

**TOWN OF HARRIETSTOWN
TOWN BOARD MEETING
DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2015**

REGULAR MEETING 5:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Supervisor Kilroy.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisor Kilroy Present
Councilman Keough Present
Councilwoman Meyette Present
Councilman Goetz Present
Councilman Riley Present

Also in attendance Airport Manager Corey Hurwitch , Patricia Meagher, council person elect, Pastor Ryan of the Saranac Lake Baptist Church and a group from the Adirondack Rail Explorer.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

No changes or additions were made.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the November 5, 2015 minutes were approved as presented to the board. (Rile, Goetz;m/s/p)

WARRANT 22 OF 2015:

GENERAL FUND \$31,884.65 473-493

AIRPORT FUND \$73,338.35 387-405

GENERAL OUTSIDE FUND \$3,601.33 170-176

HIGHWAY FUND OUTSIDE \$8,509.82 232-236

TRUST AND AGENCY \$12,252.71

The above listed vouchers were approved for payment as presented to the board. (Keough, Goetz;m/s/p)

COMMUNITY GROUPS/ COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

ADIRONDACK RAIL EXPLORER

Several representatives of the group were present to inform the board of the success of the rail bikes this past season and the need for the rails to stay in place. This would be a real boost to the economy of the area. There was very positive input from the users of the rails. Mary Joy Lu co owner of the rail bikes gave the presentation.

Millings for Saranac Lake Baptist Church:

Pastor Ryan has asked the board if the church might have some of the millings at the airport to use on their property. The church would come get them. Councilman Keough questioned the legality of doing this. He believed that the town cannot give them away. The board decided to approve this request provided town attorney James Maher gave the go ahead.(Riley, Meyette, Keough abstain;m/s/p)

SUPERVISOR:

Comments, remarks and updates from Supervisor Kilroy.

BUILDINGS:

Approval was given for Trudeau Institute to hold their Holiday Party at Dewey Lodge on December 12, 2015 from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M and serve alcohol.(Meyette, Riley; Goetz nay;m/s/p)

Dewey Mountain Price for repair of groomer.

The board approved repairs to be made to the groomer at a cost of \$995.42

Funding for a new Groomer:

Councilman Keough was authorized to write a letter to Senator Little asking for funding for a new groomer for Dewey Mountain. Senator Little had mentioned the possibility when attending the opening ceremonies for the new Dewey Mountain Lodge last winter. (Keough, Goetz;m/s/p)

HIGHWAY:

Work Report was submitted to the board

Permission to auction Laser Painter Machine on Auctions International.

Authorization was given for Highway Superintendent Donaldson to accept bids from Auctions International on the Laser Painter Machine.(Goetz, Riley;m/s/p)

RESOLUTION # 18 OF 2015

On motion of Councilman Goetz, seconded by Councilwoman Meyette the following resolution was offered:

Whereas, a reliable transportation infrastructure is vital for the safety of New York's travelling public and its economy; and

Whereas, 85 percent of New York's roads and bridges are maintained by local governments; and

Whereas, despite well-timed and targeted preventative maintenance treatments, the age and condition of many of our locally-owned transportation assets means that they are beyond preservation and in need of much more costly rehabilitation and reconstruction; and

Whereas, estimates by the State Comptroller, DOT and independent studies show a large portion of road mileage is deteriorating and many bridges in the state are rated structurally deficient and functionally obsolete; and

Whereas, the State Comptroller estimates that there will be \$89 billion in unmet local infrastructure needs over the next 20 years; and

Whereas, the New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways commissioned its own fifteen year analysis that indicates an annual funding gap of \$1.3 billion for the local system (excluding NYC) alone; and

Whereas, funding for our local system has been far short of what is needed and we've fallen further and further behind in maintaining the vast and aging transportation infrastructure over this long period with severe consequences for conditions ratings; and

Whereas, the New York State Consolidated Local Street and Highway Program (CHIPS) provides essential funding for every municipality in the state and is part of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) capital program; and

Whereas, in the early 1990's the Governor and Legislature created the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund (DHBTF) to pay for the NYSDOT capital program and the Dedicated Mass Transit Trust Fund (DMTTF) to assist with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and other transit systems' capital programs; and

Whereas, when the DHBTF was created, it was agreed that the NYSDOT and MTA five-year capital programs would be similar in size and would be negotiated concurrently; and

Whereas, through 2005-09, both five-year capital programs were similar in size and adopted within months of each other; and

Whereas, in 2010 the Executive and Legislature broke traditional parity and enacted a five-year capital program for the MTA but not the DOT; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Harrietstown calls upon the Governor and the state Legislature to make additional state funding and resources available at levels that accurately reflect the critical needs of local roads and bridges; and increase CHIPS funding in the 2016-17 state budget; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town of Harrietstown calls upon the Governor, and members of the state Legislature to fully fund and submit a new NYSDOT five-year transportation capital plan; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town of Harrietstown calls upon the Governor and members of the state Legislature to recognize the equality of roads, bridges and transit by restoring funding equality between the MTA and NYSDOT five-year programs and by voting on the plans simultaneously.

Whereupon the resolution was put to a roll call vote and the following recorded.

Supervisor Kilroy	Aye
Councilman Keough	Aye
Councilwoman Meyette	Aye
Councilman Goetz	Aye
Councilman Riley	Aye

AIRPORT:

Airport Manager's summary report.

SRE/ARFF PROJECT SEPTIC TANK ISSUE:

Councilman Riley questions the integrity of the septic tank at this location.

Councilman Keough commended Airport Manager Hurwitch on a fine job giving the Emergency presentation.

PASSERO INVOICES:

FAA 3-36-0105-59-14 ARFF/SRE \$42,057.90

FAA 3-36-0105-62-15 SAND STORAGE \$8000.01

FAA 3-36-0105-61-15 OBSTRUCTION STUDY \$7,884.12

FAA 3-36-0105-60-15 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS DISPLACE RUNWAY 27 \$2,300.07

Approval was given to pay the above listed invoices as presented to the board. (Meyette, Goetz;m/s/sp)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Supervisor Kilroy requested an executive session on the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person/corp, or matters leading to said dismissal, removal, promotion, appointment, employment, discipline, demotion or suspension of an employee(s). This is regard to two employees. Councilman Keough asked that councilperson elect Meagher be invited to attend. (Kilroy, Goetz;m/s/p)

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Councilman Keough announced that ROOST has extended an invitation to the town board for a gathering on December 2, 2015 at 4:00 P.M.

RECESS:

A five minute recess was called. (Keough, Riley;m/s/p)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made to go into executive session on the above stated matter(s). (Goetz, Kilroy;m/s/p)

REGULAR SESSION:

A motion was made to resume regular session. (Meyette, Goetz;m/s/p)

CIVIL SERVICE TEST:

Supervisor Kilroy was authorized to speak with an employee regarding taking a Civil Service test to upgrade their position.(Keough, Goetz;m/s/p)

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before this board, a motion was made to adjourn at 6:25 P.M.(Keough, Riley;m/s/p)