

TOWN OF HUME
August 14, 2013

A regular meeting of the Hume Town Board, Allegany County, New York was held on August 14, 2013 at the William P. Brooks Hose Company Fire Hall, South Genesee Street, Fillmore, 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, Bruce Hinz, and Daniel Miller; Attorney David Pullen; Historian Rondus Miller; Town Clerk Sondra MacEwan; and Deputy Town Clerk Joanne Cockle.

MINUTES

Councilman Austin moved that the Minutes of the July 17, 2013 meeting of the Board be accepted as presented. Councilman Miller seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Philip Stockin, Supervisor of the Town of Caneadea, and David Stenzel, Water Operator for the Town of Caneadea, joined the Hume Board and over thirty residents in a discussion of the current state of the Hume Water and Sewer System.

Dana Potter's resignation as Town of Hume Water/Sewer Superintendent, effective in July 2013, led to an agreement between the Towns of Hume and Caneadea for the purchase of water from the Caneadea system and the guidance of their licensed water operator. The Hume Waste Water Treatment Plant does not require a licensed operator, and its function is being monitored by Supervisor Ricketts with help from Mr. Stenzel and oversight by the DEC.

The Hume water infrastructure is being maintained, all its facilities being in use and monitored. It is the water itself which comes from the Caneadea system. The Caneadea system has the capacity in volume to meet the needs of both systems, and, because water goes first to the tanks for storage before distribution to customers, there is sufficient water for any fire or emergency contingency. The main line connecting the Hume and Caneadea systems was installed during Hume's Water Improvement project to provide a backup water source and to facilitate the exchange of water during emergencies and exceptional circumstances.

Mr. Stenzel is overseeing this period of adaptation and adjustments. Treatments to the water, including chlorination, are being equalized so that standards are maintained for all customers.

Water rates in the Town of Hume will remain unchanged at this time. Not enough data has been collected or time elapsed to predict the costs of operating under this agreement. There will be no lapse in delivery, and any unforeseen problems will be addressed by a combination of Caneadea

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and Hume personnel. There are backups for the present operators. The Town of Hume expects soon to interview candidates for employment, although a specific job description will depend on the candidates' qualifications.

COLD CREEK GRANT

The armoring of Cold Creek began on July 8, 2013, and by August 8th, the construction crews were finishing the project.

Supervisor Ricketts thanked Brooks Hose Company for their cooperation and tolerance for the unexpected changes to site entry and rock storage that disordered the Fire Company's property.

Fire Chief Joel Clark read a list of items the fire company hoped the Board would endorse. Points included repairing the large hole in the parking lot, continued maintenance of the parking lot by the Town, top soil amendments and removal of bushes. Councilman Austin moved that the Town of Hume approve these conditions, and Councilman Hinz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Councilman Austin moved that the Keeler Construction Company bill for Cold Creek Rehabilitation of \$376531.70 be approved for payment. Councilman McKurth seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

PARKS GRANT

Councilman Miller discussed some of the budgeting changes for the Parks Grant, and listed some of the amenities to next be considered. These include a fountain, benches, and a security system.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Councilman Austin moved that \$12000.00 be transferred from the Highway Reserve for Repair and Maintenance, subject to Permissive Referendum, to the DA5110.4 to fund the Pond Road engineering study. Councilman Hinz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes

LEGAL TOPICS

Attorney David Pullen inquired about the Town of Hume designation of official to receive Notice of Claims from the State. Dennis Ricketts has been so designated.

Mr. Pullen also questioned the receipt of funds through the Pilot Agreement for the Cogeneration Facility. The Board tabled any continuation of this discussion while the status of these funds was researched.

SUPERVISOR'S AGENDA

A committee will meet with Insurance Agent Robert Walker to discuss Fillmore Fun Fest activities.

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The Waste Water Treatment Plant logs reflected a heavy in flow of water, and will be watched.

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

TO	From	Amount
SW8310.4 Water Admin	SW8320.4 Supply Contractual	\$700.00
A7110.4 Parks Contractual	A7110.2 Parks Equipment	\$2500.00
A1420.4 Law	A1620.14 Buildings Pers. Service	\$2000.00
SS8110.400 Contractual	SS1990.400 Contingent	\$1000.00

A 2013 Recreation Program report and a DCO report were submitted to the Board.

The Board will meet on August 20, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Town Offices to review employment applications.

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 Miller seconded 5 ayes, 0 noes.

(General #233-255 \$4485.44; Highway #139-151 \$37775.59; Lighting #8 \$1440.76; Fire Protection #13 \$348.50; Sewer #90-98 \$2467.63; Water #132-143 \$1883.24; Cold Creek Grant #3 \$376531.70)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Ricketts requested that the Board enter Executive Session to confer with the Town Attorney. Councilman Miller seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:35 PM and returned to open meeting at 8:57 PM.

Councilman McKurth moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. 5 ayes, 0 noes. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Hume Town Board will be Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Town Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Sondra MacEwan,
Town Clerk