

Town of Hume

April 9, 2011

A regular meeting of the Hume Town Board, Allegany County, New York was held on April 9, 2014 at the Town of Hume Museum, 10842 Claybed Road, Hume, New York. Supervisor Ricketts called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Officials in attendance: Supervisor Dennis Ricketts, Council members Daniel Miller, Darlene Mason, Christopher Austin and Bruce Hinz; Attorney David Pullen; Highway Superintendent Kevin Peet; Historian Rondus Miller; Deputy Town Clerk Jane Stenzel and Town Clerk Susan Bodnar.

MINUTES

Councilman Austin moved that the Minutes of the March 12, 2014 be accepted as record. Councilman Miller seconded that motion. 5 ayes. 0 noes.

PUBLIC FORUM

Ronald Weierheiser came before the Board to ask them to work with him on his Water/Sewer bill. He stated that his usage seemed to be extremely high, there is not anyone living in the house and he is working on the house. The Board suggested that at this point he should pay the base amount for the Water/Sewer of \$132.50. Mr. Willgens will investigate the reading and/or if a leak occurred.

Mike Fish stated his concern about the way State Route 19 was beginning to deteriorate so soon after its resurfacing this past year. He wondered if the Town was notified of any repair to be done. The Board stated that there hasn't been a notification from the Department of Transportation of such repairs.

Dale Preston brought to the attention of the Board a case of eminent domain from New London, Connecticut that did not work well for the township. Mr. Preston called it a disaster; the Town lost millions of dollars in tax revenue.

He felt the Board did not listen to the people at the public meeting at the March 12, 2014 meeting; he felt "used" and did not appreciate it. The Board's reply was that they appreciated all the people's opinions that spoke at the meeting and took the information into careful consideration when making their decision. However, the Board felt that for the greater good of the other occupants of the Town of Hume, they felt the need to move forward. Mr. Bower still has the option to work with the Town for a decent price for the property.

SIDEWALK BIDS

At 7:30PM bids were presented for sidewalk replacement to be done on Main Street starting at Randy Rees' apartments down to Prospect Street. The Board accepted the one and only bid of Blick Enterprises, Inc. for the amount of \$5.25 per square foot. Councilman Hinz moved that the bid be accepted, Supervisor Ricketts seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

MUSEUM

Historian Miller informed the Board that the application for the grant making the Town of Hume Museum handicap accessible was declined at this time.

Historian Miller shared the new look for the Town of Hume website. She and Clerk Bodnar have been working together to bring it up to date. A new picture of the Town Board should also be taken and added to the website.

The Bee should be out soon, anyone wanting to submit articles should get them in as soon as possible.

She wanted to know which account the gutters and windows were to be paid from. She requested a transfer from equipment to the building fund. A motion was made by Councilman Austin to make the transfer \$3605.00. Councilman Hinz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

FILLMORE FUNFEST

Darlene Mason, representing the Fillmore FunFest committee, asked the Town to think about a donation for the festivities. The Board stated that they would not donate funds, but they could donate an item, such as an amusement ride, etc. The Board asked for her to bring a list of items that the committee would have in mind.

The Board decided that, due to time restraints that a 2nd Board meeting for the month of April would be scheduled for April 23, 2014, at the Town of Hume Museum to discuss FunFest.

SUMMER RECREATION

Margaret Mills expressed an interest in leading Summer Recreation again this summer.

Councilman Austin moved that the recreation program be the same as last year, with busing done through Fillmore Central School. Councilman Hinz seconded that motion. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Austin moved to go into executive session to discuss legal matters. Councilman Hinz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Councilman Austin moved to come out of executive session. Councilman Miller seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

DOG CONTROL

The Town Board decided not to appoint Ray Swarthout as Dog Control Office. Councilman Austin made that motion. Councilman Miller seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes. Leslie Johnson was named as Dog Control Officer for the Town of Hume, with a probationary period of 6 months. Councilman Austin made the motion. Councilwoman Mason seconded. Councilman Miller abstained. 4 ayes, 0 noes.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Peet asked the Board to declare a side mower and a 2003 International Truck as surplus. Supervisor Ricketts made the motion. His intentions are to offer to sell them to the Town of Conewango Valley or to put it in the Mason Auction. Councilman Austin made the motion, Councilman Ricketts seconded the motion. Councilwoman Mason abstained. 4 ayes, 0 noes.

Superintendent Peet also stated that he had budgeted to remove a tree for Pine Grove Cemetery this summer.

He requested to approve purchase of gravel through Jay Cackle for some projects this summer. Councilman Miller moved to approve the purchase. Councilman Hinz seconded. 5 ayes. 0 noes. Superintendent Peet also requested funds to be transferred from previously unallocated funds to the equipment fund. Councilman Hinz motioned that \$50,000.00 be transferred. Councilman Miller seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

BILLS AND REPORTS

Councilman Hinz moved to accept all bills and reports as presented. Councilman Hinz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Councilman Austin move that the meeting adjourn. Councilman Miller seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

A second meeting of the Town of Hume Board will take place 7 PM, Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at the Town of Hume Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Bodnar
Town Clerk

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