

September 14, 2020 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. Sup. Ferguson led the pledge to the flag. A motion was made to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Raymond and seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

Old Business: Jim Brown had discussed with Sup. Ferguson his plan for the Veteran's Wall project and he will be going ahead and begin. The Judges Chamber air conditioner will be purchased this winter and at least by next summer.

New Business: Financials were given to the members of the board and are on file in the clerk's office. The 2017 AUD is in processing mode and will be completely filed soon. Hudson Wireless will be able to purchase towers for use in the town instead of renting them. They would then charge the users for their service. SLIC has had to relocate to the areas affected by the hurricane to do repairs so we will be looked at again beginning in December. They were able to get a grant to continue to move in the region and look for alternative internet for the town.

Resolution #12-2020 titled **Budget transfer Highway** to shuffle monies from Wages/Snow removal to General Repairs/Services. A motion was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor.

Resolution #13-2020 titled **Adirondack Park Review Board Agreement Vote** was brought to this evening's meeting, however, the board decided to table the resolution until someone can give a presentation to discuss what it is about. All members were in favor to table it.

The tentative budget was complete but needs to be reprinted with the correct As to Date line so Sup. Ferguson will reprint it and hand the board new copies.

Cathy Lombard addressed the board during the meeting about requiring septic inspections being conducted in the Lake George watershed basin during the realty process. There has been high saturation of contamination located in the bays of Lake George. A petition was gathered by the residents and handed to the Supervisor. The petition requests that the town adopt a local law for septic inspections in the Lake George Park and Town of Dresden completed by Certified Inspectors before the sale of a property. It was explained that it only affects the properties near the watershed streams that flow into Lake George. The volume of signatures would indicate an interest in pursuing some aspect to protect the home values and water quality. Steps will be to write the Law; to hold a public hearing that has been placed in the local newspaper for residents to come and express their thoughts and lastly have the board vote on the adoption of the law. The residents will do a draft law and have the town attorney look at it. The Lake George Water Keeper, Chris Navitsky, was in attendance during the meeting and he suggested a website to locate an engineer to work with people and offer assistance to maintain the sewer systems. The website is www.safesepticsystems.org. There are two banks that are willing to offer low to no interest loans for anyone who needs to replace their septic systems. The residents are asking to implement the procedure around the Fourth of July of 2021 when most of the residents are here from their winter homes. Coun. Wilbur asked why the Lake George Park Commission can't oversee this law and though they once overseen this kind of project they have been removed by the state. A question of who will conduct the inspections was answered that a trained engineer and inspector funded by the Lake George Park would do them. Some discussion ensued.

County Business: The town beach was closed after the Labor Day Holiday and dredging of the stream along the side of the beach area will begin shortly. The county received a grant to do the project and will be using the town road equipment.

Highway Superintendent's Report: Since the last meeting, the 2020 Weed Eradication Project was very successful. There was not one day lost to equipment repairs. We spent one week at Chubb's Dock and the rest of the time in South Bay and the Canal. The program ended September 11. There were 3 storms that needed to be cleaned up after including 2 weeks on Blue Goose Road that required 14 tandem loads of shot rock to fill in a washed out area. We spent over a month on Goldey Road ditching and removing trees to prepare for paving. Also we mulched 70 bales of hay for erosion control. The crew worked with Peckham Materials getting 6 tandem loads of asphalt millings from Route 22 from their paving project. We used some of the millings to reshape the new section of Sunset Bay Road and used material and rolled with the vibratory roller. The crew also hauled light stone fill and crushed rubble from Jointa Galusha in Hartford for future projects. We have begun the second round of mowing and also started hauling the winter sands from Pat Armstrong's in Ticonderoga. The paving project on Chase and Goldey Roads as well as Steele and Gaikis Roads will be completed by next week. And finally, Mr. Hobus will be having knee surgery on October 12 and will be out of work for at least 6 weeks.

Public Comment: None

A motion to adjourn was made by Coun. Wilbur and a unanimous second was made and all were in favor at 8:03 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur, Dresden Town Clerk

Attendance: Stiling Knight, John Ripp, Linda Barber, PJ Ferguson, Jay Mullen, Cathy Aiken La Bombard, Stephanie Aiken Copeland, Ellen Dulberger, Danielle Cordier, Tom Cordier, Chris Navitsky, Chris Diekel, Paul Diekel, Duane Bennett Sr.