

TOWN OF SCOTT JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 13 February 2018

Board Members

Kevin Fitch Supervisor
Jerry Contento Councilman
Andrew Fuller Councilman
Vernon Filkins Councilman
Neeca Root Councilwoman
Patrick Snyder Attorney of Town (*Not Present*)
David Putnam Highway Superintendent
Tamara Congdon Town Clerk
Cody Johnson Code Enforcer
Donald Boyden County Legislator

Others Present

Russ Phelps
Paula Arnold
Brian Guy

The January Regular meeting of the Town of Scott was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Kevin Fitch and followed with the Pledge of the Allegiance.

County Legislator Report

County Legislator Donald Boyden stated they are working closely with Citizens Advisory Committee with recycling to cut expenses. Supervisor Kevin Fitch asked about an article that was in the newspaper about a committee the legislators were putting together to resolve the sale tax issues. He wanted to know who to contact about this because he believed the article mentioned it would be made up of municipalities and legislators. Legislator Boyden commented the committee will be formed from Legislators only and that County Legislator Charlie Sudbrink was appointed to set up the committee. Legislator Boyden stated amnesty day would be in May and he would try to get it around Mother's Day. Councilman Andrew Fuller stated that amnesty day was easier than having the town highway employees cleaning up the back roads.

Approval of January 2018 Minutes:

Councilman Jerry Contento made a motion to approve the December 2017 minutes and was seconded by Councilman Andrew Fuller. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Approval of Abstracts:

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to approve the general abstract totaling \$9078.11 and was seconded by Supervisor Kevin Fitch. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to approve the highway abstract totaling \$7360.51 and was seconded by Councilman Jerry Contento. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to approve the water abstract totaling \$914.21 and was seconded by Councilman Vernon Filkins. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Councilman Andrew Fuller stated in the supervisor's report the fire contract should include all the monies paid and not show zero's across the bottom line. Councilwoman Neeca Root agreed, Supervisor Kevin Fitch stated it was duly noted.

Town Supervisor (Treasurer) Report:

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to accept the town supervisor report and was seconded by Councilman Jerry Contento. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Town Clerk Report:

The Town Clerk report is inaccurate and Supervisor Kevin Fitch suggested that they table the report until it is resolved. The total of disbursements exceeded the amount of revenue collected by the Town Clerk. There is also a couple of discrepancy in the clerk checkbook possibly relating to the DECAL program. Town Clerk Tamara Congdon will be contacting the Williamson Law Book Software to get these issues resolved. Supervisor Kevin Fitch also states there was a \$4800.00 discrepancy in the Tax Collector Check book. He believes it may be because of the water levies. Town Clerk Tamara Congdon will be contacting the treasury office to find out.

CEO Report:

Town of Scott Code and Zoning Report For January 2018
Cody Johnson Code Enforcer Officer

Certificate of Compliance

(1) Mr. Eaton- 6477 Route 41- Pellet Stove Installation

Site Inspection/Visit

(1) Mr. Guy- 7208 Ripley Hill Rd. - MFH- Site Visit

Supervisor Kevin Fitch stated that Code Enforcer Cody Johnson filed his annual report and completed his fourth course. Code Enforcer Cody Johnson said he will be done with classes in April. Supervisor Kevin Fitch explained to him that the water levy was reconfigured in 2015 and it was submitted to FEMA and approved if anyone was inquiring.

Parks & Recreation:

Councilman Andrew Fuller stated to the Board that the two outdoor grills he ordered for the park are in and being stored till spring. They will be replacing the two rundown grills that are already there.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Kevin Fitch asked the board if he could sign the extension time application from the

County Treasure office in behalf of the Town Clerk. This will extend the date that the Town Clerk can collect taxes to June 1st 2018. **Supervisor Kevin Fitch made a motion to accept the extension and Councilman Jerry Contento seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.**

Supervisor Kevin Fitch brought to attention that they need to make a budget modification for the highway department. He would like to transfer money from the equipment reserve to an installment purchase and installment interest lines.

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to accept the budget modification and was seconded by Councilman Vernon Filkins. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Supervisor Kevin Fitch brought up the discussions to buy a new plow truck for the town. The Board decided this was a good time to purchase the truck because the 2010 truck was now paid for. It would also resolve the issue of the expensive upkeep on the 1999 truck. He asked Highway Superintendent David Putnam to put together the numbers for the purchase of the truck so that they may hold a public hearing regarding this issue. **Supervisor Kevin Fitch made a motion to go forward with the purchasing of the truck and was seconded by Councilman Andrew Fuller. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.**

Supervisor Kevin Fitch would like to schedule a cleanup, for the park, weather permitting, April 2018. He will get ahold of Pat Quinn to see about the high school seniors helping with this for their community service requirement. Councilwoman Neeca Root stated they need 5 hours to graduate. Councilman Jerry Contento stated he would donate a container for the cleanup. He has also donated fabric to hold back the weeds for a walk way down through the canal. Councilman Contento also brought up that it would be nice to put benches down the trail and garbage cans to limit the littering.

Supervisor Kevin Fitch met with Senator Stewart on issues relating to Grout Brook and the bridge. He said that Senator Stewart would like to advocate for the Town. Senator Stewart was going to meet with the Albany DEC and also speak for the town in March.

Supervisor Kevin Fitch thanked Town Clerk Tamara Congdon and Justice Russ Phelps for all the work on the inside of the town hall. He stated it is looking more professional. Supervisor Kevin Fitch would like to further the cleanup with all the filing cabinets and disposing of all the records that are no longer needed. He would like to bring in Town Historian Cathy Barber to help clean out records. She is going to find the State retention records requirements and what does not pertain to them will be taken to the County to shred.

Adjourn:

Councilman Jerry Contento made a motion to close the Regular Town Meeting on February 13, 2018 at 8:09 and Councilman Andrew Fuller seconded it. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.