

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING APRIL 6, 2022 7:02PM

The regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held at the Hopewell Town Hall on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 7:02 PM, with Supervisor William Namestnik presiding.

Present:	Supervisor	William Namestnik
	Council Member	Jeff Trickey
	Council Member	Adam Sanford
	Council Member	Andrew Faust
	Council Member	Erin Everson

Others Present: Highway Superintendent Matt Curran, Water Superintendent Ken Potter, Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen and Town Clerk Denise Hood

Privilege of the Floor

No one spoke for Privilege of the Floor.

Communications and Reports

The following communications and reports were received since the last meeting:

Supervisor Namestnik stated that the State has been diverting taxes. He indicated that the State has taken, in the past 2 years, more than \$677million in local sales tax to put in the State’s general fund. The funds are being used to fill the holes in the financial plan. New York State Association of Counties is pursuing getting the money back. The Ontario County amount is \$868,316.00 for 2022.

Old Business

Code Enforcement Officer- Justin Bruen-

Resolution #5-2022-Mutual Aid agreement for Code Enforcement Services between Town of Naples, Village of Naples and Town of Hopewell-All Signed- In the hands of Hopewell Town Clerk Denise Hood and will be filed.

Zoning Map Change-Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen stated the findings of the Ontario County Planning Board. The minutes read as follows:

1. The Town Board may want to consider extending the depth of the C-2 district on some properties on the south side of SR5/US20 to minimize the number of parcels with split zoning.
2. The Town Board may also want to consider a dimensional C-2 district depth along the east side of SR247. While this will increase the number of parcels with split zoning, these lots have depths of 200’ and lot widths of 100’ which may make them difficult to convert/redevelop as commercial uses, and even more difficult to provide lot interconnection to avoid multiple closely spaced access points.

Conversation ensued in regard to the Town Board to research to decide whether they would like to change (follow the suggestions) or leave things as they are. Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen informed the Town Board he will bring the map to the next meeting on April 20, 2022 to explain the suggestions.

Tim Stone-County Road 10 Plans-Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen stated to the Town Board that he had received a couple messages/emails from Tim Stone asking for feedback from the Town Board in regard to his plans. Discussion occurred and the Town Board members were in agreement that the plans do not fit the requirements. The Board is receptive to listening to alternatives including reversing the order of development.

Water Superintendent- Ken Potter-

Route 247 Traffic Light Project-Water Superintendent Ken Potter stated that in regard to the traffic light being installed at the intersection of 247, as far as conflicts with the water, they have negotiated abatements. There is enough separation that both parties are able to accomplish what needs to be done.

Supervisor- William Namestnik-

Security Camera Operation-Supervisor Namestnik reported that he has not had an opportunity to work on this. He stated that this will be on the agenda until it is completed.

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New Business - Updates by Town Officials

Town Clerk-Denise Hood- The 2022 Town and County Tax collection has come to a close. On Tuesday, April 5, 2022 the final payment was made to the Ontario County Treasurer for 467,616.71. The Town of Hopewell was at 97% collected with only 51 unpaid tax bills, which were turned over to Ontario County.

Highway Superintendent-Matt Curran- Highway Superintendent Curran stated he has been doing research on replacing a 10 wheeler plow truck for 2024. He would like to get “locked in” on a price, since prices are increasing everywhere. He is trying to get a quote for the Town Board to approve at the next meeting. If he should order a truck this year, the vehicle will not be delivered until 2024, which would fall in line for the replacement schedule.

Highway Superintendent Matt Curran is still working on aggregate pricing. He is trying to come up with a fair price for the residents. He is hoping to bring the pricing to the Town Board at the next meeting.

The new cover has been installed on the Salt Barn. The Highway Crew has been cleaning up the plow trucks. They have also been cleaning up the roadside aprons.

Code Enforcement Officer-Justin Bruen- Code Enforcement Officer Bruen stated he has been working on the New York Steam Engine Association for the past three weeks. Spring is getting busy with the Planning Board, with 4 things on their agenda for the next meeting. Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen and Supervisor William Namestnik have attended two sewer meetings in regard to Lincoln Hill Farms to look at options for the “greater good” of the Town of Hopewell and Gorham. Kevin Olvany, with the Canandaigua Water shed is seriously interested in putting sewer in the area.

Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen handed a Mileage/Cost sheet to the Town Board Members. **(Exhibit A)** He read and explained his point of view of having a Town vehicle. Discussion ensued.

Supervisor-William Namestnik-

Town Justice Resignation-Judge April Gottler has resigned. **(Exhibit B)** Court Clerk Sally Santee and Supervisor William Namestnik have been working on a lead with an attorney and he seems very interested. If not this attorney, then the Court System would have to appoint someone to the position.

April Gottler is very interested in helping Sally Santee as a Court Clerk. The Hopewell Town Court has needed a part-time Court Clerk. Supervisor Namestnik has contacted the Ontario County Human Resource, to find out the proper hiring steps for this position.

Privilege of the Floor

No one spoke for the Privilege of the Floor.

Executive Session-At 7:50PM a motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Sanford to go into Executive Session pursuant to discuss regarding current litigation.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

At 8:23PM a motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Sanford to leave the Executive Session and return to the General Session.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Sanford to adjourn the meeting at 8:24PM.

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 5 Nays 0

Respectfully submitted, *Denise L Hood - Town Clerk April 14, 2022*

Next Meeting April 20, 2022 @ 7:00 PM