

## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

### TOWN OF HUME DECEMBER 11, 2013

A regular meeting of the Hume Town Board, Allegany County, New York was held on December 11, 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 Daniel Miller, Gregory McKurth, Christopher Austin, and Bruce Hinz; Attorney David Pullen; Highway Superintendent Kevin Peet; Sewer Plant Operator Scott Willgens; Deputy Town Clerk Joanne Cockle; and Town Clerk Sondra MacEwan.

Also attending were Council Member-elect Darlene Mason and Town Clerk-elect Susan Bodnar.

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

#### PUBLIC FORUM

Tom and Margaret Huey requested a review of their most recent water and sewer bill. The bill involved a property where a water line leak caused a high meter reading. A change in billing policy was discussed, whereby a volume of water not entering the sewer system would not be charged when calculating the sewer bill. Future discussion will held on this policy issue, and the Huey account will be adjusted according to any policy change.

Steve and Cathy Morley, Ambit Energy representatives, were present. Supervisor Ricketts had not completed his study of the electric accounts.

#### MUSEUM

Rondus Miller, Historian, detailed items found in old newspapers dated 1926. For example-- football legend Red Grange had an uncle who lived in Hume; a town in Alaska was named after a native of the Town of Granger; a better business bureau existed; and a new fire truck was purchased.

Ms. Miller used these highlights to focus attention on the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Town of Hume. She would like to start now to plan for that landmark date in 2022.

Councilman Miller reported on a meeting with representatives of Jean O'Connell's office on December 10, 2013. The grant writing team responded to the Town Clerk's query about possible grants for the alleviation of a mold problem in the records room. While considering that problem, the group toured the Museum and noted possible ways for making the Museum more accessible and more utilized.

The Board authorized Rondus Miller to obtain estimates on installation of gutters for the Museum.

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### GRANT UPDATES

The security system has been installed in the park. Slabs have also been installed for the basketball court, access to the pavilion, and the bleacher seats.

The Army Corps of Engineers has questioned the position of the trees planted along the Cold Creek stream bank. E&M Engineers are addressing the issue.

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Superintendent Kevin Peet reported that two hitching posts have been installed-- one by the Water/Sewer Garage and one behind Dollar General.

An outflow pipe serving the car wash area was cleared and extended.

The steel deck bridge on Higgins Creek Road is scheduled for repair by the County.

Discussions about the sidewalk snowplowing will continue between the Town and Allen Yanda.

Councilman Austin moved, and Councilman McKurth seconded, a motion authorizing Superintendent Peet to advertise for fuel bids for 2014. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Bids will be opened at the January 8, 2014 meeting at 7:30 PM.

### WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

Scott Willgens asked the Board to consider the replacement or repair for a pump ejector. Prices from Bailey Electric for repair or replacement of the present backup unit were handed out.

Councilman Miller moved that the ejector be rebuilt, and Councilman Austin seconded the motion. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Supervisor Ricketts made a motion approving payment of the training costs for Scott Willgens to take training courses for a water operator's license. Councilman Miller seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

### SUPERVISOR'S AGENDA

Councilman Austin moved that \$2000.00 be transferred from Unappropriated Funds to SS8130.1 Sewer Labor. Councilman Hinz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

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

Transfers 12-11-2013		
From	To	Amount
<i>Sewer</i>		
A599 Unappropriated	SS8110.1 Sewer Admin	\$50.00

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<b>Water</b>		
A599 Unappropriated	SW8310.4 Water Admin	\$2600.00
<b>Park Grant</b>		
HA7022.2 Dugouts	HA7015.2 Park Benches	\$5000.00
HA7022.2	HA7018.2 Bike Rack	\$500.00
HA7022.2	HA7019.2 Hot Ash Cans	\$1100.00
HA7022.2	HA7020.2 Basketball System	\$940.00
HA7022.2	HA7021.2 Bleachers	\$1000.00
HA7022.2	HA7025.2 Security System	\$1718.00
HA7022.2	HA7011.4 Blacktop/Paving	\$1886.00
<b>Cold Creek Grant</b>		
HB599 Unappropriated	HB5120.4 Grant	\$384000.00
HB599	HB1010.4 Admin	\$20.00
HB599	HB9770.0 RAN Principal	\$4000000.00
HB599	HB9771.0 RAN Interest	\$7960.00
<b>General Account</b>		
A599 Unappropriated	A1420.4 Legal	\$2000.00
A599	A6989.4 Grant Writer	\$70.00
<b>Highway Account</b>		
DA599 Unappropriated	DA5110.4 General Repairs	\$600.00
DA599	DA5130.4 Machinery	\$1500.00

Supervisor Ricketts moved that the rate for each 1000 gallons of metered water be raised 2% effective January 1, 2014. Councilman Austin seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

The Board scheduled a Special Meeting for Thursday, September 19, 2013 to address year-end financial actions.

TOWN CLERK TOPICS

Town Clerk Sondra MacEwan discussed the end of her term of office, and suggested some ways to make the transition to a new Clerk more efficient.

In order to close all the Clerk accounts and to file all monthly and annual reports due for her term, she noted that no financial transactions will be accepted from December 23 to December 31, 2013. Her books will be closed, and an Exit Procedure will be conducted with the Town Justice acting as agent for the Town.

Councilman Austin moved that an early read of the water meters be authorized to facilitate the next billing. Councilman Hinz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

To facilitate a training and organizational period for the 2014 Town and County Tax collections, Councilman Austin moved that Susan Bodnar be appointed as a Deputy Tax Collector for the final two weeks of 2013. Supervisor Ricketts seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Town Clerk MacEwan suggested that the incoming Clerk retain present Deputy Town Clerk Joanne Cackle, or that the Town create a clerical position to hire Joanne Cackle so that there is continuity in the work flow during the restructuring period. No action taken.

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### BILLS AND REPORTS

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

(General#354-382/ \$32319.19; Highway #206-217/\$10069.41; Park Grant #17-19/\$3603.37; Fire Protection #17/\$389.75; Sewer #128-139/\$6344.41; Water #183-192 \$596.31)

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Austin moved that the Board enter Executive Session, and Supervisor Ricketts seconded the motion. 5 ayes, 0 noes. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:37 PM and returned to Open Meeting at 9:08 PM.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Austin moved that Scott Willgens contact Mark Hodnett about construction of a housing box for the security system. Supervisor Ricketts seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

### ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Austin moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Councilman McKurth seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.

A Special Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Museum

The next regular meeting of the Town Board will be January 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Sondra MacEwan,  
Town Clerk