

August 10, 2015 the regular Town Board meeting was held at the Hulett's Landing Volunteer Fire Company and all the board members were in attendance. Supervisor Gang led the pledge to the flag. A motion was made to accept the previous month's minutes by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Greenough and seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

Old Business: The financials for the previous month were given to the board members and is on file in the town clerk's office.

Around September 16th the CHIPs money will be in. As to the budget so far, the Highway will be alright, however, the General will be in question and may have to borrow some money from the Highway to cover some expenses.

The FEMA money will be coming in we just aren't sure when to expect it as well as the money from the weed program will be coming in. It will be a while before we can expect that money so it is difficult to factor that in the budget for general. The Sewer districts are under some review. Sewer District 2 is right on course; however, Sewer District 1 has depleted its budgeted amounts and will most likely be borrowing from the town to cover repairs and maintenance.

The 2016 tax cap is set by the state based on 2% of the amount of taxes collected during the previous year or the rate of inflation. We went over the tax cap last year and we will most likely be exceeding it again this year. Using the rate of inflation the tax cap amount will be .007% and will amount to \$4,945.00.

The budgeting process is in the beginnings and will be discussed extensively during the next couple of weeks and will be completed by the middle of September.

The summer weed program is nearing completion and should finish up by the end of the month.

Questions still remain in regards to the Washington County Beach in Hulett's Landing and to the liability of it staying open during the off season. Sup. Gang has had discussions with the County Board of Supervisors and the County Attorney and the beach access gate will be opened during the winter for the sportsman and closed when there isn't a lifeguard on duty. Sup. Gang will try and get in touch with Washington County Fish and Wildlife and hope to get something started to change this.

New Business: Resolution #21-2015 titled **Budget Amendment, Highway** and is on file in the clerk's office. The CHIPs money has increased and the total footage of roads has increased. It was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

Resolution #22-2015 titled **Budget Amendment, General** and is on file in the clerk's office. The landfill closure expense is higher than was budgeted for the year. It was put forth by Coun. Greenough and seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor. Resolution #23-2015 titled **Budget Amendment, Highway** and is on file in the clerk's office. The town will be taking over Manellville Road for maintenance and repairs. It was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor.

The town receives a portion of the amount of sales tax collected in the county based on the following formula: 50% of the population plus 50% of the assessed values in the town. The total amount of 2016 sales tax receipts will be an additional \$14,000 due to a change in distribution.

During the last few months there has been much debate on the placement of a medical marijuana growing facility. A local farm in Jackson was vying for the contract however it was approved for a facility located in Warren County.

County roads 6A and 6B have been completed and repaved and at a later time a company will finish them up by painting the lines. There is no news about the 500 Million dollars being offered by the state to make broadband access available to rural areas but it is still up in the air.

Highway Superintendent's Report: The past month the crew has spent basically all their time on the T-11 box culvert on Pike Brook Road and they have hauled away the debris and materials. The crew also has helped out with the weed program by refueling and equipment movement and applied a calcium clear coat on Marina Road and installed a culvert at Jim McMaster's driveway. Finally, Mr. Hobus would like to thank the Hulett's Landing Volunteer Fire Company chief Jay VanderPlat and the other volunteers who helped with the washing of the ledge at T-11 as well as Lake Champlain Stone. It was very helpful and saved a lot of time. The CHIPs money paperwork was sent in to the county and the check should be in around September 16.

There was a public discussion in regards to the Sewer District. The sewer laws are still being drawn up with the town attorney. In the meantime, the pumps continue to be failing and there still isn't enough money in the account to cover replacing or repairing and this will result in higher operations and maintenance fees for next year. Ed Valla would like the town assistance to keep track of the residences that have been replaced and if the pump is a brand new one or a refurbished one and the serial numbers of the pumps so it is easier to keep track of repairs. A meeting will be held at a later date for the town sewer committee and each of the sewer districts. A motion to adjourn was made and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted Marcinda Wilbur Town Clerk.

Attendance: Dan King Ed Valla HelenMarie Sunkenberg and three unknowns