

HAGUE TOWN BOARD MEETING – 12/8/2015

Supervisor Frasier called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Councilwoman Kuenzel led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Martin Fitzgerald II, Ginger Kuenzel, Rudy Meola and Steve Ramant were all present.

The Board audited the bills.

A moment of silence was held for Rose Serdinsky and Ron Hintze.

A motion was made by M. Fitzgerald and seconded by G. Kuenzel to pay the General, Highway and Sewer Claims. AYES: E. Frasier, M. Fitzgerald, G. Kuenzel, R. Meola, S. Ramant
NAYS: None. Carried: 5 - 0.

Regular Committees Report:

1. Assessor & Justice (Meola/Kuenzel)

Councilman Meola noted that the Assessor is now working two days per week per day and thanked G. Kuenzel for her leadership in this matter.

2. Buildings & Grounds/Community Center/Enhancement (Fitzgerald/Frasier)

Councilman Fitzgerald reported that the Community Center is changing to a propane hot water boiler which he said would only take about a day to change over. M. Fitzgerald made and S. Ramant seconded a motion to accept the proposal from Blake equipment to “furnish and install” a DynaFlame Propane Hot Water boiler for \$19,451 as an emergency expenditure in the 2015 budget.

AYES: E. Frasier, M. Fitzgerald, G. Kuenzel, R. Meola, S. Ramant

NAYS: None. Carried: 5 - 0.

The boiler at the Dodd Hill sewer plant has a failed pressure valve so water in the boiler condensed and damaged it. Councilman Fitzgerald spoke to Blake equipment by phone and they quoted \$6,758 to replace that boiler. G. Kuenzel made and S. Ramant seconded a motion to approve the proposal from Blake as another emergency expenditure in the 2015 budget.

AYES: E. Frasier, M. Fitzgerald, G. Kuenzel, R. Meola, S. Ramant

NAYS: None. Carried: 5 - 0.

Councilman Fitzgerald reported that the deck and railings will be replaced at the Visitor Center as they were found to be rotting. The work was already approved under a previous maintenance motion.

Councilwoman Kuenzel noted that some of the posts at the launch need to be repaired. Councilman Ramant replied that they will look into it.

3. Finance & Insurance (Meola/Ramant)

No report.

4. Highway (Fitzgerald/Ramant)

Superintendent of Highways Don Smith noted that they will use a box to fill up with old tires so they don't have to take them up to the transfer station. He also said, "We are just cleaning the ditches out and waiting for the white stuff." Smith reported that the new plow will be here next Tuesday and the camera and data sensors provided by the FUND will be included.

5. Museum & Historian (Kuenzel/Ramant)

Councilman Kuenzel said the museum exhibit will remain through April.

6. Personnel (Meola/Kuenzel)

No report.

7. Planning/Zoning/Stormwater (Fitzgerald/Ramant)

ZEO Clark was not present and there was no written report.

8. Recreation & Promotion & Youth (Ramant/Meola)

Councilman Ramant reported that he had taken care of Music in the Park.

9. Sewer Districts #1 & # 2 (Frasier/Kuenzel)

Supervisor Frasier said they should hear about grants on Thursday. On Overbrook Lane they have dug holes to test the soils and found them ok in case they need to dig in the future. Work is being done on the insulation of manholes.

10. Town Park & Beautification (Kuenzel/Ramant)

Supervisor Frasier thanked Michele Gautreau and Connie Swinton for helping with the decorations inside the Community Center. She also thanked the Carillon Garden Club for the baskets they have done on the bridge.

Frasier noted that they have received the survey report and asked Board members to read it and get comments back to her. The consultant will report next month. She noted that several people mentioned wanting a laundromat.

Frasier noted that the County will pay \$1,200 to any town with a fuel farm.

The Board set Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 4 pm for the end-of-the-year Town Board meeting and Monday, January 4, 2016 at 6 pm for the Organizational meeting.

The last payment for 2015 has been made to the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. Part of the agreement was to have a financial statement submitted to the Town on a quarterly basis. Supervisor Frasier state she would like to have a financial statement in January. M. Fitzgerald said the HVFD could have it done by February.

Councilwoman Kuenzel suggested they put together a brief overview of what the Town Board has done during 2015. Supervisor Frasier said she has that done and will present it at the final meeting. Kuenzel then suggested that each Board member come with goals for 2016 which Supervisor Frasier said they can all be thinking about

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. M. Fitzgerald made and G. Kuenzel seconded a motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign a vaccination and immunization agreement with Hudson Headwaters Health Network for the necessary vaccinations for the Waste Water Treatment Plant personnel.

