

HAGUE TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
February 12, 2019

The regular meeting of The Hague Town Board was held Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at The Hague Community Center at 6:00pm with the following members present:

Supervisor Edna Frasier	Josh Patchett
Martin Fitzgerald II	Jack Bast
Steve Ramant	

Others present: Janet Hanna- Town Clerk, Cathy Clark- ZEO

A motion made by Steve Ramant, seconded by Martin Fitzgerald II to open the meeting at 6:00pm to audit bills. All voted aye. Motion carried.

After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was held for: Jerry Frasier, Dominick Vilardi, Jr.

Welcome Guests/ Privilege of the floor:

Presentation by Bob Vittengl from Apex Solar- due to the weather Bob spoke via the phone. He will be invited to the March or April meeting to discuss solar initiatives in the community.

Art Steitz spoke about roads being used as snowmobile trails Plows have come through after they have been groomed by the Sno-Goers. Edna asked for a list of concerns. She will set up a meeting with loggers. Wally Peterson asked that he or Tom Haskell be involved in any discussions. The board will check to see if the roads are abandoned.

Tony DeFranco discussed issues with 9N, specifically the road condition and the impact of snow and ice. There have been several issues with conditions which is a problem when there is no cell service. Edna will help set up a meeting with a board member, highway and Tony.

Minutes

On motion made by Martin Fitzgerald II, seconded by Jack Bast. IT IS RESOLVED, that the minutes of January 8, 2019 be accepted. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #49 Pay Bills

Resolution introduced by Martin Fitzgerald II and seconded by Josh Patchett.

IT IS RESOLVED, to pay the following warrants as outlined in #2 for a total of \$104,057.70.

General	\$18,452.30	Sewer	\$5,838.96
Highway	\$77,836.69	Other	\$1,929.75

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supervisor Edna Frasier, Martin Fitzgerald II, Josh Patchett, Jack Bast, Steve Ramant

Nays: None

Carried 5-0

Regular Committee Report:

- Administrative: Frasier
Assessor/Justice
Finance/Insurance Edna met with Mark Carpenter of Carpenter Insurance to get a quote for the May renewal.
Recreation/ Promotion
- Buildings& Grounds: Fitzgerald/Patchett
The sump pump was replaced in the basement. Roof of the community center was shoveled.
- Highway: Ramant/ Bast No Report
- Museum/Historian: Patchett/ Ramant Meeting cancelled.
- Personnel: Bast/Fitzgerald No Report
- Planning/Zoning: Fitzgerald/Patchett
Demolition has started on the Droppo property
- Town Park/Beautification: Ramant/Frasier No Report
- Sewer District#1 & #2: Bast/Frasier
Letter went out to 21 homeowners on 2-1-2019. A response is required by 3-6-2019.
- Environmental Concerns: Ramant/ Patchett
Knotweed – Land Conservancy is donating \$12,500 for an initial response to the eradication of this weed.
Steve Ramant made a motion, Jack Bast seconded, to accept funding from the Land Conservancy for the eradication of Knotweed. All voted aye.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion on solar ordinance – next steps in the process. ZEO Cathy Clark provided a flow chart as well as a draft of the solar code justification for the code, lead agency designation, and a suggested revised copy of the enforcement plan.

RESOLUTION #50 Draft of Solar Energy Code

Resolution introduced by Martin Fitzgerald II, and seconded by Josh Patchett.

WHEREAS, On January 3, 2019 the Hague Planning Board passed a resolution to make a positive recommendation to the Town Board for the Solar Energy Code

IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Board recommends moving forward to codify a Solar Energy Code.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supervisor Edna Frasier, Martin Fitzgerald II, Josh Patchett, Jack Bast, Steve Ramant
Nays: None
Carried 5-0

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Request from Senior Citizens to use the Hague Visitors Center from April 10th-May 25th. A motion was made by Steve Ramant seconded by Jack Bast for the Hague Senior citizens to use the visitor center from April 10 to May 25, 2019 for the White Elephant. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Request from Senior Citizens to use the Visitors Center for Americade Bike Week. A motion was made by Josh Patchett seconded by Steve Ramant for the Hague Senior citizens to use the visitor center for Americade Bike Week. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #51 Animal Shelter

Resolution introduced by Steve Ramant and seconded by Jack Bast.

