

HAGUE TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
May 14, 2019

The regular meeting of The Hague Town Board was held Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at The Hague Community Center at 6:00pm with the following members present:

Supervisor Edna Frasier
Martin Fitzgerald II
Steve Ramant

Joshua Patchett
Jack Bast

Absent: None

Others present: Melissa Patchett- Deputy Town Clerk, Cathy Clark- ZEO,
Matthew Coffin- Highway Department, and numerous town residents.

A motion made by Joshua Patchett, seconded by Martin Fitzgerald, to open the meeting at 6:10pm to audit bills. All voted aye. Motion carried.

After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was held for:
Christopher Frasier, Sandra Trudeau, Harriet Cole, and James McKee

Welcome Guests:

Matthew Coffin of the Highway Department discussed the new plan for the Town Shed boarder. He stated that there are liability and safety concerns and that a gate is needed for the security of their materials. The new plan includes gates at the points of entry to the Town Shed and a tree line across the front of the property, which will also help buffer the noise from the Highway crew for the local residents.

Minutes

On a Motion made by Jack Bast, seconded by Joshua Patchett, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Regular Town Board Minutes of April 9, 2019 and the Special Town Board Minutes of April 22, 2019 be accepted. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #71 Pay Bills

Resolution introduced by Steve Ramant and seconded by Jack Bast,

IT IS RESOLVED, to pay the following warrants as outlined in # 5-19 for a total of \$ 69,147.02.

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| General | \$24,290.04 | Sewer 1 | \$10,172.88 |
| Highway | \$15,434.88 | Sewer 2 | \$ 5,014.94 |
| Other | \$14,234.28 | | |

Duly adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Carried 5-0

Regular Committee Report:

1. Administrative: Supervisor Edna Frasier

Assessor/Justice

Finance/Insurance

Recreation/Promotion

-Supervisor Frasier has been corresponding with Mark Carpenter for insurance renewal. She stated the Town is pleased with their insurance services.

2. Buildings & Grounds: Fitzgerald/Patchett

-Councilmen Ramant and Patchett are planning to look at the town park walkway together to assess some loose boards. They will determine if the needed repair can be done themselves or if it will need to be contracted. Councilman Ramant also stated that new hand dryers will be needed in the park restrooms.

3. Highway: Ramant/ Bast

-Highway Department Representative Matthew Coffin stated Decker Hill Road damages is the current project on their agenda. ZEO Clark included that grants may be available for the damages caused by the extra detour traffic due to the current Route 9N closure. Additionally, Councilman Ramant mentioned that there has been positive feedback on the highway brining. Matthew Coffin explained the Highway Department's recent project of raising the brine tanks onto a block formation to help with gravity feed.

4. Museum/ Historian: Patchett/ Ramant

-Councilman Patchett reported that the Hague Historical Society is planning an author signing event for July 19th. Mr. Patchett also mentioned that the Society would like access to the Town's trophy case. Supervisor Frasier said it would be fine as long as they only use it for trophies as the case was donated for that purpose by Mr. Delarm.

5. Personnel: Bast/Fitzgerald – Nothing to report at this time.

6. Planning/Zoning/Storm water: Fitzgerald/Patchett

-The Town Board has a copy of ZEO Clark's report. ZEO Clark discussed the Town of Bolton and the Town of Queensbury's plans to require septic inspections at the time of property transfer. She suggests the Town of Hague could benefit from their examples.

7. Town Park/ Beautification: Ramant/ Frasier

-Councilman Ramant stated that the opening date for the boat launch will be May 24th and the opening date for the beach and visitor center will be June 22nd. Mr. Ramant reported that the town has received some good candidates for the life guard positions for the 2019 season and that training will take place in June.

8. Sewer District #1 & #2: Bast/ Frasier

-Councilman Bast reports that there are 3 properties that will likely appeal the sewer enforcement project. This number has decreased from 5 last month. ZEO Clark mentioned that none of the property owners that still need to hook up have pursued estimate quotes for contracting to date. Mr. Bast stated that the appeals will require inspections and that the board will follow up next month.

9. Environmental Concerns: Ramant/Patchett

-Councilman Ramant reported that the LGLC has given the Town of Hague \$12,500 toward the knotweed removal project. Mr. Ramant stated that the project is planned to begin at the end of May or early June and will start up by Summit Road.

