

February 1, 2018 the regular Town Board meeting was held in the Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. and all board members were in attendance. The pledge to the flag was led by Sup. Ferguson. A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

Old Business: The animal control officer position will be filled by Melissa Brown. She is a certified Veterinary Technician and has all of the qualifications to be able to be placed in this position. She has requested from the town a salary amount of \$1,800. She will be able to house the stray dogs on her property and find new homes for them if they go unclaimed. In the event there is an emergency surgery or necessary for the dogs to have a rabies vaccination it will become the town's responsibility. Sup. Ferguson has replaced Lester Losaw with Sherri Wescott to go over the Town's financial statements to prepare them for the audit.

New Business: A motion to appoint Melissa Brown as the animal control officer was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor. Mr. Josh Bagnato was in attendance for this evening's meeting. He is a representative for TDI for the power line from Rouse Point, NY to Queens, NY. The project is a 333 miles of pipeline that will be privately financed. The powerline will be used to convert DC power to AC and vice versa and will only be carrying current, no gas. The APA was signatory and they went into settlement in the early permit process. During the time between 2013 to 2015 the company was attaining the correct permits from the agencies and had a designated route planned. The length of time spent for the project will depend on the rock ledge openings. The environmental impact has been mitigated by moving the lines out of the water. It is expected to be operational by 2022. There won't be any work done during 2018 but hopefully will begin sometime during 2019 and will be completed by 2022. During field work it was determined that there had to be a modification from the original route planned, which included running the power line through the bottom of Lake Champlain, but is determined to exit the water through the local municipalities. The impact for the town's will be no burden to them. The company will be taxed and we shall receive somewhere around \$120,000 for the town, \$495,000 to Whitehall Central Schools, and \$295,000 for the County. They are also requesting a pilot agreement for 40 years which is unlikely but it does guarantee payments and how much they can expect to be paying. Mr. Bagnato is asking for the Town's in line with the project to pass a resolution in regards to the modification of plans and accept the changes.

Finances: It has been determined by Sup. Ferguson to dissolve the money market accounts and use the respective banking accounts. He is in the process with the help of Ms. Wescott to convert the current program on the town's computer to Quick Books from Quicken effective beginning January 1, 2018. Quicken hasn't been reconciled during the last 4 years so some time will be spent putting the books in order.

County: There have been some complications over the asphalt used during last summer's roadway projects. The company used was Gorman's. It is hopeful that Peckhams will be used in the future.

Highway Superintendent's Report: Since the last meeting the crew has encountered 15 snow/ice events and has used 270 tons of salt and 625 yards of sand. There has been some progress on the renovation of the town garage including the installation of LED lights and the bathroom project is coming along with a new concrete and tile floor as well as new plumbing. There has been a list of repairs for the month. No further discussions and a motion was made by Coun. Wilbur to adjourn and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur.

Attendance: George Armstrong Brian Caza Bruce Caza Melissa Brown Matt Saari Josh Bagnato