

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Scott held October 9, 2018 at the Town Hall commencing at 7:00 P.M.

Town Clerk Tamara Congdon read the proof of publication for the following public hearings.

- Town Hall Project at 5:37 p.m. and closed at 6:01. No public attendees & No comments.
- County Highway Plowing Contact at 6:01 p.m. and closed at 6:30. No public attendees & No comments.
- Preliminary Budget at 6:30 p.m. and closed at 7:00 No public attendees & No comments. Councilwoman Neeca Root suggested they reduce the Budget Officers pay by \$500 and return the money they cut from the Program for the aging towards the fuel bill. No one was in agreement and everything stayed the same.

Present:

Kevin Fitch, Supervisor
Jerry Contento, Councilman
Neeca Root, Councilwoman
Andrew Fuller, Councilman
Paula Arnold, Councilwoman

Recording Secretary:

Tamara Congdon, Town Clerk

Other Present:

David Putnam, Supt. of Highways
Pat Snyder, Town Attorney
Kim Fairchild, Code Enforcer Officer
Russ Phelps, Town Justice
Donnell Boyden, County Legislator Representative
Town Residents-2

The 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.

Attention to the floor:

Town resident Shirley Clark came in to ask why the Town Clerk new hours were not placed in the paper. She was directed to the clerks sign board on the wall that held a copy of the newspaper clipping of the notice that was placed in the paper in April.

County Legislator Report:

County Legislator Representative Donnell Boyden asked the Board if anyone had any questions for him. Supervisor Kevin Fitch asked what was the next step with securing the \$100,000.00 to get the candidate they are looking for? Legislator Donnell Boyden replied if you want the cream of the crop. Supervisor Kevin Fitch said can we afford it and Legislator Donnell Boyden replied no. It was also explained that they want to spend \$25,000.00 on a national search to fill this position for Administrator. They are also considering spending \$9,000.00 on another survey for the jail. Supervisor Kevin Fitch mentioned that at his supervisors meeting it was discussed that they feel it would be a good idea to put something into place that an elected official running for a department head position should be required to resign first.

Legislator Donnell Boyden agreed it looked bad and stated they should do something so it doesn't happen again. Legislator Donnell Boyden updated the Board on the recycling center as of August they're -\$235,000.00. The committee has agreed to pay until the end of the year but after that they will need to do something. He stated that they were talking about raising tipping fees. With the recycling fees and the landfill fees they are projecting an \$800,000.00 loss for this year.

Approval of September 2018 Minutes:

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to approve the October minutes and was seconded by Councilwoman Neeca Root. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Approval of Abstracts:

Councilman Jerry Contento made a motion to approve the General Abstract #10 totaling \$11,248.52 and was seconded by Councilman Andrew Fuller. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to approve the Highway Abstract #10 totaling \$69743.91 and was seconded by Councilwoman Paula Arnold. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to approve the Water Abstract #10 totaling \$128.97 and was seconded by Councilwoman Paula Arnold. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Town Supervisor (Treasurer) Report:

Councilman Jerry Contento made a motion to accept the Supervisors report, and was seconded by Councilwoman Neeca Root. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Town Clerk Report:

Councilman Andrew Fuller said he would like to explain what happened with his disagreement to the clerks report last month. "Tammy and I sat down and went over this by ourselves because there was a lot of money that month over \$400-\$500 dollars. I turned it into Tammy five times and the last time I turned it in she put it on the following month". Town Clerk Tamara Congdon then explained that Councilman Andrew Fuller had given her some money in July and some in August and the money had gone in two different reports.

Town Clerk Report:

Councilman Jerry Contento made a motion to accept the September, Clerk report and was seconded by Councilwoman Neeca Root. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Revenue:

Dog License \$60.50
Dogs pick up fee-\$100.00
Decals-\$513.00
Certified Copy B/D-\$50.00
Certified Copy M.-\$10.00
Building Permits-\$511.00
Boat launches Donations-\$125.00
Marriage Licenses- \$40.00

Total Revenue\$1409.50

Disbursements:

Paid to the Supervisor-\$893.99

Paid to the NYSDAM for the APCP-\$9.00

Paid to the NYS\$22.50

Paid to Decals-\$484.01

Total Disbursements-\$1409.50

CEO Report:

Building Permits

1. Mr. Sullivan-6533 Stevens Road-Deck-\$94.00
2. Mr. Schneider-6438 Steven Road-Deck-\$145.00
3. Mr. Ripley-6399 Stevens Deck/Addition-\$122.00

Zoning:

1. Scott Store Rt#41-Junk Issues
2. Mr. Sweet-6640 Cold Brook MFH Park-Many zoning violations OTR sent.

Stop Work Order:

1. Mr. Riley Hill Road-Stevens Road-Deck/Porch addition no permit

ZBA:

1. Mr. Hayes- 2 Variance approved Fair Haven Road
2. Mr. Merewether- Grinnell Road-Front yard Variance application approved

Fire Safety Inspections:

1. Scott Church- Minor issues

Training miles-#228

Kim has completed his required training classes for the year.

Highway Report:

Highway Supervisor David Putnam told the Board the new Truck has come in and will be sent to be outfitted soon.

Recreation Report:

Councilman Andrew Fuller explained to the Board that the lake is down 3 feet and he was surprise people are using the boat launch. He collected \$702.00 from 9/3/18-9/24/18 and turned into Town Clerk Tamara Congdon on 10/4/18. He also mentioned that they will need boat launch passes for the Town Clerk.

Old Business:

The County Highway Plowing Contract was returned to the Town Board unchanged. The contract will have a 2% increase each year and usually it's a five year contract but because of the wording it will be a two year contract. It will only be two years with an agreement to extend to five years if the future Board may wish to do so. **Supervisor Kevin Fitch made a motion to go into contract with the county for two years and was seconded by Councilman Jerry Contento. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.**

The Board received one closed bid for the Town Hall repairs and siding. Bearup Construction from Truxton provided a bid of \$20,300.31 and an additional fee for the 3 doors. They also provided the all the legal documentation required. **Supervisor Kevin Fitch made a motion to accept the bid from Bearup Construction for the repairs and siding of the Scott Town Hall and was seconded by Councilman Jerry Contento. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.**

Town Supervisor Kevin Fitch received the final paperwork from DANSY for the bathroom and can now go forth with the next step for the bathrooms. They will be getting a hold of the architect to finalize the plans.

New Business:

Williamson Law Book Software provided a proposal for the Water District #1 of \$1895.00 and an annual support fee of \$395.00. The funds for this will come from the Water Districts #1 budget. **Supervisor Kevin Fitch made a motion to proceed with the setup of the software and was seconded by Councilwoman Paula Arnold. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.**

Supervisor Kevin Fitch discussed how in 2011 the taxes were dropped \$.57 (per thousand) and over the last 8 years it was slightly increased. With this year's increase of \$.37 it brings it to \$.20 over the rates from 2011. With the projected loss of the County Sales Taxes they didn't have any choice but to raise taxes. The County took 1.5 million off the top of the sales tax revenue and the town had to make up for a \$28,000.00 loss. **Supervisor Kevin Fitch made a motion to accept the town budget for 2019 as purposed and was seconded by Councilman Jerry Contento. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.**

Adjourn:

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to close the Regular Town Meeting on October 9, 2018 at 7:41 and Councilman Jerry Contento seconded it. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.