

HAGUE TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 9, 2014
6:00 PM

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

Supervisor Frasier called the meeting to Order at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence:

Welcome Guests/Privilege of the floor:

Donna Wotton: She reported that “Made in Hague” had a great season. She thanked the Town, Artists and crafters who made it such a success.

Supervisor Frasier mentioned that the Boy Scouts have a box located in the Community Center foyer for donations of school supplies for Ticonderoga Saint Mary’s school.

Resolution #69 of 2014: Introduced by R. Meola, seconded by G. Kuenzel

Resolved: to pay General, Highway & Sewer Claims. (\$767.89, \$13,906.07 & \$123,238.15).

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

NAYS: None

Carried: 5-0

Motion by R. Meola, seconded by G. Kuenzel to approve minutes of August 12, 20, & September 8, 2014. 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 II reported that the plans from Eric & Eric for the expansion of the vault will be completed by years end.

3. Finance & Insurance: (Meola/Ramant): Supervisor Frasier mentioned that for next month’s meeting we will have a proposed Resolution recommending that Community Bank N.A. be designated as the Town of Hague bank replacing TD Bank.

4. Highway: (Fitzgerald/Ramant): Superintendent Smith reported that Moriah Shock has been helping the Department with cemeteries and fire wood for winter. Councilman Fitzgerald asked Superintendent Smith if he could supply him a list with the age of the equipment at the Highway Department. Steve Ramant & Deputy Highway Superintendent Rick Myers will be attending a Workshop on the use of salt.

5. Museum & Historian: (Kuenzel/Ramant): Councilwoman Kuenzel that the Historical program held on August 26, 2014, entitled: A Look at Hague... Past & Present Images was very

successful and well attended. She also reported that the Historical Society will be moving their office into the food pantry room. The electrical has been set in both rooms for the generator. The committee will be meeting with the Historical Society and Historian on the ownership of Historical records.

6. Personnel: (Meola/Kuenzel): No report.

7. Planning/Zoning/Storm water: (Fitzgerald/Ramant): Councilman Fitzgerald reported that the ZEO has been working out of Boston. She did make it into the office for a few days to complete inspections and complete paperwork. Her husband Bruce is still in the hospital, so at this time she is not sure when she will be back. You can email her at zoning@townofhague.org .

8. Recreation & Promotion & Youth: (Ramant/Meola): Councilman Ramant reported that the Fireworks went very well and also the Music in the Park series was a big success. The Hague Oktoberfest will be held on September 19, 20, & 21 2014. He also met with the Department of Transportation and they have move the 40 mph sign north of Dodd Hill. They also discussed tractor trailers driving on 9N. DOT stated that there is nothing that can be done, this is governed by the Federal Government.

Councilman Meola reported on the Silver Bay Association summer program. The Town budgeted \$10,000.00 and we spent \$11,259.00. If we stayed at 6 weeks we would have been within the Budget. Councilwoman Kuenzel mentioned that during Budget time we as a Board will be discussing the procedure and process of who is eligible to attend the summer program.

9. Sewer District # 1 & 2: (Frasier/Kuenzel) Supervisor Frasier reported that they have been reviewing the violations at the Treatment plant and will be waiting for Cedarwood Engineering report.

Councilman Meola asked what the status was on Joan Icke Clark. Has anything been done in regards to repaying her the money for not being able to connect to the Sewer District. Attorney Viscardi will write a letter to Janet Lawrence to see if she will allow her the easement. Councilman Meola asked how long it would take. Attorney Viscardi said within ten days.

Gene Moran asked if the Town of Hague pays Sewer Rent. Supervisor Frasier reported that the Town pays 4 EDU's totaling \$2,100.00 for the Community Center, 2 EDU's totaling \$1,050.00 for the Visitor Center and 20% totaling \$105.00 for Hague Veteran's Memorial Park.

10. Town Park & Beautification: (Kuenzel/Ramant): Councilwoman Kuenzel reported that the Lifeguards and Visitor Center staff are done for the season. The bathrooms will remain open until Columbus Day. She mentioned the need for motion lights at the Visitor Center and automatic locks installed in the bathrooms. The Board agreed with the motion lights, and there is money in the budget. Councilwoman Kuenzel will price the automatic door locks.

Councilman Ramant reported that containers have been placed by the boat launch and boat dock for fisherman to put their used fishing line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Motion by G. Kuenzel, seconded by R. Meola that the following individuals will be on the Sewer Asset Management Committee: Supervisor Frasier, Ginger Kuenzel, Paul Belden, Diane Trudeau, Phil Smith, Jim Beaty and Chris Navitsky. All voting yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

1. Supervisor Frasier reported that if anyone is interested, the Warren County Board of Elections is looking for inspectors for elections.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Two proposals (Dedrick's & High Peaks) were received for removal of trees at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

High Peaks Tree Removal: Removal of 11 trees marked along the fence area. One tree is not marked double leaning over fence. Everything other side of fence stays in woods. The trees near roadway side of fence get chipped and the hardwood will be left for the Highway Department. \$2,500.00.

Dedrick's: Removal of all 12 trees: \$6,000.00

Motion by R. Meola, seconded by G. Kuenzel to accept the low bidder, High Peaks Tree Removal. They will remove 11 trees marked along the fence area and 1 tree that is not marked double leaning over fence. Everything other side of fence stays in woods. The trees near roadway side of fence get chipped and the hardwood will be left for the Highway Department. Total cost is \$2,500.00. All voting yes. Motion carried.

2. There will be a special meeting on October 2, 2014 at 4:00 pm for the Town Clerk to present the Town Board with the Tentative Budget for 2015.

3. Motion by M. Fitzgerald, seconded by G. Kuenzel to authorize the Supervisor to sign Agreement with the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board. The Town Board Budget \$300.00 for them. All voting yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISORS REPORT & COUNTY REPORTS:

Supervisor Frasier mentioned that her report is available in the foyer and on the back table by the copy of the agenda and minutes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by M. Fitzgerald II, seconded by G. Kuenzel to adjourn meeting at 7:00 pm. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah F. Manning
Hague Town Clerk