

January 14, 2019 the regular town board meeting for the Town of Dresden with Councilman Greenough absent met beginning at 7:00 p.m. Sup. Ferguson led the pledge to the flag. A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

**Old Business:** The overhang on the Veteran's sign will need to be removed in order to take down the signs to repair the damage and add the omitted names. We will be waiting until warmer weather to do this task. The book exchange that was put in place last month has had some activity to which the board was pleased to hear about.

**New Business:** Susan Ives, the postmaster in town, brought to the boards attention that a new postmark will be implemented to recognize the town. A unique occurrence has enabled this. Our zip code numbers will be as the same as a calendar date of December 8, 2019 (12819). Tom Mowatt has offered to design the stamp and there will be a dedication at a later time. There was a change to one of the resolutions passed during the Organizational Meeting held on January 2 this year. **Resolution #5-2019** titled **Policies** to accept the edited resolutions 2,3 and 4 was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor. **Resolution #7-2019** titled **Budget Transfer, General** was put forth by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor. **Resolution #8-2019** titled **Budget Transfer, Highway** was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor. Coun. Wilbur brought up about Kathy Huntington, the town historian, that the monies paid to her for her service is mostly consumed by the fees associated with Ancestry.com and that he would like the board to approve having her reimbursed for this. The board agreed that her willingness to be the historian deserves to be recognized and Sup. Ferguson will look for someplace in this year's budget to pay her for the ancestry access. The BAN payment will be paid off this month. We are going to keep the BAN because we lost a front line truck that will need to be replaced. A tandem truck has been found and it's a real steal. We can remove the truck bed off the disable one and put it on the one that is for sale. Included with the truck is a wing, plow, and all mounts and has 76,000 miles on it. The board recommends going to look as soon as possible to not miss an opportunity. Mr. Hobus will find some time to get over and look more closely at it. Coun. Raymond has been in touch with Mike Bridger about shoring up the town hall floor. Mr. Bridger has offered to do the work for \$2,200 to include all material and labor and will be using the help of town road employee, Warren Gordon. The board recommends that they do the job.

**County Business:** Phil Spiezio, the former safety officer for Washington County, has been promoted to assist Deborah Donahue with day to day operations at the Department of Public Works.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:** Since the last meeting we have had a serious problem with TD-7, one of the front line trucks. It has experienced some sort of engine failure on the Pike Brook Road on December 17<sup>th</sup> which ended in hydro lock which simply is water in the piston sleeves. We removed the plow and wing and Chris Dudley moved the truck to his parking lot. Mr. Hobus made some phone calls to get quotes for repairs and the more it was thought about the more sense it made to not put money into repairing a vehicle with 19 seasons on it, over 180,000 miles and nearing 10,000 hours of operation on it. This vehicle was going to be replaced in 2020 and we had already purchased a stainless combo spreader box that was only used last season. The plan was to buy the combo box and use it and then install it on a new cab and chassis. We are just going to have to do it sooner than we expected. Mr. Hobus would like to thank Washington County DPW and thank Deb Donahue for loaning us a spare truck for the rest of the season. The crew has also been busy with snow and ice events. He also would like to thank them for stepping up. There's been a lot of extras put on them with such a small crew and the same amount of roads to maintain. Jim Brown and Eric Hobus have had their surgeries and are on the mend. Mr. Hobus would also like to extend a thank you to Pat Greenough for all he has done for the town helping us when he can with all he has going on in his family.

**Public Comment:** It has been determined by the board that there will be a two minute limitation on the public comment section per person during each meeting. It was the consensus of those in attendance that the meeting tonight was informative and kept low key. There were no further discussions and a motion to adjourn was made at 7:34 p.m. Respectfully submitted Marcinda Wilbur Town Clerk

**Attendance:** PJ Ferguson, Tiffany Bezio, Robert Cucinello, Matt Saari from The Whitehall Times, Erin Perkins, Gary Scott, Warren Gordon, Linda Barber, Scott Brown, Mark Ives, Susan Ives, Clayton Ryder, and Breanne Ryder