AYES: E. Frasier, M. Fitzgerald, G. Kuenzel, R. Meola, S. Ramant

NAYS: None. Carried: 5 - 0.

2. S. Ramant made and M. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2016 Senior Transport Agreement to provide transportation to Seniors on every second Monday for a possible cost of \$2,880. If only one person is signed up, the trip will be cancelled.

AYES: E. Frasier, M. Fitzgerald, G. Kuenzel, R. Meola, S. Ramant

NAYS: None. Carried: 5 - 0.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

1. Supervisor Frasier noted the Saratoga Planning and Zoning conference is being held in January. It is assumed that none are going since there were no requests to attend.

2. Supervisor Frasier noted that the Adirondack Park Local Government Conference is coming up in April and it would be worthwhile for a few Board members to go.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mike Cherubini has been elected to the Town Board and must therefore give up his position on the Planning Board. G. Kuenzel moved and M. Fitzgerald seconded a motion to advertise for the opening in The Sun (formerly Times of Ti).

AYES: E. Frasier, M. Fitzgerald, G. Kuenzel, R. Meola, S. Ramant

NAYS: None. Carried: 5 - 0.

2. G. Kuenzel moved and R. Meola seconded a resolution to accept a proposal from Mohawk Valley GIS to redesign the Town website for \$3,475 plus \$400 annually for maintenance and upgrades to software. The funds for this are already in the 2016 budget.

Discussion followed. S. Ramant said it was not the best time to do this because they may have to upgrade the phone system and it mostly helps businesses. Tom Schaeffer can already update as its going now.

G. Kuenzel said we put money in the budget and it is not designed to help businesses. It is to upgrade the system in order for residents and visitors to get information about the Town. It would improve access on mobile devices and make the Town presence on the web look better.

M. Fitzgerald felt the Board should wait and see what the Chamber and Fire Department want to do with it. He wants to see all organizations connected and one person oversee it.

Supervisor Frasier said she would like to take care of the things they had already approved and wait until after the beginning of the year for this proposal.

M. Fitzgerald made and S. Ramant seconded a motion to table the proposal.

AYES: E. Frasier, M. Fitzgerald, G. Kuenzel, R. Meola, S. Ramant

NAYS: None. Carried: 5 - 0.

Mike Cherubini and Janet Hanna volunteered to work on a committee to further study the issue with Councilman Kuenzel.

3. RESOLUTION #86 OF 2015

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2015 CAPITAL FUND BUDGETS

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY E. Frasier AND SECONDED BY G. Kuenzel

WHEREAS, the Streetscape Improvement Capital Fund projects are completed, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of closing the Streetscape Capital Improvement Fund into the Capital Improvement Fund, and

WHEREAS, these monies are to be used for Community Center expenses, i.e. new furnace install, removal underground fuel tank, refurbishment of exterior of building, new interior window coverings & exterior screens, basement fire wall repairs/stairwell drywall finishes and any other maintenance/repairs deemed necessary, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Capital Fund Streetscape account be closed and the monies transferred to the Capital Fund Improvement account.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: E. Frasier, M. Fitzgerald, G. Kuenzel, R. Meola, S. Ramant

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

DATED: December 8, 2015

Deborah F. Manning, Hague Town Clerk

4. M. Fitzgerald made and S. Ramant seconded Resolution #87 of 2015 to allow the Supervisor to sign the Lake George Basin Salt Initiative Municipal Letter of Agreement.

AYES: E. Frasier, M. Fitzgerald, G. Kuenzel, R. Meola, S. Ramant

NAYS: None. Carried: 5 - 0.

DATED: December 8, 2015

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5. E. Frasier made and R. Meola seconded a motion to allow the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Attorney Robert Hafner for \$195 per hour to be able to use him when needed. He already works with many of the area towns.

AYES: E. Frasier, M. Fitzgerald, G. Kuenzel, R. Meola, S. Ramant
NAYS: None. Carried: 5 - 0.

NOTICES:

Councilwoman Kuenzel noted that National Grid is replacing the remaining streetlights.

Supervisor Frasier thanked everyone who participated in Christmas in Hague.

ADJOURNMENT:

G. Kuenzel made and R. Meola seconded a motion to adjourn.
AYES: E. Frasier, M. Fitzgerald, G. Kuenzel, R. Meola, S. Ramant
NAYS: None. Carried: 5 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Judy Stock
Acting Clerk