

HAGUE TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 14, 2014
6:00 pm

Motion by M. Fitzgerald II, seconded by G. Kuenzel to open the meeting at 6:00 pm. All voting yes. Motion carried.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence: Fran Brannock, Pat Cornell, Makeisha Hoffay.

Supervisor Frasier reported on the many accomplishments that the Town Board made in 2013. The ordering of new banners, taking over of May Cemetery, new lights in the Hague Community Center, Warren County Bicentennial, correcting the sewer freeze on Streeter Hill. For 2014 we will be working on the expansion of the town vault and Historical Museum, solar panels and a comprehensive plan for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Welcome Guests/Privilege of the floor:

Art Hatfield requested that the Town Board move the date of the Hague Fireworks back to July 3, 2014. Many others in the audience felt the same. Supervisor Frasier will address this at next months meeting. The Board made the change in August only due to so many other towns in this area conduct 4th of July events.

Tom Haskell, President of the Hague Chamber of Commerce reported on Hague Winter Weekend.

Feb. 14, 2014:

Hague Snow Queen Pageant 7:00 pm at the Hague Community Center

Feb 15, 2014:

Hague Firemen Breakfast from 7:30 am to 11:00 am and the Rotary Club Silent Auction Youth games and art crafts at the Hague Fire Dept. from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Chili Bake Off at 5:00 pm. Music by Calamity Rock.

Feb 16, 2014:

Cross Country Skiing at Rogers Rock 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Polar Plunge at Trout House Village Resort beginning at 1:00 pm. All proceeds will go to the Children's Miracle Network.

Resolution #41 of 2014: Introduced by M. Fitzgerald II, seconded by G. Kuenzel Resolved; to authorize the Supervisor to pay General, Highway & Sewer Claims audited at Mondays meeting in the amount of \$71,771.84.

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

NAYS: None.

Carried: 5-0

Motion by R. Meola, seconded by M. Fitzgerald to accept minutes of 12/10, 12/30 of 2013 and 1/2/2014 & 1/13/2014. All Voting yes. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Kuenzel would like the amount of the warrants in the monthly minutes for 2014.

Regular Committee Report:

1. Assessor & Justice: (Meola/Kuenzel): No report
2. Buildings & Grounds/Community Center/Enhancement: (Fitzgerald/Frasier): Councilman Fitzgerald II reported that he will be meeting with the Dept. of Health soon and hopefully the Community Center kitchen will be completed.
3. Finance & Insurance: (Meola/Ramant): No report
4. Highway: (Fitzgerald/Ramant): Deputy Superintendent Rick Myers reported that the Highway Dept. has been busy removing snow and ice from the roads. The paystar truck will be going to the garage for repairs.
5. Museum & Historian: (Kuenzel/Ramant): Councilman Ramant reported that the Historical society will be having a Show & Share presentation at the Community Center on January 28, 2014.
6. Personnel: (Meola/Kuenzel): No report
7. Planning/Zoning/Storm water: (Fitzgerald/Ramant):

ZONING REPORT TO TOWN BOARD

January 14, 2014

Permits Activity	Month	YTD
• Land Use Development	0	0
• Site Plan Review	0	0
• Subdivisions	1	0
• Variance	0	0
• Wastewater	0	0
• Wastewater Variances	0	0
• Planning Board: meeting of January 2, 2014 was postponed until January 16th due to inclement weather. The board will review one application for Sketch Plan Review of a two lot subdivision and one application for a two lot subdivision.		

- **Zoning Board: meeting of December 19th. Starker, 8 Fowler Lane, Variance for a landscape plan. The ZBA approved retaining walls greater than 4' in height and a raised patio which will be constructed within 50' of the lake.**
- **Code Committee At the meeting of January 9th the committee completed modification to Chapters 85 & 124 and has sent them to the Attorney for the Town and the Planning Board for their review and comments. They are still actively working of Travel Trailers and other areas of concern.**
- **Attached is a flyer from the APA for your information. It details the benefits of having a Local Land Approved Program.**

8. Recreation & Promotion & Youth: (Ramant/Meola): Councilman Ramant reported that the Music in the Park schedule is complete for 2014. He will be in contact with the HITS Triathlon Representative to discuss the June 20 - 22, 2014 event.

9. Sewer District # 1 & 2: (Frasier/Kuenzel): Supervisor Frasier received the following report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator.

Plant Operations:

1. 1 non-compliance events for Dec. for Nitrate as N in well. Limit is 10 mg/l we were 16.3 mg/l DEC was notified as required.
2. Dec. 2013 flow up ~2% from Dec. 2012, Dec. 2013 flow ~5% higher than 6yr ave.
3. 2013 ave. flow up ~28% from 6 yr ave. , ~6% lower than 2012

Repairs:

1. E-one Pumps
 - a. Currently have the following spare pumps in inventory.
 - i. (13) 2000 series pumps Dist. 1
 - ii. (1) 2000 series amgp (drop in septic tank)
 - iii. (3) extreme series pumps Dist. 2
 - iv. (2) extreme series amgp (1 new in box)
 - v. (1) Idu pump Dist. 2
 - b. (7) pumps in need of repair
 - i. (7) 2000 series dist. 1
 - c. Need to order parts for stock.
2. Collection System
 - a. Vacuum air releases.
 - i. All inspected as of 3/29/13
 1. 38 inspected
 2. 21 not working
 3. 6 missing (most never installed)
 4. 11 working

