

December 12, 2016 regular town board meeting was held in the town hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. Sup. Gang led the pledge to the flag. A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

Old Business: Sup. Gang has begun shuffling money from the Highway into the General and at this time there hasn't been any payment from the State for the weed program. There will be a Christmas party held in the Town Hall Saturday, December 17, 2016 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

New Business: Resolutions to be considered during this evenings meeting are as follows:

Resolution #42-2016 titled **Budget Amendment, General** includes year end amendments. It was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

Resolution #43-2016 titled **Budget Amendment, Highway** also included year end amendments and was put forth by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

The sewer district operator, Bill Borden, didn't receive an opt out for the state retirement when he began as the operator over 20 years ago. If he chooses to join he will have to pay for the last 24 years but so will the town. As far as we know, he has never been placed into the system so there are way too many variables on how to approach this issue. More discussion will take place at another time.

A grant may be available from Lake George Park Commission to place the sewer lines from District 1 under the bridge. A sum of \$62,000 could be used. A grant needs to be written up and Randy Gath will write it but he needs the town's permission to move ahead.

Highway Superintendent Mr. Hobus was not in attendance in tonight's meeting but the power was hooked up at the new salt barn. There were no other reports for the highway at this time. The meeting was recessed and will convene on December 29, 2016 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

December 29, 2016, the yearend closeout was held and all members of the board were in attendance. Sup. Gang led the pledge to the flag. During the organizational meeting the financials will be given to the board. We finally received the money for the weed program as well as FEMA money that was expected for 2016. This leaves the highway budget at \$230,000 and the general at \$10,000. Sup. Gang brought up that he would like to use the highway portion of the weed program money for subsequent years to be placed into an account for the highway equipment and it was offered to the board to consider for the next year. At this time the meeting was recessed to executive session for a brief discussion at 6:47. The meeting was called out of executive session at 6:55 p.m.

New Business: A letter was received from the town attorney. The cell tower company that is interested in leasing a part of land from the town has proposed a \$1,200 per month payment for the space. The board will review it more after the holidays. A few bills came in since the last meeting and the budget officer has made the following changes:

Resolution #44-2016 titled **Budget Amendment; General** to cover the remaining bills for 2016 was put forth by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor.

Resolution #45-2016 titled **Budget Amendment; Highway** to cover the remaining bills for 2016 was put forth by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor.

Resolution #46-2016 titled **Approval for Ticonderoga Animal Hospital to be Contracted for Dog Services** will be typed up and ready during the Organizational Meeting next month was put for by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor.

It has come to the town's attention that a report is necessary for the landfill closure. There wasn't any money appropriated and now that there is some since the last meeting he will be getting in contact with another company to oversee the closure, testing, and find one that also does reporting as well instead of using Phoenix Laboratories. There were no further discussions and the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur, Town Clerk.