

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING MAY 20, 2020 7:00 P.M.

The regular scheduled Town Board Meeting for the Town of Hopewell was held on Wednesday evening, May 20, 2020 at 7:03p.m., with Supervisor Ted Bateman presiding.

Present:	Supervisor	Ted Bateman
necessarily absent	Council Member	Matt Goodman
	Council Member	Adam Sanford
	Council Member	Jeff Trickey
	Council Member	Erin Everson

Others Present: Tom Geer, Highway Superintendent Matt Curran, Water Superintendent Ken Potter, Code Enforcement Officer Norm Teed and Town Clerk Denise Hood

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Sanford to approve the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting of May 6, 2020.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Privilege of the Floor

No one spoke for Privilege of the Floor

Communications

The following communications were received since the last meeting:

a. Village of Clifton Springs- Fire Department Monthly Reports-March & April, 2020

Old Business

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Everson to approve the monthly reports of the Town Clerk, Water Superintendent, Code Enforcement and Supervisor for the Month of April.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Audited Vouchers

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Everson to approve the following Audited Vouchers for Abstract # 5

Vouchers #106-131	\$42,596.42	General
Vouchers #1063-1076	\$12,720.81	Highway
Vouchers#2074-2096	\$44,375.41	Water

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Updates by Town Officials

Town Clerk-Denise Hood

Thank you to the dog owners who have brought their dogs up to date on their license. Thank you to the Ontario County Humane Society for their assistance in notifying the owners from 2016, 2017 and 2018, during this pandemic.

Highway Superintendent-Matt Curran

The CHIP sealing of Taylor Road was completed in a day with the assistance of 4 other towns. After next week, the crew will begin the cleanup of the access stone on Taylor Road, depending on the weather.

Roadside mowing has begun. There is one of the crew that is designated to that during the summer. There are individuals throwing the rocks in the ditches and they are caught by the mower.

The crew will be doing some ditching and installing a culvert on Booth Road.

Highway Superintendent Curran stated they are working with FLCC College to improve their drainage on campus, using grant money. The Town gets reimbursed for their work.

Freshour Road and Taylor Road are getting more truck traffic because of the stone quarry and a new business in Manchester. Highway Superintendent Curran would like to post signs on those roads to indicate which roads the heavier trucks can travel. Supervisor Bateman recommended to

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Highway Superintendent Curran to contact the Association of Towns to find out what would be the proper path to take.

Council Member Trickey asked if the CHIPS money had come in. Highway Superintendent Curran responded no, but he is hopeful and keeping fiscally minded.

Code Enforcement-Norm Teed

On May 12, the new uniform code went into effect. The ZBA met on Monday, May 18th, and the Planning Board is meeting Thursday, May 21st. The purpose of these meetings is to restart the development schedule. The ZBA will be having a public hearing and meeting on June 15, 2020 to discuss the Jeffery Sub-division on Lincoln Hill Road. On Thursday, May 21st, the Planning Board will be setting, tentatively, the schedule for the June 20th, meeting and three public hearings for applications that were missed during COVID19.

On Friday (May 15th) there were 4 nuisance alarms at Walmart between 4 and 7pm. Code Enforcement Officer Teed investigated and the problem was solved. Going forward, Walmart has been informed that there will be a fine of \$250 for each nuisance alarm over the next 6 months.

After the last meeting on May 6th, Code Enforcement Officer Teed drove by the Honors House on County Road 50. There were contractors working at the Honors House on asbestos abatement with no permit. The FLCC Facilities Director didn't call to get a permit, they stopped working. The college has taken responsibility of fire and safety code violations. Code Enforcement Officer Teed will follow up tomorrow on this issue. They do need to meet our Zoning Code.

Council Member Trickey wanted to thank Code Enforcement Officer Teed for his assistance in the matter of a homeless person living on a property he rents.

Water Superintendent-Ken Potter

MRB and Water Superintendent Potter finished the Water Main relocation design plans for the proposed new roundabout located at the County Road 46 and Smith Road intersection. They completed the plans to the point where they are ready to be submitted to the NYS Department of Health for review and approval. Doing the plans this way eliminates numerous potential changes by others not familiar with what is best for our water system. Bergmann Engineers, Ontario County's Engineer for this project, were appreciative and agreed to the plans were ready to go.

Disinfection by product sampling was completed last week and submitted to the lab. We do not have the results back yet.

Water Superintendent Potter is in the process of putting together their Lead and Copper sampling plan for the summer. The EPA has changed the sampling site requirements for this round and narrowed down Tier 1 sites to single family residential homes with copper piping with lead solder installed after 1982 and before 1986. The old sites were prior to 1986 only.

Hopewell Central Water District Extension #3 keeps plugging along with service connections. There are currently 9 properties connected and 4 scheduled next week. There are 32 possible connections.

The guys are working according to CDC guidelines, each to their own truck. Joel is operating main line valves and Joe is operating hydrants, both required by the Department of Health.

Last, but certainly not least, the 2019 Annual Water Quality Reports have been completed. These were submitted to the NYS Bureau of Public Water Supply in Albany and the Geneva District Office of the Department of Health, and posted to the Town of Hopewell website with copies mailed to residents requesting hard copies.

Town Supervisor-Ted Bateman

Supervisor Bateman wanted to clarify that the Board of Supervisors is not meeting in private. There have been complications as to attending an online meeting. This isn't something that is being done deliberately.

Supervisor Bateman asked the opinion of the Board to participate in the Health Savings Account Insurance and to budget \$10,000 to help pay for the Town employee's deductible. Council Member Trickey suggests, eventually, increasing the package for the Town employees in order to keep good employees. Conversation ensued.

Resolution #12-2020 Standard Work day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials (Exhibit A).

Keeping up with the requirements of New York State after an individual is elected they must do a three month calendar of their hours if they wish to be included in the New York State Retirement System. Highway Superintendent Matt Curran, Town Clerk Denise Hood, Town Board Member Jeff

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Trickey and Town Board Member Erin Everson have completed the calendar for the months of February, March and April of 2020. This resolution must be posted on the Board in the Town Hall and must be sent to the Office of the New York State Comptroller, New York State Local Retirement System. The resolution must be posted on the board for 30 days and will be posted on the website. **(Exhibit A)**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bateman, seconded by council Member Trickey to approve **Resolution #12-2020 Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials.**

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 4 Nays 0

Privilege of Floor

Tom Geer asked Supervisor Bateman if the Board of Supervisors could meet and the Safety Training Building. Supervisor Bateman stated he has asked and wasn't happy with his response, so he will ask again. Conversation ensued.

Mr. Geer added that he appreciates all the employees of the Town to try to "hold the line" and keep everyone on the payroll. He appreciated Supervisor Bateman to "hold the line" on expenses.

Tom Geer feels for the individuals who are getting financially strapped.

A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Trickey to adjourn the meeting at 7:54PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Denise L Hood - Town Clerk May 26, 2020*
Next Meeting: June 3, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