Financial issues:

1. **Streeter Hill Freeze up's**
 - a. **Work complete Approx. 12/31/13**
 - b. **Heat trace working well / checked weekly.**

2. Comprehensive performance evaluation of WTPP & collection system to start 1/13/14.
3. Sludge disposal costs.
 - a. For 2012 we dried 37,661 gal of sludge in our drying beds and sent 21,840 gal of liquid sludge to Ticonderoga for disposal.
 - b. For 2013 we have sent 28,155 gal of sludge to our drying beds and sent 71,764 gal of liquid sludge to Ticonderoga for disposal.
 - c. So at approx. \$.10 / gal disposal and \$.08 for hauling we have spent about \$ 12,918 dollars on liquid sludge disposal, for this year.
4. Cape Cod Pump #1 Failed / New pump cheaper than rebuild / new pump ordered \$ 5,055.28 + freight.
 - a. This fail brought to light a problem with pump station alarms.
 - b. Working on quotes to fix problem (all 3 pump stations) and side stream pumps.
5. Digester Pumps lifting point failure.
 - a. Ordered replacement chain and clevises
 - b. Waiting on two more quotes for cleaning of digester and pump removal (permit required confined space entry required)
 - ii. 1st Quote is for \$19,357.91
 - iii. 2nd Quote is for \$7,120
 - iv. 3rd Quote not received (after 3 phone calls)
 - c. Once pumps are removed we will be able to get a determination on if the pumps can be repaired (cost / part availability) or if they will have to be replaced.
6. Lab Chemical disposal
 - a. We have received 2 quotes for proper disposal.
7. ***E-1 pumps, we need to purchase 1 replacement pump for indoor units. We have 1 spare. They are different then the other E-1 pumps.***
 - a. Cost is \$2153
8. We have implemented a new maintenance program/tracking system.
 - a. Progress is being made on maintenance items. We are falling behind on a few items.

Odor complaints:

1. Lakeshore pumps station.
 - a. None.
2. Dodd Hill
 - a. None.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Belden Jr.

Councilman Meola asked the Supervisor if there was any response back from the owners who were in violation for no grease trap. Supervisor Frasier sent a letter on November 19, 2013 to the property owners in violation of the grease trap and has received no response back. The Town Board discussed the situation and authorized the Supervisor to

send a letter again to the property owners with an attachment sent to NYS Dept. of Health.

10. Town Park & Beautification: (Kuenzel/Ramant): No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

1. Motion by R. Meola, seconded by M. Fitzgerald II to give permission for the Hague Arts & Crafts Fair Committee to use the large room and grounds from August 1 to August 3, 2014. All voting yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by M. Fitzgerald II, seconded by R. Meola to give permission to Steve Ramant to attend the Association of Towns in NYC and name him as voting delegate for the Town of Hague. All voting yes. Motion carried.

2. IN THE MATTER OF LAYING OUT A PORTION OF OVERBROOK ROAD AS A PUBLIC HIGHWAY IN THE TOWN OF HAGUE, WARREN COUNTY, NEW YORK

RESOLUTION #43 OF 2014

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY R. MEOLA, SECONDED BY G. KUENZEL.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HAGUE TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF OVERBROOK ROAD FOR TOWN HIGHWAY PURPOSES.

Upon reading the dedication and release in the above entitled matter, dated the 9th day of January, 2014, wherein the owner of lands described therein has released the same to the Town of Hague and its Highway Superintendent for highway purposes; Now Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, that consent be and the same hereby is given to the Town Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Hague to make an order laying out the lands described in said dedication, dated the 9th day of January 2014, for highway purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Highway Law and other statutes applicable thereto.

Dated the 14th day of January, 2014

DULY ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Deborah F. Manning, Hague Town Clerk

3. The Hague Town Board will audit books by January 20, 2014.
4. The Town Board discussed the proposal for Hague Boat Launch. The town needs to have a plan finalized by mid May due to the new LGPC regulations on having all boats inspected and tagged before enter Lake George. Councilman Ramant has been working with the state in hopes of finalizing an agreement with Rogers Rock to allow access without a fee to the residence. Supervisor Frasier would like the committee to write a proposal to the Town Board for their review. Once we have a document in place we can hold an Informational meeting.

ADDENDUM

1. Two quotes were received for cleaning of WWTP tank (pits).
Clean Harbors with their operators doing the work: \$19,357.91
PSC will provide men & material to pump down tank on site to provide access for Hague WWTP to remove the pumps: \$3,560.00 per tank.

Motion by R. Meola, seconded by S. Ramant to accept PSC quote for cleaning of WWTP tanks in the amount of \$3,560.00 per tank. All voting yes. Motion carried.

2. Motion by R. Meola, seconded by M. Fitzgerald II to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Ticonderoga Youth Contract Agreement. The Agreement is for the period commencing 1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014 in the amount of \$1,000.00. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Councilman Ramant reported that Verizon wants to put a tower up in Gull Bay. This would help Hague residents will cell service. The Adirondack Park Agency is accepting written comments on this proposed project.

Councilwoman Kuenzel asked if there was a report from the Comprehensive committee. Supervisor Frasier and ZEO Cathy Clark explained that the problem is that many of the committee members are not available during the winter for meetings. Ms. Kuenzel suggested that new or additional members be added to the committee.

Motion by R. Meola, seconded by M. Fitzgerald II to adjourn meeting at 7:15 pm. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah F. Manning

Hague Town Clerk