin moved that the Insurance Opt-out amount be raised to \$3000.00. Councilman Hinz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

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SUPERVISOR'S AGENDA

Councilman McKurth moved that the retainer agreement with David Pullen, Attorney, be approved. Councilman Miller seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Councilman Austin moved that the following list of Organization and Appointments be accepted. Councilman Hinz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes

ORGANIZATION AND APPOINTMENTS		
2013		
Town Historian	Rondus Miller	
Bingo Inspector	Ray Swarthout	
DOC	Ray Swarthout	
Animal Damage Officer	Ray Swarthout	
Deputy Supervisor	Daniel Miller	
Audit Committees		
	Highway	Greg McKurth
	General	Chris Austin
	Sewer & Water	Bruce Hinz
	Special Districts	Dan Miller
	Water/Sewer Billing	Dan Miller
	DPW Committees	
	Highway	Dan Miller & Chris Austin
	W/S	Bruce Hinz & Greg McKurth
Records Advisory Committee	Bruce Hinz	
	Dan Miller	
	Rondus Miller	
Buildings and Grounds Comm.	Bruce Hinz & Greg McKurth	
Court Clerk	Karen Cwiklinski	
Mileage Rate	56.5 cents per mile	
Depository	Community Bank	
Newspaper	Olean Times Herald	
Posting Places	Town Hall, Community Bank, Library, Brooks Hose, W/R Fire Hall, Speicher's Store, Jubilee	
Board Meeting Dates	2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM as necessary	
Meeting Place	Town of Hume Museum	
P.T. Laborer/Seasonal Laborer Rate	Maximum of \$9.35 per hour	
Office Cleaning	Maximum of \$9.35 per hour	

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Bookkeeper	Ted Hopkins; Wage set \$23.00/hour)
Purchasing Policy, Employee Handbook and Investment Policy	Ratified
2 year appointments	2 year terms 01-01-12 to 12-31-13
Records Audit Committees	
Justice Department	Greg McKurth
Supr. & Clerk's Records	Dan Miller
Registrar	Sondra MacEwan
Deputy Registrar	Joanne Cockle

Councilman Austin moved that the following transfers be approved, and Councilman Hinz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

TO	From	Amount
A1110.1 Justice Salary	A1110.2 Justice Equip	.06
A1331.1 FCS Tax Coll Salary	A1330.11 Dep Tax Coll	690.00
A1331.4 FCS Tax Contractual	A1330.11 Tax Coll Contractual	9.00
A1410.1 Town Clerk Salary	Unappropriated Fund Bal	4900.00
A5132.4 Garage Contractual	Unappropriated Fund Bal	140.00
A7110.4 Parks Contractual	A7110.2 Parks Equip	80.00
A7510.1 Historian Salary	A7510.2 Historian Equip	.06
SS8110.1 Sewer Admin	SS8110.400 Sewer Admin Contractual	.12
SW8310.1 Water Admin	SW8310.4 Water Admin Contractual	.12

CLERK'S TOPICS

The details of the annual Association of Town meeting were distributed.

Councilman Austin continues to develop specifications for a furnace for the Town Offices.

Councilman Austin moved that new carpet be installed in the Town Offices. Councilman Miller seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

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BILLS AND REPORTS

Councilman McKurth moved that the reports of the Supervisor and Town Clerk be accepted as presented, and that the bills be accepted for payment. Councilman Austin seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

(General #1-33 \$16923.41; Highway #1-14 \$12116.35; Fire #1 \$388.96; Light #1 \$1651.24; Sewer #1-10 \$1909.34; Water #1-15 \$1659.81)

Councilman Austin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Hinz seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9: 55 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Hume Town Board will be February 13, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Sondra MacEwan,
Town Clerk