

November 12, 2018 the regular Town Meeting was held in the Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. with all board members in attendance. Sup. Ferguson honored all and any veterans in attendance and thanked them for their service and led the crowd in the pledge to the flag. A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Barber 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: The restoring of the Town Hall is continuing. A Dresden Town Hall sign has been hung above the door. After consideration for the speed "humps" proposed from the residents located down near the Marina it has been determined that Stop signs will be placed at each intersecting road. Three signs will be placed before the next summer season begins.

New Business: Chet Foster has brought it to the attention of the board that there has been damage done to the Veterans sign located on the front of the Town Hall. He wondered if the town would be willing to pay for the repairs. There was a discussion about placing concrete pillars in front of the sign to protect it. The 2019 Tentative Budget was handed to the board and the town clerk to have in file for the public to view.

Resolution #20-2018 titled **Drug Free Workplace** was put forth by a motion by Coun. Greenough and seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor. **Resolution #19-2018** titled **Budget Transfers, Various** put forth by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor. All but one of the dogs that were in possession of the animal control officer, Melissa Brown, has found homes. She does however have one adult female still available for foster or for adoption. The owner has released them for adoption and Sup. Ferguson will be trying to work with the D.A. to try and recoup the expenses. Coun. Wilbur is continuing to work on the book exchange and will have it ready by the next meeting. Several people have called to offer to donate books. There is a plan in the works for a Christmas Party being held in the Town Hall in the next couple weeks. If there are any questions Linda Barber is the contact person.

County Business: The construction season is complete until warmer weather. The county budget will be passed on November 16th.

Highway Superintendent's Report: Since the last meeting the crew hauled in 510 yards of sand for a total of 1735 yards of the 2000 that will be put up for the season. We have also hauled scalping from Azzil for culverts and shoulder work. The crew made a larger area at the sand screen for our two 3,000 gallon brine tanks and 1000 gallon magnesium chloride tank. They did this by using 2x2x6 Go-Hi blocks that lock together. The crew also capped 6 of the 7 open culverts that we replaced this past summer. The only one left is on Lake Road. Capping is done by removing about 4 inches of gravel and filling that area with asphalt. We also put shoulder on the two roads we paved this season, Ottenburg and Clemons Center Roads. Some of the maintenance included 4 tires and rims and spacers on the 660 grade-all, removing the construction floors on both tandem vehicles. Mr. Hobus is in the process of replacing the box on the 2009 Ford truck. Nobody local has one and he will have to travel to get one. Jerry Browns can order a new one for under \$3,000, \$2,675 without a tail gate but not sure on how much to ship it would cost and will have the old one removed and the new one installed for \$250.00. Mr. Hobus asked if the board would approve a purchase of a crew cab truck in the future. He still has \$32,000 in the equipment line item as well as the sale of scrap and the \$10,500 insurance recovery monies. It was brought up during discussion that he may be able to get some quotes but to also we may have to consider that we will be in need of a tandem truck in the future so perhaps we should forgo the pick-up and wait and look into replacing one of the tandem trucks.

Public Comments: Ms. Stipins-Gang brought up about the FOIL request she made during the previous weeks before this meeting that she would like to have the most up to date financial statements for the town. Mr. Ferguson replied that he sent them to her; however, the date on the statement says September. Sup. Ferguson corrected the statement to reflect October 8 and sent them to her via email. She requested that they be sent again and that she would like to review a copy. One will be available to view in the Town Clerk's office. The Town Clerk replied to her request that she has received the financial statements and resolution during tonight's meeting. There was a discussion about how the town board has been helpful with showing how to correct mistakes that Sup. Ferguson has been doing since he has taken office. There was a question about how enforces town laws under the Office of the State Comptroller law book and the answer is to hopefully be able to address problem areas in house and then if there is still conflict that the New York State Auditor for the OSC office will step in. There was a question about the raises for each of the Fire Companies located in town. Each were given an increase of \$5,000 and it will be contingent for the next years on the TDI money the town will receive once that project is in effect. That money however cannot be used for budget purposes or to make purchases but can be used to lower taxes only. There was a continues inquiry about getting a grant to redo the town hall and that is something we will be looking into. The tentative budget was given to the board during tonight's meeting and there will be a Budget Meeting held in the town hall Tuesday night at 7 p.m. and a public hearing will be held on Saturday, November 17 beginning at 1 p.m. to move to adopt the 2019 budget. No further discussions and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur Dresden Town Clerk.

Attendance: Anda Stipins-Gang, Clayton Ryder, Brianne Ryder, Jessica Tupper, Walter Tupper, Chet Foster, Sheri Wescott, Chris Hansen, Jim Leghorn, John DeLucia, Matt Saari-Whitehall Times, Robert Cucinello