

Town of Mohawk
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 14th, 2019 at 7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting was held on February 14th, 2019 at the Richard A. Papa Office Building, 2-4 Park St. Fonda NY 12068.

Present: Supervisor Edward Bishop, Councilmen: Janet Tyler, Anthony Bruno, William Smith and Matt Paton Also present, William Holvig, Supt. of Highways, and Stella Gittle Sole Assessor. Town Attorney Robert Kruger and Kimberly M. Sullivan, Town Clerk were excused.

A motion to approve the minutes of the 01/10/19 Regular Meeting, 1/10/19 Organizational Meeting and 1/24/19 Special meeting was made Smith and seconded by Paton. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

Public to speak: Alan Buck, town resident commented that Hickory Hill drainage is worse than ever, forcing drivers to use the center of the roadway.

Town Correspondence:

1. Montgomery County Office for Aging, Inc. thanked the board for supporting them.
2. Town of Amsterdam included us in a letter to Governor Cuomo asking for the restoration of \$60 million in funding to the town, villages and cities in NYS, otherwise known as AIM Funds.

Payments made prior to this meeting to avoid late payments: Total: \$29,469.79

General A: \$25,528.11 Highway: \$1,806.68

General B: \$2,135.00

The Money Market Account as of 1/31/2019: \$842,474.98

Fund breakdown as follows:

General A: 448,712.99

B- Outside the Village: \$140,460.04

DB Hwy Fund: 222,018.57

SL- Street Lighting: 31,283.38

The Investment Account Balance as of 01/31/19: \$754,068.12

Report from the Highway Superintendent as follows:

1. The weather has been keeping the men busy day and night.

2. The Transfer case broke on one of the trucks and will be fixed next week, Bill's pickup had a front hub freeze up but it was under warranty, adding that all the trucks are under constant stress from the salt.
3. Bill will be attending Advocacy Day again on March 6th in Albany with fellow Highway Superintendents, lobbying for CHIPS money.

Scott Fearis, Innovative Solutions gave a presentation on his winter road treatment product as follows:

*Using magnesium Chloride with molasses will save 20-25% of salt usage and can be used at lower temperatures. The liquid solution leaves the salt on the road preventing it from bouncing and scattering and will provide tanks, product and training.

A motion to move forward with Innovative Surface solutions was made by a motion from Smith and seconded by Paton. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Stella Gittle, Sole Assessor reported seniors were receiving letters from the state to verify STAR Exemption.

A motion to accept the minutes and budget for the Consolidated Board of Health was made by Smith and seconded by Bruno. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Discussion was held on converting the existing street lights to LED. The upfront cost would be \$6,200 and we would recoup that once installed. The savings will be approximately 40 %.

A motion to move forward with the street light conversion in the Tribes Hill area was made by Smith and seconded by Paton. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Discussion was held on the DEIS and our next steps as follows:

*Claudia Braymer Esq. reported that we have received the DEIS and payment from Fulton County. She has forwarded the DEIS to Chasen Assoc. for review. Fulton County's Attorney sent us a letter stating that we had 45 days to respond to the DEIS, Claudia stated that there is no rule regarding this and we plan on moving forward with review.

*If Chasen finds deficiencies we will go back to Fulton County to address these and once addressed, we will have a public hearing. Claudia sent a request to Fulton County asking for them to set up an escrow with \$20,000 in it. Finally, she reiterated that we do not have a revenue agreement.

Resolution #022 authorizing the Supervisor, Town Board and Highway Superintendent to audit and pay bills was made by a motion from Tyler and seconded by Smith. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Bills Totaling: \$77,127.30

General A account: \$5,481.07

Highway account: \$66,587.36

General B account: \$3,181.87

Street Lighting: 1,877.00

In further business: Tony Bruno thanked Bill Holvig for sending a truck to clear the road at a recent fire.

A motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting at 8:08pm was made by Smith and seconded by Tyler. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly M. Sullivan
Town Clerk