

## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

### **TOWN OF HUME OCTOBER 16, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Hume Town Board, Allegany County, New York was held on October 16, 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 Bruce Hinz, and Daniel Miller; Highway Superintendent Kevin Peet; Historian Rondus Miler; Sewer Department Representative Scott Willgens; Deputy Town Clerk Joanne Cackle; and Town Clerk Sondra MacEwan. Councilmen Gregory McKurth and Christopher Austin were absent.

#### COMMUNITY FORUM

Steve and Cathy Morley reviewed their proposal from Ambit Energy, an electric supply company, to change the Town's source of supply. Maintaining 15 metered accounts, they stated, would qualify the Town for "credits" applied to electric bills. They passed out a chart of the current billings with their projections appended. Supervisor Ricketts will study the figures, and report back.

Dale Preston was present, and discussed the noise problems he'd related to the Board at a prior meeting. Board members had contacted the school and changes to the sound system are slated. Mr. Preston said he had noticed an improvement.

Rose and Joseph Swain were present with questions about a Variance Board decision. Their concerns, and further questions, will be routed to the Code Enforcement Officer.

#### SNOW PLOW BIDS

At 7:30 PM, Supervisor Ricketts opened the only bid for a 2014 9'Fisher MC Snowplow, Installed. The bid was from R.S. Maher and Son, Inc. at \$11480.00.

Councilman Miller moved that the bid from R. S. Maher be accepted, and Councilman Hinz seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent.

#### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Councilman Miller reported that equipment for the park had arrived at the Town Highway sheds.

Councilman Miller moved that the invoices for the equipment (Summit Supply \$8285.45 and Playworld \$5587.06) be approved for payment. Councilman Hinz seconded. 3 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent.

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Councilman Hinz moved that the Snow and Ice Contract with Allegany County be approved and that the Supervisor be authorized to sign the contract. Councilman Miller seconded. 3 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent.

### MUSEUM

Historian Rondus Miller related her search into the locations of roads in the early Village years. She began with questions about the proximity of the railroad bed to her present domicile, and showed the Board the newspaper articles and pictures that supported her theory about the changes in roadways.

### GRANT UPDATES

The Town will store the new park and playground equipment until installation can be scheduled. The location of underground utilities will be researched.

The Cold Creek project is near completion. Pictures, plot maps, and reports require finalization.

Tom Swift had consulted Supervisor Ricketts to plan for the Greenway Trails project. The bidding process is now slated for Spring of 2014.

### SEWER DEPARTMENT

Scott Willgens told the Board that he is working on the renewal application for the SPDES permit.

### PARKS AND SIDEWALKS

Considering that no sidewalk projects are planned at this time, Councilman Miller suggested that oversight of the Park could be turned over to the Highway Superintendent in place of sidewalk management. This will be discussed during budget work sessions.

Councilman Miller moved that the Town advertise a job opening for a part time sidewalk snow plow position. Councilman Hinz seconded. 3 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent.

### WATER DEPARTMENT

Councilman Miller moved that the bills for delivered water (\$10942.00) and services (\$2943.00) from the Houghton system be approved for payment. Councilman Hinz seconded. 3 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent.

### TOWN CLERK TOPICS

The official Trick-or-Treat Night was advertised as October 31, 2013 from 6 to 8 PM.

The reports of the DCO and Bingo Inspector were handed out.

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The report of relieved Water and Sewer arrears was handed out.

### 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, 2 absent.

(General #290-320 \$8648.38; Highway #170-187 \$26722.18; HB Cold Creek Grant #4-6 \$7155.87; Fire Protection #15 \$251.48; Lighting #10 \$1500.08; Sewer #108-112 \$477.48; Water #152-167 \$33593.00)

Councilman Miller moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Councilman Hinz seconded. 3 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent.

The next regular meeting of the Hume Town Board will be November 13, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Museum. Any change to this scheduled date will be posted.

Respectfully submitted,

Sondra MacEwan,  
Town Clerk