

Work Session minutes for November 5, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hanby at 7:01

Dredging Committee: Ramzi reported the extension of the berm is almost complete. Even though much has been removed from the launch area, they may have to dig a bit deeper. Ramzi gave a frame work per hour for each of the machines used in the dredging. The long arm alone is \$13,000 per month. However, the rental place is working with the contractor given delays caused by the rain. The poles to the left of the launch berm will be removed and stacked for further use. Ramzi also reported that the Sand Creek area may not get done due to contractor delay in starting. Ramzi also requested a release of funds for the work done on the dredging project.

Roads Committee: Ms. Bailey reported proceedings from the October 3, meeting. They discussed primarily how the Road Funds will be used. She is requesting Council consider imposing a 3% sales tax for the Town and 1.5% for those within our Police jurisdiction. Suggesting half of the income to go toward the Police Department budget, with remaining half to the Roads fund. Ms. Bailey also stated she would like to call a Public meeting after the January Roads Committee meeting to up date the lake residents on the tax plan. In the meantime she will research specifics of the tax laws.

Lake Committee: No report

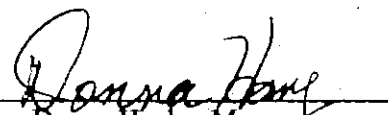
Ordinance Committee: No report. However, Chief Kon had a question about the feasibility of the Town of Highland Lake establishing fines for violations that could be collected by the Town rather than the offender paying the fine in Oneonta. The thought is this would save offender money, as well as income revenue for the Town. City attorney, Alex Smith, stated this would be an easy change, but can be done for a first offense only.

Building and Grounds Committee: Mr. Randall stated he believed the new siding for the town hall and garage has been ordered.

The Work Session adjourned at 6:58

Respectfully Submitted,


Karen Murphy, Town Clerk


Donna Hanby, Mayor

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council. November 5, 2019 Mayor Hanby called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Council Malek offered the invocation. Mayor Hanby led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Sharon Duke, Carl Randall, Chase Moore, Ramzi Malek and Mayor Hanby were present. Councilman Nelson was absent. City attorney Alex Smith was also in attendance.

Randall made a motion to accept the October Work Session minutes with the change: John Hanby and Ramzi Malek met with the President of Hometown bank rather than Mayor Hanby. Malek seconded. All voted yes, motion carried.

Sharon Duke made a motion to accept the October minutes with her email regarding the dredging project be attached to the October minutes. Moore seconded. Roll call. Malek, Moore, Hanby and Duke voted Yes. Randall voted No. Motion carried.

Duke motion to table September Financials again due to the failure to transfer funds from Police Salaries into the Police Related expenses in the line item budget as passed by the Council at the August meeting. This will be corrected and re-presented at the December meeting. Moore seconded the motion. Roll call, all voted yes. Motion carried.

October Financials presented: Randall made a motion to approve the October financial report. Malek seconded. Roll Call, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Minutes from the Zoning Board of Adjustments for June and July were presented for approval. Moore made a motion to accept them. Randall seconded. Roll Call. Moore, Malek, Hanby, Randall voted yes. Duke deferred vote until she read them. Motion carried

Dredging committee report: Malek reported the extension of the berm is almost complete. Brasher Creek is complete except for an area that needs to be done from Lakeshore Drive. Restoration for the top of the berm will be done later. Even though much has been removed from the launch area, they may have to dig a bit deeper. Ramzi gave a frame work of cost per hour for each of the machines used in the dredging. The long arm alone is \$13,000 per month. However, the rental place is working with the contractor given delays caused by the rain. The poles to the left of the launch berm will be removed and stacked for future use. Ramzi also reported that the Sand Creek area may not get done due to contractor delay in starting. However, if necessary, the current company may be able to do Sand Creek. City Attorney stated even if the same company does the three areas; the launch area, Brasher Creek and Sand Creek, they are different projects, and given the emergency status of the dredging, bid laws will not be violated. Ramzi also requested a release of funds for the work done on the dredging project. Chief Kon recommended using some of the poles to mark the launch channel.

Roads Committee: Gail Bailey, Road Committee Chairman, gave a report from their October 3rd Committee meeting. The Committee discussed the budget for the Town, and the need for additional money to meet these needs. The Committee made the recommendation to request the Council to look into the possibility of a 3% Sales Tax to help meet these needs. The 3% tax would apply to any products sold in the Town, or any products delivered into the Town. The Town would also be able to collect 1 1/2% from the area within the Police Jurisdiction. Since we will provide police service throughout the Police Jurisdiction, it is recommended the tax be split between the roads and the Police Department. Moore made a motion to create a Roads Subcommittee with him and Ramzi on it to explore the tax process. Randall seconded. Roll call, all voted yes, motion carried.

Building and Grounds: Not much to report other than rye grass seed has been sown around Brasher Creek Bridge.

Ordinance Committee: no report

Lake Committee: No report

Public Safety Committee:

Chief Kon's Report: There were 35 contacts. 1 auto theft, 15 traffic stops, 5 suspicious person reports and others. Chief reported purchasing brakes and having them installed for the Tahoe. Kon stated the need to upgrade Windows for four PCs. He requested approval to purchase at \$150.00 each, for total of \$600.00. Duke made a motion to purchase the Windows upgrade. Moore seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion carried. Kon also requested purchasing refurbished thermal printers for the department at \$180.00 each. He will only purchase one at this time to ensure they work. Duke made a motion to purchase one thermal printer. Moore seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Hanby reported setting up a new savings account, Criminal Division, for those funds received which will be used by the Police Department.

Malek reported the need to postpone closing the dam due to dredging delays

Sale Tax -- Covered in the Permanent Roads report above.

Resolution 19-03 for damaged property: Mayor Hanby reported that the refrigerator in the garage is no longer working and the one in the Anchor no longer has a functional freezer. Discussion to dispose of one and repair the other or dispose of both and purchase a new one. Randall made a motion to discard both and set budget of \$700. To purchase a new one of the Anchor. Malek seconded, Roll call, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Approval for Carla Snider to do seawall repair, replace decking on pier, repair pier steps and straighten poles on pier. Randall made a motion to approval repairs. Malek seconded, Roll call, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Approval for George Fant to have silt removed from his lot. Approx 1-2' along the bank approx. 10x40 yards. Also repair the seawall. Randall made a motion to approve pending approval from town inspector, Tim Moore. Malek seconded, Roll call, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Board of Adjustments: It was reported that one alternate is not attending the meetings and two regular members will come off the Board in January. Louann Kon, alternate member, can move into a regular position. Then the Board will need to appoint one regular member and two alternates, or two regular members and 1 alternate. Appointment to the Board requires Council approval. Moore made a motion to appoint one alternate. Malek seconded. Roll call, all voted yes. Motion carried.


Ashlee Miller, Maint., requested suspending the rules to vote on funds for Christmas decorations. Moore made a motion to suspend the rules. Randall seconded. Roll call, all voted yes. Motion carried.

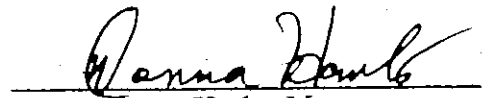
Ashlee Miller requested permission to spend \$200.00 for Christmas decorations. Randall made a motion to fund Christmas decorations not to exceed \$200.00. Malek seconded. Roll call, all voted yes. Motion carried.

The meeting was opened to the public. There were no comments.

There being no other business, Randall made a motion to adjourn. Moore seconded. Roll call, all voted yes. Motion carried.

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