

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2023 7:01PM

The regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting for the Town of Hopewell was held at the Hopewell Town Hall on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 7:01PM, with Supervisor Namestnik presiding.

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

Others Present: Mickie Kelly, Tom Geer, Bryan Severino, Keaton Edwards, Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen, Water Superintendent Joe Eckam and Town Clerk Denise Hood

A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Everson to approve the Town Board minutes from Wednesday, January 19, 2023.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Privilege of the Floor

No one spoke for Privilege of the Floor

Communications and Reports

- A. Statement from NYSAC President on the SFY 2024 Executive Budget Proposal to Saddle Counties with up to \$1Billion in New Medicaid Costs.
- B. News from the Office of the NYS Comptroller-DiNapoli Recommends Comprehensive and Binding Limits and More Accountability to Voters.
- C. Ontario County EMS and Fire- Summary of Existing Conditions and Opportunities for Action
- D. New York State Association of Counties News
- E. Talk of the Towns
- F. The Lake Reporter

Old Business

Town Clerk-Denise Hood-The Town and County Taxes are at 78% collected with \$1.919.72 collected interest. The first draw of \$500,000 was mailed to the Ontario County Treasurer.

Audit of 2022 Books-(Exhibit A)

Prior to the January 18, 2023 Town Board Meeting an Audit of the 2022 books was done by Supervisor Namestnik, Council Members Everson, Faust and Trickey. The books of the Bookkeeper, Chief Fiscal Officer, Justice/Court Clerk, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer and the Town Clerk/Tax Collector were audited.

A motion was made by Council Member Everson, seconded by Council Member Sanford verifying that the 2022 Audit for the Bookkeeper, Chief Fiscal Officer, Justice/Court Clerk, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer and Town Clerk/Tax Collector were reviewed and no deficiencies were noted.

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 3 Nays 0

Water Superintendent- Joe Eckam- Water Superintendent Joe Eckam stated engineer Shauncy Maloy emailed the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Water Superintendent and Code Enforcement Officer the plans for the development located behind Walmart accessed by County Road 10. Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen stated this development is looking to build a 200-room Apartment Complex north of Recreation Drive and off of County Road 10. The complex may be extending or developing a new water district. The site plan will also need approval by the Ontario County sewer district. Water Superintendent Joe Eckam needs to have a discussion with the Town Attorney to investigate future water accessibility options.

Supervisor-William Namestnik-New Excavator Financing- On February 2, 2023 the Lyons National Bank, Supervisor Namestnik, Town Clerk Denise Hood and Town Attorney Jeff Graff completed the signing of the paperwork for the bond financing.

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Investing-NYCLASS, CNB, and LNB- Supervisor Namestnik noted he has invested \$2 million in a 90-day CD at Canandaigua National Bank at 4.25% with intent of rolling over each 90-day period to take advantage of increasing rates.

Forensic Hospitalization Update- Supervisor Namestnik noted he took this issue to the Health and Human Resources Committee of the County to express his concern about the high cost of getting an individual to be competent to stand trial and to see if an alternative delivery system can be developed at lower costs. In addition, to see if there is interest in pursuing the State to have it pay 50% of the cost like they did a few years ago. The County Committee determined to keep the program as is, that of focusing on prevention.

Ontario County Farm Worker Grant- Supervisor Namestnik updated members of the Board and meeting attendees of the current status of the grant to assist in funding New Farmworker Housing within Hopewell. He stated he is following through at the County level to assure it is in compliance with our Town of Hopewell Zoning regulations.

Infrastructure Roundtable-Ensuring Water Supply Resilience- Supervisor Namestnik noted the County Economic Development Department had a meeting to look at Canandaigua Lake and those who are drawing from Canandaigua Lake and the room for future growth.

Roadside Litter Clean-Up Day Program- Supervisor Namestnik acted upon a phone-issued complaint and looked into litter/trash removal upon the roadsides. Working with Highway Superintendent Matt Curran, they navigated through the use of a program utilizing an Ontario County jail day worker program. The program has already completed clean-up operations in multiple areas within Hopewell.

New Business

Town Officials' Monthly Reports

Town Clerk-Denise Hood-Town Clerk Denise Hood stated the 2016 Town Clerk, Tax, Bookkeeper, and Water Billing Receipts have reached their retention period of seven years and have been pulled for shredding.

