

HAGUE TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
July 9, 2019

The regular meeting of The Hague Town Board was held Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at The Hague Community Center at 6:00 pm with the following members present:

Supervisor Edna Frasier
Martin Fitzgerald II
Jack Bast

Steve Ramant
Joshua Patchett

Absent: None

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

On a Motion made by Marty Fitzgerald, seconded by Joshua Patchett, to open the meeting at 6:00 pm to audit bills. All voted aye. Motion carried.

After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was held for: Spear Johnson

Nutrition Outreach Presentation by Ben Driscoll

Ben Driscoll is the coordinator of the Catholic Charities of Warren County Nutrition Outreach and Education Program. Mr. Driscoll travels all around Warren County to spread the word of the nutrition assistance programs available such as SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), WIC (Women and Infant Children), and Free-reduced school lunches. He presents at municipalities, senior living, places of worship, schools, etc. and encourages others to share with their neighbors and friends. Mr. Driscoll discussed how the counties nutrition assistance programs help to keep people healthy and out of hospitals. He states that it truly is a preventative program as it is the first line of defense against hunger. Mr. Driscoll left income eligible guideline information at the Hague Community Center for the public.

WELCOME GUESTS/PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: None

RESOLUTION # 88 OF 2019 PAY BILLS

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

IT IS RESOLVED, to pay the following warrants as outlined in # 7-19 for a total of \$ 45,190.55

General	\$ 17,005.79
Highway	\$ 8,603.09
Sewer 1	\$ 4,590.02
Sewer 2	\$ 2,261.06
Street Lights	\$ 407.59
Other	\$ 12,323.00

Duly adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

Carried 5-0

MINUTES

On motion made by Steve Ramant, seconded by Jack Bast, IT IS RESOLVED, that the minutes of June 11, 2019 be accepted. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Waste Water Treatment Presentation by Tony DeFranco, Licensed Professional Engineer

Mr. DeFranco presented information on the proposed waste water treatment system for Douglas & Pamela Connors, tax map # 2-1-25, 911 New Hague Road. Mr. DeFranco discussed how the 3-bedroom house is situated on a tight parcel. There is an APA jurisdictional wetland located across the street and they are unable to meet the setback requirements for the tanks. Mr. DeFranco states that Puraflo is the only system that will fit on the property. He states that Puraflo is a very controlled and precise system operating on two pumps and would require an annual inspection. He states the manufacturer predicts the system to last up to 20 years with proper maintenance. With the conditions that they will have a UV filter on the water source and an alarm with water shut off, they are requesting three variances; for the tank setback from the property line, for the Puraflo system distance from the wetland, and for water source from the spring.

RESOLUTION # 93 OF 2019

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR WASTE WATER VARIANCE

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

WHEREAS, the water source for the dwelling at tax map # 2-1-25, 911 New Hague Road, is a spring in the basement of the house, and

WHEREAS, jurisdictional wetland is on the other side of New Hague Road, and

WHEREAS, both the spring and the wetland is within 100 feet of the only location for a leach field,

IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Hague will hold a public hearing on August 13, 2019 at 6:15 pm for the request for a variance to use a Puraflo, Peat Biofilter system.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

Carried 5-0

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Administrative: Frasier**
 - Assessor/Justice – Assessor’s office has had a lot of address changes.
The final assessment roll was completed July 1, 2019.
 - Finance/Insurance – Nothing at this time.
 - Recreation/ Promotion – There are 15 Hague children attending the Silver Bay YMCA summer program. The Town of Hague has recently published several ads in the local papers for the 2019 Music in the Park Summer Concert Series.
- **Buildings& Grounds: Fitzgerald/Patchett**
 - Councilman Patchett inquired about the needed repairs to the boardwalk at the park. Councilman Ramant states they have not yet been addressed. Some of the boards have come loose and are raised up, creating a potential tripping hazard. Councilman Ramant states it will be addressed as soon as possible.
 - Supervisor Frasier requests that councilmen Fitzgerald and Patchett look into landfill options. Councilman Fitzgerald expressed concerns that one employee is not enough to keep up with the volume of people who come to the landfill on weekends. Councilman Ramant states he has called a few companies for quotes on a scale for the dump.
- **Highway: Ramant/ Bast**
 - Councilman Ramant discussed the several road repair projects the Highway Department has been working on. He also states they have been helping with the beach cleanup.
- **Museum/Historian: Patchett/ Ramant**
 - Councilman Patchett shared that the Hague Historical Society is planning their summer events. July 19th will be a Local Authors Book Signing Event at the Uptown with 12-15 authors. July 23rd will be The Tale of the Dismembered 1757 Fort William Henry Shipwreck at the Community Center. August 16th will be Auto-boats on Lake George by Ruben Smith of Tumble Home at the Community Center.
- **Personnel: Bast/Fitzgerald**
 - Supervisor Frasier discussed the Town of Hague employee guideline adjustments. She states the changes are mainly state regulated and that her assistant, Diane will send an email to the Town Board Members with the highlighted changes.
- **Planning/Zoning: Fitzgerald/Patchett**
 - ZEO Cathy Clark distributed a report to the Town Board with the permits activity, the planning and zoning board agendas, and the sewer updates.
- **Town Park/Beautification: Ramant/Frasier**
 - Councilman Ramant states the third lifeguard has started at the Town Beach. New signs will be made for the beach rules, washing feet, and no climbing on the rocks. Councilman Ramant also mentioned that the DEC states the markers go with the flow of the water, which is south to north.
- **Sewer District#1 & #2: Bast/Frasier**
 - Councilman Bast states the Sewer Committee meets regularly. He discussed the preventative maintenance at the waste water treatment plant in planning ahead before pieces of equipment may fail.
 - ZEO Clark will send letters that the Town Board will be reviewing sewer appeals in September.