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to enter into a contract with the Town of Chester for housing of seized animals for 2019 in an amount not to exceed **\$300.00** per year as per the agreement.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supervisor Edna Frasier, Martin Fitzgerald II, Josh Patchett, Jack Bast, Steve Ramant
Nays: None
Carried 5-0

RESOLUTION #52 Contract with Cedarwood Engineering

Resolution introduced by Martin Fitzgerald II and seconded by Josh Patchett

WHEREAS, The Town of Hague wishes to obtain the services of Cedarwood Engineering for 2019, and thereafter on an annual basis by mutual agreement.

IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a contract with Cedarwood Engineering for 2019.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supervisor Edna Frasier, Martin Fitzgerald II, Josh Patchett, Jack Bast, Steve Ramant
Nays: None
Carried 5-0

RESOLUTION #53 Authorizing the receipt of additional occupancy funding.

Resolution introduced by Martin Fitzgerald II and seconded by Steve. Ramant.

WHEREAS, The Town of Hague has entered into an agreement with Warren County by Resolution 61 of 2004, and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has now offered to the Town the additional sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for expenditure in accordance with the agreement,
Now, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, that the Town accept the Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) from the County, and Be It Further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to enter into the agreement with Warren County for Occupancy Tax funding.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supervisor Edna Frasier, Martin Fitzgerald II, Josh Patchett, Jack Bast, Steve Ramant

Nays: None

Carried 5-0

RESOLUTION #55 Lead Agency Designation

Resolution introduced by Martin Fitzgerald II, and seconded by Josh Patchett.

Whereas, the Town Board passed Resolution # 50-19 to go forward with the codification of draft of a Solar Energy Code and

Whereas, The Town of Hague, acting as the local sponsor, for Local Zoning Amendments to the Codes of the Town of Hague, preliminarily classified as a Type I action based upon the designation of the applicable standards of Title 6NYCRR Section 617.4(b) (2), the Town of Hague has concluded that it is the most involved agency that it should be designated as the Lead Agency in the environmental review of the proposed Codification of a Solar Energy Code.

IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize the Supervisor to issue the request to be the lead agent.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supervisor Edna Frasier, Martin Fitzgerald II, Josh Patchett, Jack Bast, Steve Ramant

Nays: None

Carried 5-0

Resolution #54 Transfer of funds

RESOLVED, that the Town Board change payments made to account A00 1410-110 deputy town clerk to A00 1330-100 deputy tax collector.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supervisor Edna Frasier, Martin Fitzgerald II, Josh Patchett, Jack Bast, Steve Ramant

Nays: None

Carried 5-0

ADDENDUM:

Resolution #56 Audit of Town Books

Resolution introduced by Supervisor Edna Frasier, and seconded by Steve Ramant.

IT IS RESOLVED, Pursuant to Town Law Section 123 the criminal and civil documents of the Town Justice for 2018 having been duly examined and the fines and fees turned over to the proper officials with the monthly summary being viewed, and, that the records of the Town Clerk for 2018 having been duly examined and found all fees have been turned over to the proper officials with the monthly cash summary being viewed and the records for the Supervisor for 2018 have been duly examined with all monies disbursed properly this Town Board finds that all Town Officers books are in order for the year 2018.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supervisor Edna Frasier, Josh Patchett, Jack Bast, Steve Ramant

Nays: None

Abstain: Martin Fitzgerald II

Carried

Motion to clarify the first paragraph of the Enforcement Response Plan by adding “and replaced in its entirety by Local Law 1 of 2018” made by Jack Bast and seconded by Steve Ramant. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #57 Sewer connections appeals process.

Resolution introduced by Jack Bast, and seconded by Martin Fitzgerald II.

IT IS RESOLVED, that following is the process for Sewer Districts 1 and 2:

Any appeal to the Town Board shall be submitted, in writing, to the Zoning Administrator and include the following documents:

1. Property owners should submit a certified inspection report,* which has been generated by a NY State licensed engineer stating that their current septic system is in conformance with applicable Codes, sized for the number of bedrooms and is functioning as designed.
2. Proof that the current septic system was permitted by the Town of Hague Zoning Administrator.
3. The owners should state what hardship, with their land, exists that would prevent them from hooking up to the Town Sewer. This should be documented by a license professional.

*Septic inspection will include leach field inspection, including dye testing, as well as tank inspections. The Town would require the engineer to certify the viability of the system and that is sized adequately for the bedrooms of the structure.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supervisor Edna Frasier, Martin Fitzgerald II, Josh Patchett, Jack Bast, Steve Ramant

Nays: None

Carried 5-0

SUPERVISORS REPORT & COUNTY REPORTS: None

OTHER: None

On motion by Martin Fitzgerald II, seconded by Steve Ramant. IT IS RESOLVED, to adjourn the town board meeting at 7:40PM. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M. Hanna

Town Clerk