On the Rocks Bar & Grill at 3853 State Route 5 & 20, Canandaigua has sent a request to have their liquor license renewed. **(Exhibit B)**

A motion was made by Council Member Everson, seconded by Council Member Sanford to approve the liquor license for On the Rocks Bar & Grill at 3853 State Route 5 & 20, Canandaigua.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Supervisor Namestnik explained the County is applying for a grant that will allow the Town of Hopewell records to be digitalized. We will know the results of the grant in July of 2023.

Resolution #1-2023- Authorization for Use of State Records Retention and Disposition- the State Commissioner of Education has the authority by law to develop, adopt by regulation, issue and distribute to local government records retention and disposition schedules establishing minimum legal retention periods. **(Exhibit C)**

A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Everson to approve Resolution #1-2023-Authorization for Use of State Records Retention and Disposition

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

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Code Enforcement Officer- Justin Bruen- January 2023 Report- 13 Permits issued, 7 Permits completed, 3 Fire and Safety Inspections, 5 Planning and Zoning Applications, 1 Complaint and 1 Performance Guarantee.

Code Enforcement- New Vehicle- Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen stated that based upon findings by a local mechanic, he is seeking to utilize previously approved funds to purchase a new vehicle. Highway Superintendent Matt Curran assisted in finding a 2022 Dodge Ram 1500 V8 Crew Cab that meets the needs of the department. Total cost of the purchase is \$37,800.

A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Everson to pursue purchasing the 2022 Dodge Ram 1500 V8 Crew Cab direct from the dealer.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

A motion was made by Council Member Everson, seconded by Council Member Sanford to approve to surplus the 2004 Ford F350 from the Water Department.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Water Superintendent- Joe Eckam-Water Superintendent Joe Eckam stated there is an application for an Out of District User from Michael Palermo, 4260 Schutt Road Canandaigua.

A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Everson to approve the application for the Out of District User, Michael Palermo, 4260 Schutt Road Canandaigua.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Water Superintendent Joe Eckam noted that there were 15 letters mailed to residents that needed the new meters installed. He was happy to report that there are only 5 residents left that need the new meters installed.

Referencing a meeting he had with MRB regarding updating and repairs within the Water Department, Water Superintendent Joe Eckam stated the concerns are still present. The concerns are the meter pit at Reeds Corners Road and the generator at the pump station, located on Lakeshore Drive. The Town Board suggested gathering costs for repairs and installations. Upon receipt the Town Board will look at funding options which may include Covid funding available to the Town of Hopewell.

Supervisor-William Namestnik- Audited Vouchers for Abstract #2

A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Everson to approve the Audited Vouchers for Abstract #2-2023 as follows:

Vouchers #21-50	\$31,340.59	General
Vouchers #1008-1027	\$126,643.81	Highway
Vouchers #2011-2028	\$14,521.49	Water
Voucher #3000	\$328,954.27	H6

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 3 Nays 0

Opposition to NYS Gun Control Discussion-Supervisor Namestnik stated Governor Hochul passed a new gun control law with restrictions including concealed carry in any public sensitive areas. At this time 18 counties have passed a Resolution to oppose the law and sent them to the State. Many Counties in opposition surround Ontario County. Supervisor Namestnik explained Resolution in opposition of the law may help change the law. **(Exhibit D)**

Executive Order #18- Regarding Domestic Terrorism **(Exhibit E)**

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Approval of Town Officials Monthly Report

A motion was made by Council Member Everson, seconded by Council Member Sanford to approve the monthly reports from the Town Clerk, Code Enforcement, Water Superintendent and Supervisor.

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 3 Nays 0

Privilege of the Floor

No one spoke for Privilege of the Floor

Executive Session

A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Everson to go into Executive Session for Litigation reasons at 7:59PM.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

A motion was made by Supervisor Namestnik, seconded by Council Member Sanford to return to General Session at 8:04PM.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

A motion was made by Council Member Everson, seconded by Council Member Sanford to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Respectfully submitted, Denise L. Hood - Hopewell Town Clerk - February 24, 2023

Next Meeting: Town Board Meeting - Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 7:00
P.M.