

May 14, 2018 the regular Town Board Meeting was held in the town hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. with all members of the board present. Supervisor Ferguson 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. Raymond and all were in favor.

**Old Business:** The lawn care agreement was signed during last month's meeting. The Supervisor was asked by Coun. Raymond to contact the town attorney in regards to the legality of mowing a private cemetery. Sup. Ferguson replied that he had not been able to get in touch with Mr. Fuller and that he left a message to return his call. The contract will be written as a resolution and will be available at the next meeting.

**New Business:** Sup. Ferguson was looking to use Alternative Sentencing to do the painting of the Town Hall but was told that they won't be able to do it until next year. Mike Bridger has offered to do the job with a bid of \$1,700 for a three week project to do the scraping and painting and the town would be responsible to purchase and provide the paint. It was suggested by the Councilmen to get 3 bids/quotes to move forward with the project. The State Retirement is requesting the Standard Work Day Resolution to be completed and submitted and it will be completed this month. Sup. Ferguson distributed a monthly statement for the town financials. Coun. Wilbur is requesting that the statements show a beginning balance, amounts paid for each account, and an ending balance as well as where we stand in accordance to the budgeted amounts. Sup. Ferguson will be providing the statements to reflect this information. Also in new business, Highway Superintendent Mr. Hobus was supposed to get a quote for a generator for the town shed but he hasn't done it yet and it will be tabled until next month. It is that time of year again when the Red Top Tavern sends to the clerk the letter of intent to operate the tavern in the town as required by the State Liquor Licensing Authority and she made the announcement and there were no objections. Jay VanderPlaat was in attendance at tonight's meeting and he addressed the board about possibly receiving more money to operate the Huletts Landing Volunteer Fire Company for the 2019 Budget. Currently the Dresden Volunteer Fire Company received \$40,000 and HLVFC received \$25,000. Standard regulations for operating a fire company have increased costs each year. In order to be in compliance it is becoming more demanding on the fire budgets. The budget process will begin in the next couple months and discussions will be held and at that time it will be considered. The HLVFC sends out pledges to the local homeowners located within the fire district located in Huletts Landing and they do receive money from them. Also discussed during this month's meeting was the potential of Phoenix Laboratories doing a final closure of the town dump site. They aren't in the position to do this because of the possibility of something going wrong in the future. Putnam Supervisor John Lapointe has been using the NYDEC overseeing their town dump site and doing once a year testing at a considerably lower cost and it is believed this is the direction the town will be making.

**County Business:** The reviews have been completed for the H-1 position and the newly hired Superintendent has been doing a good job so far.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:** Since the last meeting the crew has been busy with culvert replacement and shoulder ditching on Ottenburgh and Clemons Center Roads as well as putting scalplings down on town dirt roads that need a crown and broomed all of the town roads except one. We have shut down the boiler for the season. We finally got our 2-010 F450 back and a new #7 injector was replaced as well as other repairs. Last week Washington County Safety officer, Phil Speizo, put on a sexual harassment /workplace violence refresher course at our town hall and Putnam Station, Whitehall, and Dresden attended. It is a required annual program by PESH and NYMIR Insurance. All town employees and elected officials should attend. Mr. Hobus met with Randy Rath from the LGA about the culvert replacement on Goldey Road. They received a \$54,000 grant for this project. Finally, Mr. Hobus will be attending the Annual Highway School in Ithaca June 3-6. Coun. Raymond brought up about speed limit signs being posted on South Bay Road. They may just be missing and it can be determined from past inventory if they were ever posted or stolen. There were no further discussions and the meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur, town clerk.

**Attendance:** Scott Brown, Jay VanderPlaat