

HAGUE TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
June 11, 2019

The regular meeting of The Hague Town Board was held Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at The Hague Community Center at 6:00 pm with the following members present:

Supervisor Edna Frasier
Jack Bast

Steve Ramant
Joshua Patchett

Absent: Martin Fitzgerald II

Others present: Melissa Patchett- Town Clerk, Cathy Clark- ZEO, and numerous town residents.

On a motion made by Steve Ramant, seconded by Jack Bast, 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: Richard Mattison

On a Motion made by Steve Ramant, seconded by Joshua Patchett, to open the Public Hearing to adopt Solar Energy use. No one spoke for or against the Solar Code.

On a Motion made by Jack Bast, and seconded by Steve Ramant, to close the public hearing.

Presentation by Ben Driscoll was cancelled. Supervisor Frasier will reach out to him to see about rescheduling.

WELCOME GUESTS/PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

HVFD President, Linda Mury informed that the fireboat is being serviced.

RESOLUTION #83 PAY BILLS

Resolution introduced by Jack Bast and seconded by Steve Ramant,

IT IS RESOLVED, to pay the following warrants as outlined in # 6-19 for a total of \$116,076.72

General	\$ 19,721.12	Sewer 1	\$ 1,437.90
Highway	\$ 4,058.13	Sewer 2	\$ 708.20
Fire District	\$ 87,415.25	Street Lights	\$ 450.00
Other	\$ 2,242.50		

Duly adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Carried 4-0

MINUTES:

On a Motion made by Steve Ramant, seconded by Jack Bast, IT IS RESOLVED, that the minutes of May 14, 2019 and of May 29, 2019 be accepted. All voted aye. Motion carried.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Administrative: Frasier**
 - Assessor/Justice – Assessor’s Report was distributed to the Town Board.
 - Finance/Insurance – The Town is happy with the new insurance company.
 - Recreation/ Promotion – YMCA Summer program will begin one week after school gets out. It is a seven-week program.
- **Buildings& Grounds: Fitzgerald/Patchett**
 - The Highway Department has completed the split rail project at the Community Center. They have also put down new top soil and grass seed.
 - The furnace valves in the Community Center basement have been ordered to fix the heating problems.
- **Highway: Ramant/ Bast**
 - Highway Superintendent, Donald Smith discussed the Highway Departments current projects. They are working on repairs to Dodd Hill Road, Decker Hill Road, and to Pudding Island Road.
 - Matthew Coffin has attended additional classes.
 - The Highway Department will be beginning mowing along the roads soon.
 - Buoys will be put in this week at the Town Beach.
 - The Highway Department has called in the fallen tree along the Hague Brook Trail at Angler’s Park to the Warren County Soil & Water.
- **Museum/Historian: Patchett/ Ramant**
 - Councilman, Joshua Patchett informed that The Hague Historical Society put up a new exhibit on the schools in the Community Center Museum.
 - The Historical Society Annual Meeting will be held June 26, 2019 at the Community Center. The meeting will be brief and be followed by a talk about the history of the islands of Lake George by Ginger Kuenzel, which is based on one of her books.
 - The Hague Historical Society is also hosting an author book signing event on July 19, 2019 at the Uptown.
 - Supervisor, Edna Frasier mentioned that it is advisable to check with the Coordinator, Bertha Dunsmore, for scheduling events at the Community Center.
- **Personnel: Bast/Fitzgerald**
 - Nothing to report at this time.
- **Planning/Zoning: Fitzgerald/Patchett**
 - ZEO, Cathy Clark states her office has been very busy. There have been septic violation issues and complaints of excess water flooding private properties.
 - Cathy Clark requests that a stop line be put back onto the end of Overbrook Road. Councilman, Steve Ramant states he will follow up.
- **Town Park/Beautification: Ramant/Frasier**
 - Councilman, Steve Ramant reports that the Town Boat Launch is now open.
 - The Independence Day Celebration Fireworks will be set off at the Town Beach on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at 9:00pm. Outhouses will be brought to the Town Park for the event and there will be a couple of food vendors.

-Lifeguard, Ben Swaiger will not be coming back to work this season at the Town Beach.

On a Motion by Edna Frasier, and seconded by Jack Bast, to remove Ben Swaiger from the list of Life Guards for the 2019 Season. All voted aye. Motion carried.

-ZEO, Cathy Clark informed that the Town has received Justy Joe's insurance to use the big boat dock. Steve Yaw's insurance has not been received yet for this year.

-Councilman, Steve Ramant made mention of the second public hearing to be held at the Community Center with Ticonderoga School Superintendent, John McDonald, at 6:00pm on Monday, June 17, 2019, to discuss the revised proposed budget. The final vote will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

- **Sewer District#1 & #2: Bast/Frasier**

-Councilman, Jack Bast reports that he has had difficulty reaching John Sheehan at the Waste Water Treatment Plant by phone. Edna Frasier suggests the best form of communication is via email.

-ZEO, Cathy Clark reports that one of the property owners that had previously committed to connect to the sewer is only planning to connect one of the structures on their property. Also, the appeals process requires an inspection, and nothing has been scheduled yet per ZEO Clark.

