

HAGUE TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 12, 2014
6:00 PM

Members present: Supervisor Frasier S. Ramant
 M. Fitzgerald II G. Kuenzel
 R. Meola

Also present: Attorney Viscardi

It was moved by M. Fitzgerald II, seconded by S. Ramant to open the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by M. Fitzgerald II, seconded by S. Ramant to open the Public Hearing at 6:02 pm. All voting yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #66 OF 2014
RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF HAGUE, WARREN COUNTY, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, THE Town Board of the Town of Hague has decided to discontinue its policy of repairing and/or replacing the pumping apparatus of each parcel contained in Sewer District No. 1 and Sewer District No. 2 as such need occurs; and

WHEREAS, it shall be the policy of the Town of Hague hereforth that the repair and/or replacement of the pumping apparatus on each property upon failure of the same shall be the sole expense of the property owner; and

WHEREAS, once the property owner experiences the need for repair and/or replacement and acquires a pump meeting the standards of the present pump on each parcel and pays for the cost of the same and the installation of the same, such pump shall become the property of the property owner; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the uniform quality of the pumps requiring replacement the Town shall maintain for purchase a quantity of new pumps, or restored pumps; and

WHEREAS, the property owner shall pay for the replacement of the pump within 30 days from the date of delivery of the pump, without interest. Failure to pay for the pump within 30 days from the date of delivery, the cost plus interest at the rate of 5% shall be added to the next Town tax bill of the subject property.

Now on the motion by Councilman Fitzgerald II, seconded by Councilman Meola, all members present voting therefor, it is

ORDERED that a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hague to be held at the Hague Community Center, Town of Hague, on August 12, 2014 at 6:00PM to consider said motion and to hear all persons

interested in the subject thereof concerning the same, and for such other action on the part of the Town Board with relation to such motion as may be permitted and required by law, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Clerk give notice of such hearing by publishing a certified copy of this order in the Post Star newspaper, being the Town's official newspaper, the publication thereof to be not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the day set for the hearing as aforesaid and shall also cause a certified copy thereof to be posted on the sign board of the Town of Hague not less than ten nor more than twenty days before such hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE HAGUE TOWN BOARD

Deborah F. Manning, Town Clerk

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Supervisor Frasier explained that at this time no decision will be made in reference to Resolution #66 of 2014. She opened the public hearing to the public.

Sandy Rust: Would like to see the Town Board create an Assets Management Committee with commercial, seasonal residents & local residents. With technology today summer residents could still be involved in this process.

Claire Best: She asked why Sewer Dist. #1 & Sewer Dist. #2 were charged different user rates. Supervisor Frasier explained that Sewer Dist. #1 is five years older and Sewer Dist. #2 has a Capital Cost and Interest fee.

Supervisor Frasier mentioned that if anyone is interested in serving on the Assets Management Committee, to please send an email to her or Ginger Kuenzel.

Motion by S. Ramant, seconded by M. Fitzgerald II to close the Public Hearing at 6:10 pm and return to regular session. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Moment of Silence: Cindy Jordan

Welcome Guests/Privilege of the floor:

Jim Beaty: What is the status on the Monolith Solar contract? Supervisor Frasier said we have a week to make a decision. We are working on ways to position the panels at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Chris Navitsky: Would like the Board to contact the Department of Transportation to see if there is a way to defer tractor trailers from going over Tongue Mountain. Mr. Beaty also mentioned that Island Harbor turn is also very dangerous. Councilman Ramant will set up a meeting with DOT to discuss this.

Resolution #67 of 2014: Introduced by R. Meola, seconded by G. Kuenzel
Resolved; to authorize the Supervisor to pay General, Highway & Sewer Claims audited on August 11, 2014: (\$15,827.53 & \$46,457.89).

AYES: Supervisor Frasier, R. Meola, G. Kuenzel, M. Fitzgerald II & S. Ramant.

NAYS: None

Carried: 5-0

Motion by R. Meola, seconded by S. Ramant to accept minutes of July 8, July 21, July 29 & August 5, August 11, 2014 with correction to July 8, 2014 moving the information from the Youth report to Recreation & Promotion. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Councilman Meola asked what the status was on Joan Icke Clark. Has anything been done in regards to her being removed from the Sewer District, since she has no easement to connect. Attorney Viscardi will write a letter to Janet Lawrence to see if she will allow her the easement. Councilman Meola asked how long it would take. Attorney Viscardi said within ten days.

Regular Committee Report:

1. Assessor & Justice: (Meola/Kuenzel): No report
2. Buildings & Grounds/Community Center/Enhancement: (Fitzgerald/Frasier): Councilman Fitzgerald reported that the Eric & Eric will have the plans for the possible expansion at the Community Center completed by fall.
3. Finance & Insurance: (Meola/Ramant): No report
4. Highway: (Fitzgerald/Ramant): Superintendent Smith reported that the crew has been busy getting things set up for winter. Moriah Shock has been a big help with the Cemeteries and helping with fire wood for the Highway Dept.
5. Museum & Historian: (Kuenzel/Ramant): Councilwoman Kuenzel reported that the Historian has submitted her report, please see attached. Also the Historical Society will hold a presentation on August 26, 2014, entitled: A Look at Hague... Past & Present Images
6. Personnel: (Meola/Kuenzel): There is a motion under new business to hire Kim Coffin as a Park Attendant for 2014 summer.
7. Planning/Zoning/Storm water: (Fitzgerald/Ramant): Motion by R. Meola, seconded by G. Kuenzel to give permission to the Zoning & Planning Boards and ZEO to attend the EDC's Annual Southern Adirondack Planning & Zoning Forum on 9/25/14 at Fort William Henry. The cost is \$25.00 per person. All voting yes. Motion carried.
8. Recreation & Promotion & Youth: (Ramant/Meola): Councilman Ramant reported that Time Warner Cable has been working on the installation of cable on New Hague Road and Summit Road. There has been completed from homeowners on New Hague Road that new Verizon phone lines need to be installed. The cell tower in Gull Bay should be completed by fall.

