

HAGUE TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 10, 2019

A Special Town Board Meeting was held Tuesday, September 10, 2019 regarding Sewer Law Enforcement at The Hague Community Center at 5:30pm 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, Joe McDowell- WWTP Operator, Matt Coffin- Deputy HWY Superintendent, Linda Mury- HVFD President, Linda Barber- Director of Royal Anchorage Estates, William Clough- Dresden EMT & Firefighter, and several town residents including Ginger Kuenzel, Judy Stock, Sandra Rust, and Linda Toner.

On a Motion made by J. Bast, seconded by M. Fitzgerald, to open the special meeting at 5:35pm All voted aye. Motion carried.

-Councilman Bast prepared packets for the Town Board to identify and propose a plan of action. J. Bast gave a summary to go over where the Town was at in terms of Sewer Connections. The Town Law requires that all properties within the Sewer Districts be connected. He stated that the Town began the process of sending out letters a year and a half ago. In March of 2018 letters were sent to the 22 property owners that were not yet connected. In February of 2019 a First Notice was sent and in March of 2019 a Second Notice was sent. J. Bast outlined the four categories that the properties now lie:

Category 1 – 4 properties have connected.

Category 2 – 6 property owners have committed to hook up by 12/31/2019.

Category 3 – 7 property owners plan to appeal for an extension.

Category 4 – 5 property owners have not yet responded.

It was discussed that the reason it has taken so long to get properties connected is because it is a lot of work. Residents can get held up on the requirement of an engineer inspection.

The Board decided to contact the Town Attorney regarding third notices and setting up fines.

It was decided to assign the follow up of each category amongst the Councilmen.

The Special Town Board Meeting concluded at 6:09pm.

The Regular Town Board Meeting followed, beginning at 6:10pm to audit bills.
After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was held for: Marietta Luberto, Art Klein

WELCOME GUESTS/PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Judy Stock inquired when the dates will be set for the 2020 Budget Meeting. Supervisor Frasier informed that the Town Board will set the dates at their meeting on October 3, 2019.

MINUTES

On motion made by J. Bast, seconded by M. Fitzgerald, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Minutes of August 13, 2019 be accepted. All voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #97 PAY BILLS

Resolution introduced by M. Fitzgerald, and seconded by S. Ramant,

IT IS RESOLVED, to pay the following warrants as outlined in # 9-19
for a total of \$ 262,301.54

General	\$ 28,199.36	Sewer 1	\$ 3,076.79
Highway	\$ 139,380.51	Sewer 2	\$ 1,514.67
Occ. Tax	\$ 300.00	WQIP Grant	\$ 1,000.00
Fire Protection	\$ 87,415.25	St. Lights	\$ 464.96

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 REPORTS:

- **Administrative: Frasier**
-E. Frasier had nothing to report.
- **Buildings & Grounds: Fitzgerald/Patchett**
-M. Fitzgerald had nothing to report.
-J. Patchett mentioned that he was very pleased to see that the front walkway to the Community Center was repaired so quickly after the Town Board Meeting in August.
- **Highway: Ramant/ Bast**
-Matt Coffin, Deputy HWY Superintendent, stated that the Highway Department has been busy working on stormwater projects.

Flail Mower: M. Coffin requested approval from the Board for the Highway Department to purchase a Side Flail Mower to be used primarily for intersections. The Town of Hague Highway

Department intends to still use Warren County's mower for larger projects. He confirmed that the funds are available in the budget.

On a Motion made by S. Ramant, seconded by J. Bast, it is resolved to approve a new Flail Mower for the Highway Department at \$21,584.72.

Chassis: M. Coffin requested approval from the Board for the Highway Department to purchase a new model Chassis Truck for snow removal. He stated that it has a larger transmission and will help reduce salt waste. The Highway Department is preparing for winter and would like to get the ball rolling on this purchase as soon as possible because of the length of time it takes to get the truck.

