

October 14, 2019 the regular town board meeting was held in the Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. with all members of the board in attendance. Supervisor Ferguson led the pledge to the flag.

A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Barber and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor.

Old Business: The postmark stamp was approved by the USPS and will be ready to use for December 8th. It was requested that if anyone has any photographs of the town for Hulett's Landing, Clemons, and Dresden Station they would like to share during the open house to celebrate the occasion to please bring them along. It needs to be cleared up that there will be a charge for post mark stamps and the money collected will be received by a not for profit organization known as Friends of Hulett's Landing and fifty percent of the proceeds will be donated back to the town for future use of additional names being placed on the Veteran's Wall. A letter will be sent out addressing that this will be used as a fund raiser for the town, and a party will be held at the town hall on Sunday, December 8, 2019 and a time to be determined at a later date.

To date, the petition for Spectrum is still in force. A company, called SLIC, is also doing field work in the area to check on connectivity. A letter was written to Senator Little by Supervisor Ferguson asking for her assistance in getting high speed internet and television to our area.

An update on the buoys for Hulett's Landing, it was determined that two buoys were allowable located in the bays for now and two more will be awarded sometime in the future. A copy of the resolution from the Town of Hague wasn't in hand during this meeting.

In regards to Phoenix Laboratories, a reduction of testing is still being sought. We have had 20 years of clear tests so we can possibly expect a reduction in yearly fees.

New Business: In attendance for the meeting was Cathy Lombard from Hulett's Landing. She addressed the board with a concern about contaminated water in the bays located in the Landing. It has been determined that high levels of chloroform and e-coli are present in water samples. The Lake George water keeper, Chris Navitsky, has been gathering test results regularly and found that the highest levels occur during the summer with more use. Water quality has suffered during the last 10 years and nothing has been done. The Land's End road association will be addressing high readings in Cook Bay as well as in Foster Brook running into the bay. It may be necessary to create a wastewater disposal facility and perhaps with the help of Queensbury Town Supervisor, John Strough, since he assisted in getting the Dunham Bay are under control. A question about die testing came up to test the septic systems located around the bay area. Mr. Navitsky feels that they don't always work. Discussion continued. It is time to appoint someone to the Board of Assessment Review and if there is anyone willing to serve on the board should get in contact with the Supervisor or Town Clerk. Walter Tupper was in attendance during the meeting and said he may consider it and would let someone know.

Sup. Ferguson announced during the meeting to recognize Helen LeClaire for her service with the county serving meals on wheels. Thank you for your dedication Ms. LeClaire.

Financials were given and are on file in the clerk's office.

AUD Update: Sheri Wescott has been helping Sup. Ferguson trying to get the AUD submitted to the state meeting all the requirements to file it. Al Nolette has helped getting him in the right direction. The FOIL request is still pending the documents returned from the state.

The 2020 budget workshop was done completed last week with two more scheduled before the public hearing.

The Teamster's contract has been completed and put to a vote to accept it. **Resolution #20-2019** titled **Dresden Highway Teamsters 2018-2021 Contract** whereas the Town Board accepts all new changes for the highway contract. The roll call vote is as follows: Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Greenough-AYE; Coun. Barber-AYE; Coun. Raymond-AYE and all were in favor.

The annual Halloween party will be held on October 26, 2019 from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. in the town hall.

County Business: The county is conducting budget workshops to finalize the numbers for this year's budget.

Reassessment project: A hand out was given to the board breaking down the cost to the town to do a town-wide reval. The Department of State has granted \$590,031 towards the cost. Three bids have been received and with using the least it will cost us \$9.00 per parcel totaling \$8,640.

Coun. Raymond brought up to be added under old business asking if a resolution was ever written up when the Sunset Bay Road was given back to the town. The clerk stated she was unable to find anything in the minutes in regards to this issue. Also, there was a discussion about the justice system attempting to acquire a grant for improvements for the town hall. The grant must be applied for directly from the justices themselves.

Highway Superintendent's Report: A memorandum of agreement is necessary for an action plan in the Lake George watershed area. **Resolution #21-2019** titled **Resolution by the Town Board of the Town of Dresden Authorizing Memorandum of Agreement Relating to Lake George Watershed Priority Action Plan Implementation Village of Lake George** was put forth on a motion from Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and a roll call vote is as follows: Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Barber-AYE; Coun. Raymond-AYE; Coun. Greenough-AYE and all were in favor.

Since the last meeting the crew continues the roadside mowing and finished the second pass on the county contract. They have hauled crushed rubble from Jointa Galusha for the shoulders on North and Cross roads. It was also used to repair the first section of Military Road that was badly damaged by a logging company. We have begun to haul in the sand for this winter from Armstrong's pit in Ticonderoga. Mr. Hobus gave the board a rundown of the repairs for this month. The Goldey Road culvert project being done by Ellsworth Construction is coming along real well and we will be back filling the culvert on Wednesday. Finally, we took delivery of the 2020 International dump truck and Adirondack two-ay radio has installed a new radio. Mr. Hobus would like to have the board's approval to place an ad in the legal section of the newspaper to request bids on a 1 ton dump truck chassis. The board agreed to let him run the ad unanimously.

Public Comment: A question was asked if the Comptroller's office has given us a timeline that the AUD needs to be completed by. We are in the process of finishing up the errors and resubmitting it. George Gang addressed those in attendance that there wasn't \$40,000 missing. The money was used in 2010 to purchase a new loader and money was moved without a paper trail to cover the cost from general to highway. The 2012 AUD was completed by the county treasurer. In the 2013 AUD the money could come back once it has been completed. Money in the amount of \$22,000 was paid back to general, and there is no money missing, there isn't a paper trail. It is necessary for the AUD to be completed to the penny and we are going to need help to do them. It was suggested that a gentleman by the name of Richard Dinolfo who is retired from the OSC can be helpful. Sup. Ferguson will call him Tuesday. And finally, a sign needs to be put by Military road warning there is no outlet because large trucks have been travelling down to the end of North Road. There is a posted speed limit on North Road of 35 mph. No further discussions, and the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. respectfully submitted Marcinda Wilbur Town Clerk.

Attendance: Warren Gordon, Linda Barber, Duane Bennett, Christine Diekel, Paul Diekel, Anda Stipin-Gang, George Gang, Mark Ives, Susan Ives, Clayton Ryder, Breanne Ryder, Scott Brown, Marc Brown, Bernadette Perrone, Phil Perrone, Cathy Lombard, Lucien LeClaire, Marilou LeClaire, Erin Perkins, Gary Scott, Matt Saari-Whitehall Times, Jim Hudson, Walt Tupper