

**HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2022 7:01PM**

The regular scheduled Town Board Meeting for the Town of Hopewell was held at the Hopewell Town Hall on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 7:01PM, with Supervisor Namestnik presiding.

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

Others Present: Highway Superintendent Matt Curran, 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:

- NYS Legislative Commission on Rural Resources
- US Census Bureau- Boundary and Annexation Survey

**Old Business**

**Updates by Town Officials**

**Town Clerk-Denise Hood**- Council Member Everson asked what was done to follow-up with the dog licensing from the last meeting. Supervisor Namestnik spoke with a gentleman at the Humane Society and asked him how they established their annual fees for the Towns. The Humane Society Representative indicated that they go off of their annual report and then those numbers go to Ontario County. Ontario County comes up with the number to charge the surrounding Towns/Cities/Villages. The Humane Society Representative stated that the Town of Hopewell’s number of incidents goes up during the summer; because of people leaving their dogs in the cars at Wal-Mart. Supervisor Namestnik would like to contact Mary Gates, Director of Finance for Ontario County, to find out how the rates for municipalities are determined.

**Highway Superintendent-Matt Curran-**

**Salt Barn Cover from Hybrid Building Solutions**-Supervisor Namestnik sent out an email with the cost of the 15 year and 25 year replacement covers and the amount of money the Insurance Company would cover. He also included the difference in cost. **(Exhibit A)**

A motion was made by Supervisor Namestnik, seconded by Council Member Trickey to approve the purchase of the 25 year replacement cover for the total cost of \$11,144.10.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

**Code Enforcement Officer- Justin Bruen**-Code Enforcement officer stated that he has not contacted Town Attorney, Jeff Graff in regard to the rezoning of Route 247, but he will. He was happy that he was able to work from home last week, when he was out.

**Steam Pageant Update**-Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen stated he had received a letter from the Attorney representing the Steam Pageant. In the letter, the Attorney is requesting that Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen not issue a letter stating the violations at this time, as they would like to seek counsel from a Zoning Attorney. Unfortunately, the letters were mailed out to the President and the Vice President of the organization stating they had until January 31, 2022 to communicate back to the Town of Hopewell. There has been no communication. Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen has given them a couple extra days, and still no communication, so he will be sending out the violations tomorrow, to follow our timeline. Conversation ensued in regard to questions from the Town Board to the Code Enforcement Officer on this issue.

## HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2022 II

### **New Business**

**Town Clerk-Denise Hood**-Town Clerk Denise Hood apologized for not having the minutes completed, and noted they will be completed soon. The Town and County taxes are at 83% collected, which is great! The Town of Hopewell has been paid in full \$1,072,571.47.

**Highway Superintendent-Matt Curran**-Highway Superintendent Matt Curran stated his old town truck and the old plow truck have been sold by Auction Direct. The Highway Department is gearing up for the weather and asked that residents plow and/or shovel around their mailbox, because the weight from the snow may damage the mailboxes. This will be posted on the Town of Hopewell website.

The new plow truck needs to be fine-tuned.

There won't be an Advocacy Day this year in Albany for the Highway Superintendents due to the pandemic, however there will be a meeting on Thursday, February 10, 2022 with at least 3 representatives at the Canandaigua Highway Garage. This meeting will include highway Superintendents from Livingston, Wayne, Ontario and Seneca Counties. The topic will mostly be about available money from the state for Highway Departments.

**Code Enforcement Officer-Justin Bruen**-code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen stated he has begun large inspections such as Ontario Center.

He proposed the idea/question to the Town Board about having a Shared Services Agreement with another Code Enforcement Officer in a neighboring Town to cover for vacations. The town Board agreed to this arrangement and felt they would respect whomever Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen chooses.

**Supervisor-William Namestnik**-Supervisor Namestnik stated he was pleased on how the "Boil Water" issue was handled this past weekend. He noted it went seamlessly and that Water Superintendent Ken Potter coordinated it well. Notification was on Facebook as well as the Town of Hopewell website.

Town Attorney, Jeff Graff, will be handling the new town truck loan document with Lyons National Bank.

On Saturday, January 22, 2022 the Hopewell Town Hall's furnaces weren't working. Town Clerk Denise Hood notified Herendeen Brothers to come and take a look at the furnaces. They came and opened the dampers in the Town Hall furnace and turned off the furnace in the Court room area. Roger, from Herendeen Brothers, went outside to check the level of fuel. The tank was below 5%. Town Clerk Denise Hood called Phelps Sungas to fill the tank. Phelps Sungas was surprised the tank was that low, since the Town of Hopewell is on automatic refill. Phelps Sungas came and filled the tank. Furnaces were turned on. On Monday, January 24, 2022 we all came into work and the furnace in the Town Hall wasn't working well. Herendeen Brothers returned and repaired the furnace.

The trash/ recycle compactors were frozen on Saturday, January 29, 2022. The heaters in the compactors weren't working because there wasn't any kerosene in the heaters. Supervisor Namestnik investigated the issue and discovered there were multiple steps to get the kerosene heaters filled. Process improvements were performed eliminating several steps. He has worked out with the Highway Department that they will be responsible for making sure the kerosene is full in the Refuse Station. Conversation ensued as to ideas for the future to eliminate the need for kerosene heaters.

**Public Works Municipal Aid Agreement**- Need to renew the Public Works Municipal Aid Agreement. This is when the Highway Superintendents help each other out. Highway Superintendent explained this to the Town Board.

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Sanford to approve the 5 year Public Works Municipal Aid Agreement. **(Exhibit B)**

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

**HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2022 III**

**Privilege of the Floor**

No one spoke for Privilege of the Floor

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Sanford to adjourn the meeting at 7:49PM.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

Respectfully submitted, Denise L. Hood - Hopewell Town Clerk - February 14, 2022

Next Meeting: Town Board Meeting - Wednesday, February 19, 2022 at 7:00  
P.M.