On a Motion made by S. Ramant, seconded by J. Patchett, it is resolved to approve the purchase of a 2020 International Truck Chassis at \$58,078.00

- **Museum/Historian: Patchett/ Ramant**
-J. Patchett stated nothing new to report. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled.
- **Personnel: Bast/Fitzgerald**
-J. Bast had nothing to report.
- **Planning/Zoning: Fitzgerald/Patchett**
-E. Frasier stated that the Town Board did not receive a report this month from the ZEO.
- **Town Park/Beautification & Environmental Concerns:**
-S. Ramant reported that Burkum Plant Health treated 18 lots for Knotweed. He stated that the Town will need to plan more work for next year as the project was more extensive than originally expected.
- **Sewer District#1 & #2: Bast/Frasier**
-J. Bast reported that he has been working with the WWTP Operator Joe McDowell and the Budget Officer Diane Trudeau on the Sewer Budget for 2020.
-J. Bast also proclaimed that John Sheehan will be certified licensed by the end of the year and the Town Board should consider his salary with these additional qualifications.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Speed Zones in the Bays of Putnam Station and Dresden.

Some of the Councilmen did individual site visits to see if speed zones were warranted for the requests in the bay near Rock Brothers Island, Town of Putnam Station, NY and in Indian Bay, Town of Dresden, NY. It was questioned if the Town Board should pass a resolution without having all council members first see the site. It was declared that sometimes the Board needs to depend on the judgement of others.

Rock Brothers Island, Town of Putnam Station, NY

- Linda Barber, Director of Royal Anchorage Estates, mentioned that boats anchor in the bay and that kids swim out to the rock.

-M. Fitzgerald stated that he is ok with passing the requested speed zone.

-J. Patchett stated that he does not find the case compelling.

-S. Ramant suggested authorizing the placement of only one buoy in the bay.

RESOLUTION # 98 OF 2019 ROCK BROTHERS ISLAND SPEED ZONE

Resolution introduced by S. Ramant, and seconded by M. Fitzgerald,

WHEREAS, the Town of Hague has received a request for one 5 MPH Speed Zone Buoy from Putnam Station, New York to be installed in the waters between the shore of Royal Anchorage Estates and Rock Brothers Island, and

WHEREAS, the water of Lake George is within the jurisdiction of the Town of Hague in Warren County, New York, and

WHEREAS, it has been deemed a safety issue with speeding boats in the area, and

WHEREAS, a formal application has been presented to NYSDEC in Warrensburg, New York, and

WHEREAS, all costs incurred for publishing any documents will be paid for by Royal Anchorage Estates Homeowners Inc. as well as the placement of the buoys, and there will be no cost to the Town of Hague or to the Town of Putnam Station,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Hague, NY hereby authorizes the Speed Zone to regulate the speed of mechanically propelled watercraft on these waters and ensure the safety of the property owners and residents of Royal Anchorage Estates.

Duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: Joshua Patchett

Carried 4-1

Indian Bay, Town of Dresden, NY

- Bill Clough, a Town of Dresden EMT & Firefighter, spoke regarding the requested speed zone. He stated that there were 5mph buoys in the Bay for 40 years until the DEC removed them. There were two instances this summer, 2019. He also mentioned that a lot of kids swim in the Bay because it is so small.

-J. Patchett stated that Bill has a compelling case for safety in the Bay. He mentioned that he does not think swim buoys are necessary, but would consider two speed zone buoys.

-S. Ramant made mention that there are two 5mph signs posted to trees on private properties in the Bay. He agreed that the Bay is too small for four buoys. One off of each island should be sufficient, and the rocks themselves are already a deterrent.

-M. Fitzgerald confirmed that it is very tight in the Bay and the speed zone is warranted.

