

February 13, 2017 the regular town board meeting was held in the Town Hall and all members were in attendance. Sup. Gang 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. Greenough and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor. Sup. Gang announced to the board that the payment was made on the BAN for the new truck which is good news.

**Old Business:** A response letter was submitted to the OSC office and a copy was provided to the board as to what it said and is on file in the clerk's office. A three year long term plan is one of our goals and how to reach those goals to become more responsible with the Town's finances is what we will be working towards. The monthly financials were given to the board and are on file in the clerk's office. There are still several bills in the Highway and there are still minor repairs that are being worked on. The 2016 weed program and all the paperwork is done and is off to be signed by the state and will be sent back to Sup. Gang for final signatures and a check will be sent in due time. The Town will have to re-evaluate the water levels for the upcoming 2017 and make a decision about where to dump the weeds and where we will be entering the water.

**New Business:** Resolutions:

**#05-2017** titled **Budget Amendment, Highway** renewing the BAN for the truck purchase at a quoted interest rate of 2.59% for one year. It was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor.

**#06-2017** titled **Retirement System Audit Response** in regards to William Borden taking on the State Retirement Plan and his response which to date he is considering but has not decided. It was put forth by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

**#07-2017** titled **Vertical Wire Offer of Lease Terms** under which the agreed amount of lease fee will be \$1,200 per month and a 3% escalator each year. It was put forth by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor.

**#08-2017** titled **Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution** and establishes the standard work days for elected and appointed officials. It was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor.

A snow and ice maintenance policy is in effect for the town during the winter months and a written policy must be in place in case someone has a question during snow and ice control. The town currently does not have a bare road policy, meaning that the road surface will be passable and reasonably safe by providing an anti-icing and deicing strategy. A corrected copy will be made available to the board at the next meeting as an error was found when going over the policy during this month's meeting.

It has been brought to the board's attention that the June meeting will be rescheduled due to a conflict with the Supervisor. The regularly scheduled meeting was for June 12th will now be moved to June 5<sup>th</sup> and the board approves the change unanimously. A notice will be put into the Whitehall Times to announce the change of date.

**County Business:** The consolidation of services is becoming more necessary and the State is getting involved by pressuring counties and municipalities to continue to strive for more places to combine them. Governor Cuomo is requiring more but we are, as a county, utilizing areas to the fullest. We are being encouraged from local officials to contact our state representatives to vote against unfunded mandates. The result could cause taxes to increase if the proposal makes it through.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:** Since the last meeting there has been 11 snow and ice events including 2 Nor'easters and 2 ice storms. The rest of the wood pile has been cut to length and some has been split and put into the woodshed. Some of the equipment repairs include: repairing the exhaust leak on TD-9 as well as Walt Douglas repaired a fuel leak on it. Delurey's International replaced the windshield on TD-12 that at first wasn't going to be covered. However, the computer in the truck had to be reset because it was keeping the windshield heater on too long and Delurey's said that due to the malfunction they would replace the windshield for no cost to the town. The airbrake canister was replaced on TD-7 and B&A Diesel in Corinth finished the repair on TD-24. The front driveshaft on TD-11 was replaced. We bought the driveshaft from Orange Motor's in Albany after originally purchasing 3 universal joints from Auto Saver. They omitted to tell us that the parts were non-serviceable items and a spring and small ball bearing that keeps the CV joint centered is the part that is non-serviceable. Mr. Hobus is not very pleased with Auto Saver over this issue. Also under maintenance metal fabrication was performed on a crack on the dump body of TD-9. TD-14 was inspected and both rear springs and wipers were replaced by Pat Greenough and Mike Bridger and they did a great job. Also, our application for Bridge NY wasn't selected and the association will ask for more funds at the March Advocacy Day held in Albany. On TD-9 the power steering box is leaking on the driver's side and we are waiting on a price quote from Delurey's for repair.

At 8:04 p.m. the meeting was suspended to enter into Executive Session to discuss the upcoming Teamsters Contract. A motion was made at 8:16 p.m. to exit Executive Session.

An audit of the Town Justices Account will be taking place on February 23 and an audit of the Town Clerk's Accounts will be done on March 3. No further discussions and Coun. Wilbur made a motion to adjourn and was unanimously seconded. Respectfully submitted Marcinda Wilbur Town Clerk.