- **Environmental Concerns: Ramant/ Patchett**

-Councilman, Steve Ramant reports that Ryan Burkum has increased his bid on the knotweed project after a reassessment now that the plants are in bloom. Councilman Ramant states that this is not an issue as the funding is available from the LGLC. The work will begin on Summit Road and make its way down West Hague Road following the creeks. The knotweed cleanup project will likely begin in July or early August and is expected to last longer than a year.

-Councilman, Steve Ramant discussed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Lake George is susceptible to invasive species being brought in by boats. There are 95 launches on the lake. Most of the launches on the lake are locked after hours. However, the DEC does not lock the ones at Rogers Rock, Mossy Point, or Million Dollar Beach after hours. Councilman Ramant stresses the importance for all boat launches to be locked when not monitored.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Supervisor Frasier shared a letter received from Karen and Tim Costello requesting the use of the Town Beach on Friday, July 26, 2019 to host the 16th annual John Costello Memorial Coffeehouse. The evening's funds raised will be used for the Hague children attending Silver Bay Camp.

On a Motion made by Jack Bast, and seconded by Steve Ramant, IT IS RESOLVED, to approve use of the Town Beach for the memorial benefit event.

Supervisor Frasier also shared a letter received from Parade Chairwoman, Maureen Cherubini thanking all for their participation in the Memorial Day Parade held on Saturday, May 25, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION # 84 OF 2019
ADJUSTMENT TO SEWER DISTRICT #1 WARRANT**

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

WHEREAS, lot 43.13-1-13 was previously merged with lot 43.13-1-11, and

WHEREAS, sewer account SD1-299 has been deactivated in the Town of Hague's utility billing collection software,

IT IS RESOLVED; that the Town Board authorizes the following adjustment to the 2019 Sewer Dist. #1 Warrant:

Tax Map #43.13-1-13 decreased from 0.2 to 0.0 EDU – Property no longer in existence.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Carried 4-0

**RESOLUTION #85 of 2019
REVISED WARRANT FOR COLLECTION OF SEWER DISTRICT #1
USER FEES FOR THE YEAR 2019**

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

WHEREAS, SD1-299 was removed from Sewer District #1,

IT IS RESOLVED, that the Warrant amount to be collected for Sewer District #1 User Fee's for the Town of Hague for fiscal year 1/1/2019– 12/31/2019 are as followed:

**287.30 EDU's @ \$783.79 SEWER DISTRICT #1
AMOUNT TO BE COLLECTED: \$225,182.87**

SEWER DISTRICT #2 AMOUNT TO BE COLLECTED: \$191,198.24

TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE COLLECTED: \$416,381.11

Duly adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Carried 4-0

**RESOLUTION #86 of 2019
ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
OF MANICIPAL GOVERNMENTS BOARDING LAKE GEORGE
REGARDING AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION**

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

IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town of Hague Board agrees to have the Town Supervisor, Edna Frasier, sign the statement of intent to work in good faith to create an effective program to prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species in Lake George.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Carried 4-0

**RESOLUTION # 87 of 2019
MODIFICATIONS TO THE ZONING CODES OF THE TOWN OF HAGUE**

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

WHEREAS, The Town of Hague administers an Adirondack Park Agency approved Local Land Use Program, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Hague is desirous to add certain sections of the Zoning Codes of the Town of Hague, namely “Solar Energy Code”, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board requested the Code Modification Committee of the Town of Hague to examine the Zoning Codes of Hague to provide for the siting, development, and the decommissioning of renewable energy projects, including smaller-scale photovoltaic systems, and solar arrays in the Town of Hague, subject to reasonable conditions that promotes and protects the public health, safety, welfare and property values of the community while encouraging development of alternative energy resources, and

WHEREAS, after careful examination the Town Board, together with the Town of Hague Planning Board has agreed with the findings of the Code Modification Committee of the Town of Hague to include a new section of the Zoning Codes, and

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Hague performing the duties of Lead agency has prepared and reviewed the records of the State Environmental Quality Review, Full Environmental Assessment for the listed Zoning Code addition and have determined no significant impact to the environment would result, and therefore declared a Negative Declaration for the action,

WHEREAS, The Adirondack Park Agency approved the above mentioned addition to the Zoning Codes of the Town of Hague on April 11, 2019,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the section of the Zoning Codes of the Town of Hague listed above be, and the same hereby be added: Solar Energy Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Hague Town Board hereby directs the Town Clerk to send copies of this Resolution to the NYS Department of State as required by law.

Duly adopted this 11th Day of the month of June, in the year 2019, by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Carried 4-0

SUPERVISORS REPORT & COUNTY REPORTS: None

ADDITIONAL PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Councilman, Jack Bast raised the question on regulations of election signs in the Town of Hague. ZEO, Cathy Clark reminded that the local primary election is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2019. ZEO Clark also stated that there is no current local law regulating the length of time a political sign may be displayed on private property in the Town of Hague, and that it is illegal to remove a sign from someone else's private property.

Councilman, Steve Ramant made mention of the Hike-A-Thon scheduled for Friday, July 5, 2019. He states there are brochures at Warren County.

On a motion by Jack Bast, seconded by Steve Ramant, **IT IS RESOLVED**, to adjourn the town board meeting at 7:01 pm. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa L. Patchett
Interim Town Clerk