RESOLUTION # 99 OF 2019 INDIAN BAY SPEED ZONE

Resolution introduced by J. Bast, and seconded by M. Fitzgerald,

WHEREAS, the Town of Hague has received a request for two 5 MPH Speed Zone Buoys from the Town of Dresden, New York to be installed in the waters of Indian Bay at Huletts Landing, and

WHEREAS, the water of Lake George is within the jurisdiction of the Town of Hague in Warren County, New York, and

WHEREAS, it has been deemed a safety issue with speeding boats in the area, and

WHEREAS, a formal application has been presented to NYSDEC in Warrensburg, New York, and

WHEREAS, all costs incurred for publishing any documents will be paid for by The Indian Bay Club Inc. as well as the placement of the buoys, and there will be no cost to the Town of Hague or to the Town of Dresden,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Hague, NY hereby authorizes the Speed Zone to regulate the speed of mechanically propelled watercraft on these waters and ensure the safety of the property owners and residents of the Town of Dresden.

Duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: Joshua Patchett

Carried 4-1

RESOLUTION # 100 OF 2019 REAPPOINTMENT OF THE ASSESSOR

Resolution introduced by S. Ramant, and seconded by J. Patchett,

IT IS RESOLVED, that David Martucci be reappointed as the Town of Hague Sole Assessor, for a term of six years in accordance with Real Property Tax Law §1530 (1) commencing October 1, 2019 and terminating September 30, 2025, at the annual salary established in the Town of Hague Salary Plan.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

Carried 5-0

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 101 OF 2019 REVISED SEWER WARRANT

Resolution introduced by J. Bast, and seconded by S. Ramant,

WHEREAS, incorrect information has been detected on the original 2019 Sewer Warrant, causing billing errors for the following parcels

- **Tax Map # 42.-1-22** was previously merged with Tax Map # 42.-1-18, therefore Lot 42.-1-22 no longer exists on the Tax Roll.
- **Tax Map # 43.5-1-30** was incorrectly billed as 0.2 units at \$156.76 instead of 1.0 units at \$783.79.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the following adjustments to the 2019 Sewer District # 1 Warrant:

- The corresponding sewer account for **Tax Map # 42.-1-22**, SD1-089 at 0.2 EDU's, be deactivated in the utility billing software for a decrease to the Sewer Warrant of \$156.76.
- The corresponding sewer account for **Tax Map # 43.5-1-30**, SD1-223 have the charges reapplied for the full EDU amount for an increase of \$627.03.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Warrant amount to be collected for **Sewer District #1** User Fees for the Town of Hague for fiscal year 1/1/2019– 12/31/2019 are revised as followed:
287.90 EDU's @ \$783.79 AMOUNT TO BE COLLECTED: \$225,653.33

IT IS RESOLVED, that the Warrant amount to be collected for **Sewer District #2** User Fees for the Town of Hague for fiscal year 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019 remain as followed:
160.40 EDU's @ \$689.33 Total: \$110,568.60
Capital Cost (minus the 25 property owners who paid full amount in 2010): \$50,000.23
Interest Payment (minus the 25 property owners who paid full amount in 2010): \$30,629.41
AMOUNT TO BE COLLECTED: \$191,198.24

REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE COLLECTED: \$416,851.57

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

OTHER: Town Board Meeting to accept the 2020 Budget will be held on October 3, 2019.

DISCUSSION:

Cleanup Day

-E. Frasier gave thanks to Councilmen Ramant and Bast for all their hard work and to the girls in the office for helping with the mailing. She states that she has talked to other towns and they do not offer trash cleanup services.

-Ginger Kuenzel inquired about who would be paying for the contractor services. Supervisor Frasier stated that the contractors have offered their services to pick up one large item free of charge. If residents want the contractors to take additional items, they can make that arrangement privately.

-J. Patchett stated that he feels that significant changes were made this year.

-M. Fitzgerald mentioned that the residents should be thankful that the service is still available.

-Supervisor Frasier stated that the Board needs to be responsible with the Town's money. She stated that this is a Pilot Program.

On a Motion made by M. Fitzgerald, seconded by J. Bast, IT IS RESOLVED, to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 7:13pm. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa L. Patchett
Town Clerk