

HAGUE TOWN BOARD AUDIT & REGULAR MEETING
November 12, 2014
5:30 PM

Members present: Supervisor Frasier S. Ramant
 M. Fitzgerald II G. Kuenzel

Absent: R. Meola

Motion by M. Fitzgerald II, seconded by G. Kuenzel to open the audit meeting at 5:30 pm. All voting yes. Motion carried.

The Town Board audited the bills.

Motion by M. Fitzgerald II, seconded by S. Ramant to open the regular meeting at 6:00 pm. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Moment of Silence: Bruce Clark, Marie Dykeman, Robert Lorenson, Chuck Fillare, Paul Belus, & Denis Buchanan.

Welcome Guests/Privilege of the floor:

Resolution #70 of 2014: Introduced by G. Kuenzel, seconded by S. Ramant

Resolved: to authorize the Supervisor to pay General, Highway & Sewer Claims audited at tonight's meeting. (\$59,609.74, \$15,880.93, \$160,106.28).

AYES: Supervisor Frasier, G. Kuenzel, S. Ramant & M. Fitzgerald II

NAYS: None

ABSENT: R. Meola

Carried: 4-0

Motion by M. Fitzgerald II, seconded by S. Ramant to accept minutes of 10/14, 10/27, 11/5 of 2014 with correction to 11/5/14: Move the following Motion from the body of the public hearing on the 2015 Budget held on 11/5/14 to regular session.

It was moved by Councilman Fitzgerald, seconded by G. Kuenzel to increase \$25,000.00 to the Highway Truck fund and also add \$100,000.00 from Sales Tax to the Highway Budget.

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

NAYS: Supervisor Frasier

Carried: 4-1

and to also correct minutes of 10/14/14 adding the claim amounts to motion and adding to #6

Personnel: detailed job description, & #9 3 members and adding Chris Navitsky. ALL

VOTING YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Regular Committee Report:

1. Assessor & Justice: (Meola/Kuenzel): No report
2. Buildings & Grounds/Community Center/Enhancement: (Fitzgerald/Frasier): Councilman Fitzgerald reported that the drawings for the expansion should be available to view by next month's meeting.
3. Finance & Insurance: (Meola/Ramant): Supervisor Frasier mentioned that the Town of Hague is in the process of changing banks.
4. Highway: (Fitzgerald/Ramant): The Highway Dept. has been busy getting the trucks ready for winter. They will be picking up trash along the highway and also have been working on the Highway Garage roof.
5. Museum & Historian: (Kuenzel/Ramant): Councilwoman Kuenzel reported that the Historical Society has switched offices with the Food pantry. She also reported that the Halloween party held at the Hague Fire Department went very well. She thanked the Fire Department, Boy Scouts, Chamber of Commerce and Historical Society for all of their help with this event.
6. Personnel: (Meola/Kuenzel): No report.
7. Planning/Zoning/Storm water: (Fitzgerald/Ramant): No report.
8. Recreation & Promotion & Youth: (Ramant/Meola): Councilman Ramant reported that Joel Jordon has signed the agreement for the use of the Boat Launch. He will be getting the insurance papers to us. The cell tower over in Putnam is in the construction phase. Verizon is still working on problems on the New Hague Rd.
9. Sewer District # 1 & 2: (Frasier/Kuenzel): Supervisor Frasier reported that Paul Belden resigned and wished him well in his new position. Cedarwood Engineering has been helping us on daily issues in the consent order. Councilwoman Kuenzel reported that we will need to replace Paul Belden on the Sewer Asset Committee. Besides herself the other committee members are Chris Navitsky, Phil Smith, Jim Beaty, Edna Frasier, and Diane Trudeau. The Sewer Asset Committee was one of the issues in the consent order. This committee will help the Town with the sewer budget.
10. Town Park & Beautification: (Kuenzel/Ramant): The committee mentioned that if anyone needs to have the boat launch open to remove their boat, they will meet them and unlock the slip. The boat launch at Rogers Rock is closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Resolution #71 of 2014: Introduced by M. Fitzgerald II, seconded by S. Ramant Resolved; that the Town Board of the Town of Hague adopts the 2015 Budget.
AYES: Supervisor Frasier, M. Fitzgerald II, S. Ramant and G. Kuenzel.

NAYS: None
ABSENT: R. Meola
Carried: 4-0

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

1. Letter received from Judy Stock & Linda Mury dated November 7, 2014: Letter to DOT regarding traffic safety issues. Discussion at the end of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by M. Fitzgerald II, seconded by G. Kuenzel to reappoint Mike Cherubini to the Board of Assessment Review. Term to expire 9/30/2019. All voting yes. Motion carried.

2. Motion by G. Kuenzel, seconded by M. Fitzgerald II to appoint Janet Hanna as a member to the BAR to fill vacancy. Term to expire 9/30/2015. All voting yes. Motion carried.

3. Motion by S. Ramant, seconded by M. Fitzgerald II to appoint Mike Cherubini as Deputy Chairman to The Hague Planning Board. Term to expire 12/31/2014.

4. Motion by M. Fitzgerald II, seconded by S. Ramant to appoint Rudolph Meola to the Warren County Youth Board. All voting yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISORS REPORT & COUNTY REPORTS:

Other:

1. Motion by S. Ramant, seconded by M. Fitzgerald II to give permission to the Hague Parade Committee to use the Visitor Center from December 3, 2014 to December 6, 2014 for their Christmas shop. All voting yes. Motion carried.

2. Letter received from the Village of Lake George asking if the Town of Hague was interested in donating \$2,000.00 from Occupancy Tax to be used for advertising a fishing tournament scheduled for July 10-12, 2015. The Board will act on this at the December regular Board meeting.

3. A letter was received from Judy Stock & Linda Mury dated November 7, 2014. The letter addressed the safety issues on Island Harbor turn and the numerous tractor trailer accidents. Mr. Beaty mentioned that the road is not designed for 53 ft. tractor trailers. Councilman Ramant and Jim Beaty met last summer with Rob Fitch, resident engineer in Warren County DOT. Mr. Fitch stated that the Town has to send a written request to DOT if it is a state road. Councilman Fitzgerald II would also like to add the Tongue Mountain safety issue. If we are going to do this, we should address both issues. Supervisor Frasier agreed and would like Councilman Ramant to compile some of his information that he had been working on before we send the letter.

4. Tom Haskell reported on the work the Hague Chamber of Commerce has been doing. Some of the items: Working on redoing the video for the Hague Visitor Center, building a Business card rack with emergency information for the summer and have it also available during the off season, finalizing plans for the Holiday in Hague celebration scheduled for 12/6. Tom also reported that Mike Cherubini is the representative for the Warren County Council of Chambers. This group is comprised of representatives from Hague, Ticonderoga, Crown Point, Bolton and

Putnam. The group is working on a destination plan for tourism in this area. It was also noted that Historian Sally Rypkema is also a member.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by S. Ramant, seconded by G. Kuenzel to adjourn meeting at 7:00 pm. All voting yes.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah F. Manning
Hague Town Clerk