-ZEO Clark states she has had a few responses indicating that it would be less of a financial hardship if the hookup deadline could be extended to 2020. She states that most of the financial hardships are in Sewer District 1.

- **Environmental Concerns: Ramant/ Patchett**

-Councilman Ramant states the Knotweed project will begin once agreement is approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 89 OF 2019

CONTRACT WITH BURKUM PLANT HEALTH & TREE CARE

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

WHEREAS, The Town of Hague wishes to clean up the Knotweed through Invasive Plant Control,

IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a contract with Burkum Plant Health & Tree Care for two applications of herbicides over the Summer of 2019 for a total of \$9,000.00.

July 2019	\$4,500.00
August 2019	\$4,500.00

Ayes: Edna Frasier, Martin Fitzgerald II, Steve Ramant, Joshua Patchett, Jack Bast
Nays: 0
Carried 5-0

RESOLUTION # 90 OF 2019

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2019 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

(Transfer of funds of the money from the Land Conservatory.)

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

IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Board amend the Town Budget for fiscal year 2019 by increasing revenues A00 2772 Unclassified – Knotweed funding by \$12,000 and increasing expenditures A00-8090-430 Environmental Control for the Knotweed Management project by \$12,000.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Edna Frasier, Martin Fitzgerald II, Steve Ramant, Joshua Patchett, Jack Bast
Nays: 0
Carried 5-0

RESOLUTION # 91 OF 2019 RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A “FIXED LUMP SUM SNOW & ICE AGREEMENT” WITH NYS DOT

(5 year contract instead of the previous 3 year contracts.)

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Hague will enter into an agreement # D014770 with the New York State Department of Transportation entitled “Fixed Lump Sum Snow & Ice Agreement, and

WHEREAS, the term of this agreement shall be for five (5) years commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30th, 2024, this agreement shall not exceed twenty (20) years from the original contract date, at which point a new contract will need to be executed. At a least one (1) year prior to the expiration of each 5 year term the Municipality shall notify the Commissioner to extend or not to extend, and

WHEREAS, the Fixed Lump Sum estimated expenditure specified in the aforementioned agreement shall be \$273,575.27 for 50.5 lane miles for 2019/2020, and

WHEREAS, the estimated expenditure may be adjusted annually based upon demonstrated increases or decreases in the cost of performing the work or increases or decreases in lane miles, such adjustments will require an amendment to this agreement, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with New York State Department of Transportation for the FY 2019/2020.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

Carried 5-0

RESOLUTION # 92 OF 2019 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT RELATING TO LAKE GEORGE WATERSHED PRIORITY ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Resolution introduced by Martin Fitzgerald II, and seconded by Joshua Patchett,

WHEREAS, the Town of Hague has partnered in completing certain water quality assessment and management activities for Lake George, and

WHEREAS, grant funds were awarded for the costs related to the project referred to as the Lake George Watershed Management Priority Action Plan Implementation,

IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize the Supervisor to enter into the MOA with the County of Warren, LGPC, FUND, LGA, and the towns of Lake George, Queensbury, and Bolton.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

Carried 5-0

SUPERVISORS REPORT & COUNTY REPORTS: None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

-Ginger Kuenzel inquired on the status of the Swede Mountain fire tower reopening. She states it would be a good addition to the town's attractions. Supervisor Frasier states both the fire tower and the trail are owned by Warren County, and they are looking into reopening access to the public. The fire tower needs minimal repairs, but the cabin is in terrible condition and may not be salvageable. Supervisor Frasier states they will look into fundraisers, using occupancy tax monies, and potential grants. It is hopeful to reopen the trail in 2020 after completion of the fire tower revitalization and trail maintenance.

-Ginger Kuenzel inquired about the movement for shared emergency services. Supervisor Frasier states this would be up to the fire department as they are a private entity. HVFD President Linda Mury made mention that the distance creates an obstacle to and from the town of Hague. Councilman Fitzgerald recommends that the HVFD at least get put on the list.

On a Motion made by Martin Fitzgerald II, seconded by Joshua Patchett, **IT IS RESOLVED**, to adjourn the town board meeting at 7:30 pm. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa L. Patchett
Interim Town Clerk