

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

TOWN OF HUME
MARCH 13, 2013

A regular meeting of the Hume Town Board, Allegany County, New York was held on March 13, 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; Deputy Historian Nancy Gillette; Attorney Richard Buck; Water and Sewer Superintendent Dana Potter; Town Clerk Sondra MacEwan; and Deputy Town Clerk Joanne Cockle.

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Councilman Austin moved that the Minutes of the February 13, 2013 meeting of the Board be accepted as presented. Councilman Miller seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

2013 FCS AG ISSUE TEAM

The 6-member Ag Issue Team, directed by their advisor, Than Mehlenbacher, performed their short play arguing the need for labeling GMO products and ingredients. Using a moderated “hearing” format, the students effectively and humorously presented both sides of the issue.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2013

At 7:15 PM, Supervisor Ricketts opened the public hearing on draft local law #2 of 2013. The hearing remained open while other agenda items were addressed.

MUSEUM

Historian Rondus Miller and Deputy Historian Nancy Gillette narrated a power point presentation about the Genesee Valley Warehouse. This historically significant building at 64 West Main Street now houses the Country Studio. They also talked about the busy Genesee Valley Canal days and the businesses in Fillmore.

FILLMORE FUN FEST

Darlene Mason spoke for the Fillmore Fun Fest Committee, presenting a formal letter requesting that the Town purchase a banner that will cross Main Street and advertise special events in the Town.

After discussion, Councilman Austin moved that the Town purchase the banner at a cost not to exceed \$600.00, and Councilman Hinz seconded the motion. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

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Supervisor Ricketts and Councilman Austin will work on the permits necessary to hang the banner.

MUNICIPAL INSURANCE RENEWAL

Robert Walker spoke with the Board about changes to the municipal insurance policies and the attendant fees.

Councilman Miller moved that the policies be renewed with Walker Insurance Agency and that the premiums be paid. Councilman McKurth seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2013

Discussion on Introductory Local Law #2 of 2013, a local law providing for the licensing, identification and Control of Dogs in the Town of Hume continued until 8:19 PM.

Deb Wagoner expressed concern over the imposition of late renewal fees. No others commented on the proposed law.

Councilman Austin moved adoption of Resolution 03-A-13, a resolution adopting the proposed law. Councilman Hinz seconded. All members voted Yes, and Supervisor Ricketts declared that Local Law #1 of 2013 was duly adopted. (The sequential numbering changed at adoption because the order of adoption was different than the order of introduction.)

LEGAL TOPICS

Richard Buck, attorney with the Richardson & Pullen law firm, conferred with the Board about changes to local regulations concerning junk dealers. Further modifications will be made to the draft based on questions and comments from the Board.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Discussion on the asphalt and construction materials purchases for 2013 was tabled until the April meeting.

Superintendent Peet questioned the Board about summer mowing plans. He stressed that if the mowing was to be contracted, then procedures to advertise should start immediately. Discussion will continue after Superintendent Peet checks labor laws and insurance costs for part time employees.

Supervisor Ricketts told the Board that the minor modifications to the Brooks Hose Fire Hall parking area must be completed by August 12, 2013. The striping of handicap parking spaces is required to meet an ADA stricture. Superintendent Peet will purchase the necessary paint and schedule the project.

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WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

A lightning strike caused damage to the controls at the Water Plant. The repair bills were submitted to the insurance company which made restitution to the Town (less the deductible).

Councilman Miller moved that the bill from MB Controls for those repairs be paid from the water equipment account (SW8320.2), and Councilman Austin seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Councilman Austin moved that funds received from the insurance reimbursement be transferred into SW8320.2. Councilman Miller seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Policies and procedures for the water/sewer billing were discussed, and follow up discussion and study will be done.

GRANTS

Only one proposal for design services for the Greenway Rehabilitation Project was received. The proposal was from Clark Patterson Lee of Olean, New York totaling \$22000.00.

Councilman McKurth moved that the proposal from Clark Patterson Lee be accepted. Councilman Austin seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

The proposal will be submitted to the State for a check of conformance to specifications.

The dugouts have been removed at the Town ball field. This officially begins the construction phase of the Park Grant. The contractor is ready to proceed with fencing and the new dugouts.

The Town will seek a contractor to remove a tree at the ball field edge.

SUPERVISOR'S AGENDA

Darel Bower has completed installation of the new heating system at the Town offices except for removal of the old apparatus and a bit of clean up.

Supervisor Ricketts moved that Darel Bower be allowed to remove the old water tanks at the time he removes the heating parts. Councilman Austin seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Councilman Austin moved that the Town accept the Union Employee's Contract subject to review by the Town attorney. Councilman Hinz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Work on the fire and rescue contracts continues.

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TOWN CLERK'S TOPICS

The annual Government Conference hosted by Southern Tier West will be in Houghton on May 8, 2013.

Councilman Daniel Miller and Councilman Gregory McKurth audited the financial records of the Supervisor, Town Clerk, and Justice Court and filed favorable reports.

Councilman McKurth moved that the miscellaneous supplies accumulated but unused upstairs at the Town Hall be declared surplus and distributed to Town departments who request them. Councilman Hinz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

BILLS AND REPORTS

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

Councilman Miller moved that the bill from J. Ballard for work at the Museum be accepted for payment. Supervisor Ricketts seconded. 4 ayes, 1 no. Councilman Hinz was the dissenting voter.

Councilman Austin moved that the charge for tax collection software (Allegany County) be accepted for payment. Councilman Hinz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

(Final abstracts – General #73-111 \$53755.89; Highway #42-61 \$25007.38; Park Grant #1 \$2410.40; Fire Protection District #4 \$396.33; Lighting #3 \$1679.18; Sewer #26-42 \$6792.90; Water #41-61 \$10519.73)

Councilman McKurth moved that the meeting be adjourned; Councilman Miller seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Hume Town Board will be April 10, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Town Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Sondra MacEwan,
Town Clerk