

Town of Hume

June 11, 2014 Minutes

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hume, Allegany County, New York was held on June 11, 2014 at Brooks Hose Company, 20 South Genesee Street, Fillmore, New York. Officials in attendance were; Supervisor Dennis Ricketts, Councilman Christopher Austin, Councilman Bruce Hinz, Councilwoman Darlene Mason and Councilman Daniel Miller; Attorney David Pullen; Superintendent of Highways Kevin Peet, Town Clerk Susan Bodnar and Deputy Town Clerk Jane Stenzel.

The meeting was called to order, at 7 PM by Supervisor Ricketts by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Forum

Mrs. Preston invited the Board members to a course that will be given at the Wide Awake Library entitled "The Making of America-The Founder's Principles of Liberty and the Meaning of the Constitution". Videos for the course were prepared by the National Center for Constitutional Studies will be presented on Thursdays starting in July.

Minutes

Supervisor Ricketts moved that the minutes be accepted from the May 14, and May 28, 2014 meetings. Councilman Austin seconded the motion. 5 ayes. 0 noes.

Highway

Supervisor Peet reported that the excavator is in the shop with an engine issue. An excavator may have to be rented to use this summer. There is no availability for purchase until October of this year. A motion was made by Supervisor Ricketts to table this discussion until more information is available about a rent / purchase contract. Seconded by Councilman Austin. 5 ayes. 0 noes.

The gravel pit on Stone Springs Road is now closed. The DEC has asked to level it out and plant a crop around the pit to bring it back to its natural state.

Paving Lapp Road will start in a couple of weeks. The Highway crew has been building up the millings. The paving will also go as far as the finishing up the dirt part of Rice Road.

Highway Superintendent Peet talked about the purchase of a Loader. He stated that there is \$30,000 in the Equipment reserve account and \$20,000 in cash

reserve and requested that those amounts be transferred for the purchase. Councilman Austin motioned to make the purchase and transfer. Councilman Miller seconded that motion. 5 ayes. 0 noes.

Sidewalk

The Sidewalk project on Main Street near Prospect Street is almost finished. There are a couple of areas that need to be adjusted. Lynn Lilly's driveway will also be added to the list of adjustments.

DCO

Dog Control Officer Leslie Johnson has taken two dogs into the kennels from the Wiscoy area that have been running at large after a report of dogs attacking a cat in the area. These dogs were malnourished and had several porcupine quills that needed to be removed. No one has claimed them.

Clerk Bodnar stated that an enumeration should probably be considered due to the number of unlicensed dogs that are being found in The Town of Hume. DCO Johnson has time available this summer to do the enumeration. Councilman Austin motioned that DCO Johnson start the job. Councilman Miller seconded that motion. 5 ayes. 0 noes.

Septic Bids

Septic Bids for pumping the sewer tanks for the Township were opened. Two companies bid; Zuech's: May 1st -October 31st .13 per gallon

November 1st -April 30th .16 per gallon

WYCO: May 1st -October 31st .14 per gallon

November 1st -April 30th .22 per gallon

Councilman Austin motioned to accept Zuech's bid for the 4 year contract.

Councilman Miller seconded the motion. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Caneadea Water Contract

The Town of Caneadea's contract for the Town of Hume to purchase water from their facility has been offered until December 2014 with no changes. Councilman Miller motioned that the Town of Hume renew the contract. Councilwoman Mason seconded. 5 ayes. 0 noes.

Recreation

Margaret Mills has requested the appointment of Suzanne Beardsley to Aide her with the children for this year's swimming program. Councilman Austin motioned

to accept Mrs. Beardsley for the position. Councilman Hinz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Clerk

Clerk Bodnar requested that the Board approve a relevy of unpaid Water and Sewer payments to 2015 Town and County Taxes. Councilman Miller motioned to accept and Supervisor Ricketts seconded. 5 ayes. 0 noes.

Clerk Bodnar also requested an approval to hire Tammy Granger to paint the Town Clerk's office and tidy up the outside of the office building. Councilman Austin motioned and Supervisor Ricketts seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Legal

Attorney Pullen reported that the "Absentee Landlord" issue, whereas if the owner is out of state, a secondary person will have the authority to act for them, is being closely looked into by the State of New York.

Time Warner Agreement

A public meeting is needed to be established for the next Town of Hume, Board Meeting on July 9, 2014, to discuss the renewal of the Time Warner Franchise Agreement. Supervisor Ricketts made the motion. Councilman Austin seconded. 5 ayes. 0 noes.

Executive Session

Supervisor Ricketts moved to go into Executive Session @ 8:33pm to discuss personnel privileges. Councilman Hinz seconded the motion. 5 ayes, 0 noes. Supervisor Ricketts moved to come out of Executive Session at 9:22. Councilman Hinz seconded the motion. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Cell Phones

Highway Superintendent Peet and Water/ Sewer Operator Willgens will have \$50.00 of their cell phone bills paid monthly by the Town of Hume. That motion was made by Councilman Austin and Seconded by Councilwoman Mason. 5 ayes. 0 noes.

Bill and Reports

Councilman Miller moved to accept all bills and reports as read. Supervisor Ricketts seconded the motion 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Supervisor Ricketts moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Hinz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 noes.

A regular scheduled Board meeting will be immediately following the Public Meeting on July 9, 2014 at 7 PM at Brooks' Hose, 24 S Genesee Street, Fillmore, NY 14735.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Bodnar
Town Clerk