The Open Swim will be held on August 23 & 24 of 2014.

The Boy Scouts movie night (Lego Movie) at the Town Park is August 26, 2014.

The HITS Triathlon went well and a survey was done that approximately 196 room in Hague were rented.

9. Sewer District # 1 & 2: (Frasier/Kuenzel): Supervisor Frasier reported that Paul Belden sent his Wastewater Treatment Plant report. She also mentioned that the Comprehensive Performance Evaluation for the Wastewater Treatment Facilities prepared by Steve Grimm has been presented to the Town Board.

10. Town Park & Beautification: (Kuenzel/Ramant): The Board discussed the hours at the Boat Launch. Due to it now getting darker early the hours need to be reduced for August. Motion by S. Ramant, seconded by G. Kuenzel to amend Resolution #48 of 2014 reducing the hours beginning August 15, 2014 the hours for the Boat Launch on Friday & Saturday will be from 7 am to 8:30 pm until September. All voting yes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. The Town of Hague Fireworks will be August 15, 2014.

2. Motion by M. Fitzgerald II, seconded by R. Meola to authorize Supervisor Frasier to write a letter of violation to property owner in SD #2 tax map #26.10-1-21. If the problem is not resolved, fines will be in place. All voting yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #68 OF 2014

INTRODUCED BY G. Kuenzel, seconded S. Ramant

RESOLUTION URGING TIME WARNER CABLE, AND POTENTIAL NEW CABLE OPERATOR COMCAST; TO INCLUDE MOUNTAIN LAKE PBS AS PART OF FUTURE COVERAGE FOR WARREN AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES AS WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK PROVISIONAL CHARTER FOR MOUNTAIN LAKE PBS.

WHEREAS, The University of the State of New York granted on December 20, 1968, pursuant to the provisions of section 246 & 236 of the Education Law, in the counties of Franklin, Clinton, Essex, Warren, Washington and Hamilton, an educational corporation, Mountain Lake PBS, to provide educational and cultural television programming; and

WHEREAS, today Mountain Lake PBS signal is not carried in Warren and Washington Counties; and

WHEREAS, citizens in Warren and Washington Counties are deprived of Mountain Lake PBS programming that is proprietary, unique and customized to the communities in its coverage area; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hague strongly encourages Time Warner, and potential new cable operator Comcast, to include Mountain Lake PBS in future cable channel listings in Warren and Washington Counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Hague shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirstin Gillibrand, Representative Bill Owens, Senator Elizabeth Little, Senator Kathleen Marchione, Assemblyman Dan Stec, Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin, future Assembly member in Assembly district 113 (currently vacant), and all others deemed necessary and proper, asking for their support of this resolution.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Supervisor Frasier, S. Ramant, M. Fitzgerald II, R. Meola, and G. Kuenzel.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

DATED: August 12, 2014.

Deborah F. Manning
Hague Town Clerk

3. Motion by S. Ramant, seconded G. Kuenzel motion to approve the Assets Management Committee. Edna Frasier, Diane Trudeau, Ginger Kuenzel and at a later date two residents will be added to the committee. All voting yes. Motion carried.

4. Motion by S. Ramant, seconded by M. Fitzgerald II to hire Cedarwood Engineering to review the Comprehensive Performance Evaluation for the Wastewater Treatment Facilities prepared by Steve Grimm. This will be per their fee schedule. All voting yes. Motion carried.

5. The Board discussed Monolith Solar contract. Supervisor Frasier & M. Fitzgerald II explained that the 20 year contract is normal and the Town will see a major savings. If technology changes it would be in the best interest for Monolith to upgrade the panels when needed. We have signed the NYSERDA grant and the longer we wait the more money will lose. Councilwoman Kuenzel would like to read the final contract and would like more time to read their proposal. Councilman Meola sees no reason why we need to rush into this.

Motion by E. Frasier, seconded by M. Fitzgerald II to authorize Supervisor Frasier to sign contract with Monolith for Solar panels.

AYES: Supervisor Frasier, M. Fitzgerald II, & S. Ramant.

NAYS: R. Meola & G. Kuenzel.

Carried: 3-2

6. Motion by S. Ramant, seconded by G. Kuenzel to hire Kim Coffin as Park Attendant for 2014. All voting yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISORS REPORT & COUNTY REPORTS: None

Other:

Councilman Fitzgerald spoke on behalf of the Hague Fire Department that the Company will reimburse the Town for the cost of parts and labor from last week, relating to a grinder pump. Linda Mury, President of the Fire Dept. called a commercial sewer company, but they did not have the equipment to fix it. Councilman Meola wanted to know how they obtained an E-1 pump from the Sewer District. He also noted that the Fire Department building is outside the boundaries of the Sewer District. M. Fitzgerald & Linda Mury responded that they do not know who made the decision on the pump.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by S. Ramant, seconded by G. Kuenzel to adjourn meeting at 7:35 pm. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah F. Manning
Town Clerk