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TOWN OF HUME
APRIL 10, 2013

A regular meeting of the Hume Town Board, Allegany County, New York was held on April 10, 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; Councilmen Daniel Miller, and Bruce Hinz; Highway Superintendent Kevin Peet; Historian Rondus Miller; Attorney David Pullen; Water and Sewer Superintendent Dana Potter; Town Clerk Sondra MacEwan; and Deputy Town Clerk Joanne Cockle. Councilmen Gregory McKurth and Christopher Austin were absent.

MINUTES

Councilman Hinz moved that the Minutes of the March 13, 2013 meeting of the Board be accepted as presented. Councilman Miller seconded. 3 ayes, 0 noes.

WATER EXTENSION

Brian Miller and Bruce Miller questioned the Board about a possible extension of Town water service to the new residence Brian Miller is building on Dugway Road. The discussion favored the extension; however, the Board will make preliminary queries to the Health Department to determine feasibility.

COMMUNITY TOPICS

Darlene Mason presented 2 proposals for purchase of a street banner that will announce local events. After consideration, Councilman Hinz moved that the Town purchase the banner from DeSign Arts of Arcade, New York at a cost not to exceed \$600.00. Councilman Miller seconded. 3 ayes, 0 noes.

Gary Gayford asked the Board to consider regulations to alleviate accumulated horse manure in public areas. He suggested asking businesses to erect hitching posts behind their buildings, and that the Town adopt and enforce a "clean it up" policy. The Board, having considered this topic before, agreed to continue researching possible solutions.

MUSEUM

Historian Rondus Miller reviewed recent newspaper coverage of the Town Museum, and detailed upcoming seminars.

She also asked the Board to help find a contractor to repair windows at the Museum. Councilman Miller will help.

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DOG CONTROL

Inspection reports for the Dog Control Officer and contracted kennel were filed with the Town Clerk.

GRANTS

Work within the Fillmore Park has started. The dugouts have been removed, the fencing is going up and the concrete work is in progress. Councilman Miller stressed the need to get the security cameras in place.

Superintendents Peet and Potter both emphasized a need to restrict dogs in the park. After discussion, Councilman Hinz moved that all dogs be banned from park grounds (Fillmore Park, Minard Park, Veteran's Memorial Park). Councilman Miller seconded. 3 ayes, 0 noes.

"No Dogs Allowed" signs will be erected, and the Dog Control Officer made aware of the rule.

The Design Contract for the Trails Grant was signed. Supervisor Ricketts will contact the grant administrator about the amount of funds to be released.

Councilman Miller moved that \$14500.00 be transferred from General unappropriated funds to HC5020.4, Capital Project (Trails) Engineering. Councilman Hinz seconded. 3 ayes, 0 noes.

The Cold Creek Grant project lacks the final permits from the Army Corp of Engineers.

LEGAL SUBJECTS

Councilman Hinz moved introduction of proposed Local Law #2 of 2013, (Res 4-A-13) a law regulating junk and junk dealers, and moved that a Public Hearing be held on May 8, 2013 at 7:30 PM to hear interested parties. Councilman Miller seconded. 3 ayes, 0 noes

Councilman Miller moved adoption of a resolution to make further changes and corrections in the proposed Fire and Ambulance contracts, but to approve payment immediately of the 2013 allocations for those services. (Res 4-B-13). Councilman Hinz seconded. 3 ayes, 0 noes.

The contracts will be examined at the next meeting.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Joe Lates's garage was victim of high water and erosion during the recent rains.

Lester Hershberger asked Superintendent Peet for reconsideration of the abandonment of Witt Road. He would like it reopened to ease his access to major roads.

The Town will hold a White Goods Clean Up Day on May 4, 2013 at the Town sheds from 9:00 a.m. until Noon.

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Superintendent Peet asked the Board to be pro-active in planning for new vehicles for the Highway Department by consider alternate financing, increases to capital reserve accounts, and possible leasing instead of purchase. A truck, an excavator, and a roller will be reaching replacement stage soon.

The Board discussed summer help and possible cost cutting solutions for the heavy schedules during the summer. No decisions were reached.

Councilman Miller moved that the Highway Superintendent be authorized to purchase asphalt and construction materials through the Allegany County bid awards for the 2013 construction season. Supervisor Ricketts seconded. 3 ayes, 0 noes.

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS

The Board received a verbal request to inactivate a water account where there is no longer a building. The Board reviewed a list of water and sewer accounts that have no water use but are charged the flat rate fee. The Board asked Attorney Pullen to draft an agreement whereby an account could be deactivated by motion of the Board, but that would set monetary prohibitions for reconnection.

MISCELLANEOUS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a District I Legislator's meeting in Caneadea on April 22, 2013.

The Southern Tier West Government Conference will be in Houghton on May 8, 2013. Please send in reservations as soon as possible.

An inspector for the insurance carrier visited Town buildings and personnel on April 8, 2013. His findings highlighted the need to update the Employee Handbook and protect properties from lightning damage.

SUPERVISOR'S AGENDA

Councilman Hinz moved that the Town carry the insurance for Fillmore Fun Fest in May. Councilman Miller seconded. 3 ayes, 0 noes.

The Union Contract has been finalized.

Property maintenance complaints have been filed on properties belonging to Bentley and Hennard.

Councilman Miller moved to appoint Margaret Mills as Recreation Director for 2013, and Councilman Hinz seconded. 3 ayes, 0 noes.

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TOWN CLERK TOPICS

The 2013 Town and County taxes were reconciled with the County Treasurer on April 5, 2013. The collection rate this period was 88%.

The Town Clerk's Office will be closing on Wednesdays throughout the summer so that work in the record's management room can go forward.

Councilman Miller moved, and Councilman Hinz seconded a motion to amend a prior authorization to transfer funds. The corrected motion reads " transfer from unappropriated funds to account SW8320.2 the amount of \$4018.50." 3 ayes, 0 noes. These funds were the insurance receipt from lightning damage.

BILLS AND REPORTS

Councilman Miller moved that the reports of the Supervisor and Town Clerk be accepted as presented, and that the bills be accepted for payment. Councilman Hinz seconded. 3 ayes, 0 noes.

(General #112-135 \$7427.98; Highway #62-74 \$12828.74; HB Cold Creek #1 \$10.57; Fire #5-9 \$82539.64; Lighting #4 \$1649.52; Sewer #43-55 \$1778.02; Water #62-78 \$1656.18)

Councilman Hinz moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Councilman Miller seconded. 3 ayes, 0 noes. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Hume Town Board will be May 8, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Town Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Sondra MacEwan, Town Clerk