Unfinished Business: None

Communications & Petitions: None

New Business:

On a Motion made by Steve Ramant, seconded by Jack Bast, IT IS RESOLVED to accept Janet Hanna's resignation as Town Clerk. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution # 72 of 2019 Interim Town Clerk Appointment

Resolution was introduced by Steve Ramant, and seconded by Jack Bast,

WHEREAS, Janet M. Hanna has resigned her position as Clerk for the Town of Hague, Warren County, New York effective May 10, 2019, thereby, leaving a vacancy in such office; and,

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2019, the Town Board appointed Melissa L. Patchett to serve as the Town Clerk for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2019, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Hague, Warren County, New York Melissa L. Patchett is appointed to the position of Interim Town Clerk expiring December 31, 2019.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

Abstained: Joshua Patchett

Carried 4-0

#74 of 2019 Resolution to hold a hearing for the adoption of Hague Solar Energy Code

Resolution was introduced by Joshua Patchett, and seconded by Jack Bast,

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park Agency and Warren County have returned their approval of the proposed Town of Hague Solar Code pursuant to the terms of the Town of Hague's Agency-approved Local Land Use Program (ALLUP),

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hague will hold a Public Hearing for the adoption of the Hague Solar Energy Code on June 11, 2019 at 6:15pm.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

Carried 5-0

Resolution #75 of 2019 Contract with Tedford Consulting

Resolution was introduced by Steve Ramant, and seconded by Joshua Patchett,

WHEREAS, an Engineering Report addressed Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) issues with the Town of Hague’s Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) infrastructure,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Supervisor Edna Frasier to contract with Elizabeth Tedford, of Tedford Consulting, for the sum of \$3,000.00, to provide consultation services for the preparation of an Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) application to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Environmental Facilities Corp. (EFC), through the 2019 Consolidation Funding Application (CFA) process.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

Carried 5-0

Resolution #76 of 2019 Authorization to Apply for an Engineering Planning Grant

Resolution was introduced by Steve Ramant, and seconded by Jack Bast,

IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Supervisor Edna Frasier to submit an Engineering Planning Grant application based on the Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) issues in the engineering study to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Environmental Facilities Corp. (EFC) for the Town of Hague Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP).

Duly adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

Carried 5-0

RESOLUTION #77 OF 2019 to Amend the 2019 Budget for WQIP Grant

Resolution introduced by Steve Ramant, and seconded by Jack Bast,

WHEREAS the Town of Hague has received the Water Quality Improvement Plan Grant for improvements to the sewer system,

BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize the creation of a new capital fund account to be entitled WQIP Grant.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that monies be transferred from said capital projects account for the WQIP Grant for improvements to the Sewer District.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Carried 5-0

Addendum:

RESOLUTION #78 OF 2019 to Amend the 2019 General Fund Budget

Resolution introduced by Steve Ramant, and seconded by Jack Bast,

IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Board amend the Town General Fund Budget for fiscal year 2019 by \$3,000.00 by transferring from general fund garage reserve for the brining tank platform.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Carried 5-0

RESOLUTION #79 to Amend the May Memorial Cemetery Corner Marker Fee

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

WHEREAS the cost of the May Memorial Cemetery corner markers has increased through the Wilcox & Regan funeral home in Ticonderoga, New York,

BE IT RESOLVED, to amend the fee for said corner markers through the Town of Hague, New York, from \$150.00 to \$200.00 to cover the cost increase plus installation.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Carried 5-0

Resolution # 73 OF 2019 Registrar of Vital Statistics

Resolution was introduced by Steve Ramant, and seconded by Martin Fitzgerald,

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2019, the Town Board appointed Melissa L. Patchett to serve as the Interim Town Clerk for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2019, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Town Board of the Town of Hague, Warren County, New York Melissa L. Patchett is appointed to the position of Registrar of Vital Statistics expiring December 31, 2019.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

Abstained: Joshua Patchett

Carried 4-0

On a Motion made by Steve Ramant, and seconded by Joshua Patchett, IT IS RESOLVED to appoint Janet Hanna to assist the Interim Town Clerk on an as needed basis at the same rate of pay she receives for her Planning and Zoning services. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Discussion:

Supervisor Edna Frasier addressed the topic of amending the Town of Hague Clean-up Day. It was discussed how the town service is not working acceptably at this time. It has become misused over the years and the Town of Hague has been at a loss at the landfill.

After an open discussion, the board agreed to postpone the 2019 Town Clean-up Day until September, providing time for the board to amend the regulations and manage compliance.

Privilege of the Floor:

HVFD President Linda Muray discussed that the fire department has been losing money on the Memorial Day BBQ in previous years. She announced that they will be selling to-go orders at the parade this year.

Wally Peterson of the Hague Snowgoers requested use of an old landfill structure. Councilman Fitzgerald stated that they will need to inquire with the DEC.

Patricia Hintze of the Hague Visitors Center announced that they are accepting donations for the Memorial Day Weekend White Elephant Sale at the Town Park.

On a Motion by Joshua Patchett, seconded by Martin Fitzgerald, IT IS RESOLVED, to adjourn the town board meeting at 7:40 pm. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa L. Patchett
Interim Town Clerk