

The first regular meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was conducted at 7 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2014 at the Kingsbury Town Hall, Hudson Falls, NY.

MEMBERS PRESENT: James T. Lindsay, Supervisor
Paul Bromley, Councilman
Richard Doyle, Councilman
Henry Freebern, Councilman
William Collins, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Graham, Highway Superintendent

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Lindsay and opened for order of business with the Flag Salute led by Councilman Collins.

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the August 11, 2014 Town Board meeting.

Supervisor Lindsay instructed the Town Clerk to read the Notice to Bidders for the new salt storage shed. Three bids were received as follows:

Rozell Industries, Inc. - \$84,325.00

Bast Hatfield Construction, LLC - \$129,997.00

AJ Catalfamo Construction, Inc. - \$ 84,100.00

The Town Board was in agreement that the bids were much higher than anticipated. Highway Superintendent Michael Graham and Councilman Paul Bromley will review the details of the bids and the results will be announced at the next Town Board meeting on September 22, 2014.

Supervisor Lindsay gave an update on Eastside Metals and Recyclers, Inc. Eastside was issued a violation notice on September 2, 2014 by Code Enforcement Officer Ross Cortese. Eastside has failed to provide proof of insurance as required by the Town Board to continue operation. Cortese checks the Eastside facility each day and the gates have been closed.

Supervisor Lindsay and Town Attorney Matt Fuller met with Rich Schermerhorn and his attorney John Lapper. They agreed the sewer issue has gone away. Schermerhorn has other plans and will be at a Planning Board meeting within the next few months with site plans for approval. Supervisor Lindsay stated that we may have a signed contract by the end of the month for the sale of the former Dix Drive-In Property to Schermerhorn.

Supervisor Lindsay reported the Sewer District Formation is on- going. Senator Schumer conducted a press conference at the Kingsbury Town Hall. Senator Schumer has asked the US Department of

Agriculture to give Kingsbury the highest priority for funding. At this time Senator Schumer is attempting to change some criteria for the Rural Infrastructure Opportunity Fund – a USDA loan. We fall short of that because we have 12,500 people, you have to have 10,000 to be considered rural and to be eligible for the loan. The fund could help the Town of Kingsbury pay for a new sewer line.

Councilman Bromley presented to the Town Board a proposed plan of the renovation of Dr. Solomon’s office for Town Hall. Bromley also had estimates for the cost of the renovation, one for renovation of the building and one for an addition that would house the court and court offices. Councilman Bromley estimated a cost of approximately \$780,000.00 for the renovation and the addition of a court room. He asks the Town Board to keep in mind that the estimates are based on Prevailing Wage. Councilman Bromley explained that some of the work could be done by the Town Board and also by the Highway Department, which would lower the cost of the renovations.

Councilman Bromley reported on repairs that would be necessary in the next five years to the current location of the Town Hall. Repair to the roof, if no repair is necessary to the deck, is estimated at \$80,000.00. Repair to the parapet was estimated at \$50,000 ten years ago. Today’s estimate would be \$70,000. Councilman Bromley explained that we would have four contracts in the renovation process of Michigan Street: general, electrical, mechanical and HVAC. The Town Clerk also mentioned that there is an application for a grant valued up to \$30,000 available for the court room.

A **motion** made by Councilman Bromley, seconded by Councilman Freebern and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to accept the following budget amendments received from Comptroller Mary Ordway:

BUDGET AMENDMENT

INCREASE REVENUES:

CHIPS REGULAR AID 4.3501	\$27,008
CHIPS-FEDERL AID 4.4960	\$ 11,992

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CHIPS-CAPITAL 4.5112.2	\$39,000
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Supervisor Lindsay read a letter from Laura Chadwick, the Director of Real Property Tax Services, in regard to the re-appointment of Stephanie Lemery on the Board of Assessment Review. Her term expires on September 30, 2014. A **motion** made by Councilman Freebern, seconded by Councilman Collins and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to re-appoint Stephanie Lemery on the Board of Assessment Review.

Town Clerk reported that everything is ready for the primary election on September 9, 2014. She also reported that the 2014-15 Hudson Falls Central School tax collection is going very well. In this collection there are fewer walk-ins, there are many more tax bills being paid via mail, probably due to the road work being done in the village.

Superintendent of Highways Michael Graham reported on the following:

They are making good progress at the Dix Avenue chlorination station.

The framework for the grizzly is complete and the ramp for the grizzly is in the process of being built. Approximately 5400 yards of sand has been moved from the former Highway Garage to the current location at 437 Vaughn Road.

Paving is complete on Devine Drive and the entry way to the Highway Garage on Vaughn Road.

Graham received a call from Nemer Ford; the pick-up truck ordered is ready to be shipped on a rail car, hopefully will arrive in two weeks.

Lane Enterprise will ship the pipe, necessary for repair on Town Line Road, with delivery being at the end of this week. The pipe will be stored for the winter at 437 Vaughn Road. The pipe must be totally assembled and will arrive on 2 pallets weighing 7,000 lbs. The dimensions of the pipe when complete are as follows: 80 feet long, 18'9" wide and 11'9" high. New York State has red-flagged Town Line Road. At the State's request, Superintendent Graham is composing a letter to explain the delay. Upon inspection of Town Line Road Graham found no stress cracks in the road. Graham explained the Town Line project will be a priority in the spring.

There being no further business before the Board a **motion** by Councilman Freebern, seconded by Councilman Collins to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Bardin, Town Clerk

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