

TOWN OF HUME

June 8, 2016

A regular meeting of the Town of Hume was held on June 8, 2016 at 7PM at the Brooks Hose Company, 24 South Genesee Street, Fillmore, NY 14735 Officials in attendance were; Town Supervisor Dennis Ricketts; Councilpersons Daniel Miller, Darlene Mason and Christopher Austin; Superintendent of Highways Kevin Peet and Town Clerk Susan Bodnar. Councilman Bruce Hinz was absent.

Supervisor Ricketts brought the meeting to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES

Councilman Austin moved to accept the previous, May 24, 2016, meeting minutes as written.

Councilman Miller seconded. 4 ayes. 0 noes.

DOG CONTROL

Dog Control Officer Leslie Claggett shared that the Rabies Clinic was a success, 140 vaccines were given to cats and dogs.

Allegany County SPCA sent a renewal contract for their facility. There were some questions of the way the contract was worded. Councilman Austin moved to table the discussion to next month after the wording is clarified. Councilwoman Mason seconded. 4 ayes. 0 noes.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Peet shared that the DEC signed off on the closing of the Stone Springs Gravel Pit.

A discussion arose about making Town of Hume roads 45 mile per hour.

An inquiry was made as to what budget account to take from to pay for a tree that was removed from the Wiscoy Cemetery. Councilman Austin moved to take it from the Highway Contingency account.

Councilman Miller seconded the motion. 4 ayes. 0 noes.

SIDEWALK

Highway Superintendent Peet shared that demolition of the existing sidewalk that is to be done will begin the end on June and go no longer than the beginning August.

INSURANCE

Gladfelter preformed a Risk Control Assessment. Joanne Robertson, the consultant, suggested a few pointers to improve the Town's assessment.

LEGAL

Mr. Pullen talked about the steps that need to be taken to adopt a law to change the Town roads speed limits to 45 miles per hour.

CLERK

Katelyn Saylor and some friends asked for permission to use the Town Pavilion to give a free concert like they had in previous years. Councilman Austin moved to allow the concert to take place. Supervisor Ricketts seconded the motion. 4 ayes. 0 noes.

PUBLIC MEETING

At 7:30PM Supervisor Ricketts opened the public meeting for the proposed 17% per gallon increase to Town of Hume Water Rates.

Allen Yanda was the first to speak up to voice that an increase in water rates would be a detriment to owners of rental properties.

Dana Potter suggested that water from Caneadea is superior to any that the Town of Hume could produce.

Tom Bower suggested that the Town join in a Local Government Efficiency Committee.

Mr. Pullen suggested consolidation also.

Mike Fish suggested that the Town look into a grant to update the Town system.

Courtney Potter asked why the high increase all at once, why didn't the Town increase the rates 2-3% at a time to make it easier on consumer budgets.

After much discussion, Councilman Austin moved to accept a 9.6% increase that would bring the rate per 1,000 gallons to \$3.74 starting July 1, 2016. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. 4 ayes . 0 noes.

Supervisor Ricketts	yes
Councilman Austin	yes
Councilwoman Mason	yes
Councilman Miller	yes
Councilman Hinz	absent

At 8:45 Councilman Austin moved to close the public meeting. Councilwoman Mason seconded the motion. 4 ayes. 0 noes.

SUPERVISOR

Marcy Brooks requested \$75.00 from the Town for flower to plant in the park with the Gazebo.

Councilman Austin moved to pay the \$75.00 for the flower when a receipt is obtained. Councilwoman Mason seconded the motion. 4 ayes. 0 noes.

Supervisor Ricketts spoke with Betty Sutherland of O'Connell and Associates about the Trail Grant. She mentioned that some movement on finishing the grant needed to commence. Supervisor Ricketts explained that a dozer and pole digger needed to be rented to finish the gates and fencing. Councilman Miller moved to rent the equipment from Allegany Center for the amount of \$3,200.00. Councilwoman Mason seconded. 4 ayes. 0 noes.

WATER/SEWER

Councilman Austin motioned to purchase the package for \$64.09 for service and the purchase of two iPhone 6S through government contract for the two Water/Sewer personal. Councilman Miller seconded. 4 ayes. 0 noes.

BILLS

Councilman Miller moved to accept all bills and reports as written. Councilman Mason seconded. 4 ayes. 0 noes.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:15PM Councilman Austin moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Mason seconded the motion. 4 ayes. 0 noes.

A regular meeting of the Hume Town Board will be held on July 13, 2016 at the Wide Awake Library Club, 22 North Genesee Street, Fillmore, New York 14735.

(General-\$9,339.51; Highway-\$86,087.90; Fire Protection-\$401.88; Lighting District #1-\$275.80; Lighting District #2-305.05; Lighting District #3-\$727.10; Sewer -\$1,331.29; Consolidated Water District-\$1,842.41),

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Bodnar
Town Clerk

