

The Town of Fenton Town Board held its regular meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 7:00 pm, at the Fenton Town Hall, 44 Park Street, Port Crane, New York.

PRESENT:	Town Board Members	David Hamlin, Supervisor Gary Holcomb, Deputy Supervisor Michael Husar, Councilman Thomas Moss, Councilman Richard Pray, Councilman
	Highway Superintendent	Randy Ritter
	Town Attorney	Albert Millus, Jr. (arrived at 7:08 pm)
	Town Clerk	Melodie Bowersox
	Deputy Town Clerk	Sheryl Fay

OTHERS PRESENT: Building Inspector Matt Banks, CAC Acting Chair Mike Grasso, Planning Board Chair John Eldred, Zoning Board of Appeals Member Cindy Cook, and approximately 60 members of the General Public. Also present was Children’s Home of Wyoming Conference President/CEO George Dermody.

Mr. Hamlin led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Hamlin asked everyone to take note of the sign-in sheet in the hallway.

Public Hearing – CDBG Project –

Mr. Hamlin addressed the Board and the Public at 7:07 pm regarding the following Public Hearing Notice:

The Town of Fenton anticipates submitting an application in 2017 to the New York State Office of Community Renewal for funding under the New York Community Development Block Grant Program.

A Public Hearing is held as part of the process to solicit Public input with respect to the application and to develop program activities. Community Development funds can be used for activities that are eligible under Section 570.482 of Subpart I of the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. More complete details of eligible activities as outlined at Section 570.482, will be available at the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm. The Hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 44 Park Street, Port Crane, NY. The meeting venue is handicapped accessible for those needing such assistance. Any other persons or groups needing special accommodations should contact the Town at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting.

The Public is urged to attend this Public Hearing to provide input to the application process, the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant funds, and to express their views or pose questions with respect to this program. Comments may be verbal or written. Information with respect to the hearing may be obtained by calling the Town’s Community Development Consultant, Thoma Development Consultants, at (607) 753-1433.

The existing Community Development Grants and related programs are funded under the Title I of the Housing and Community Act of 1974, as amended. Fiscal Year 2017 funds for which the Town is applying for will be provided by the Federal Government, pursuant to Title I to New York State for award and administration. The Public Hearing is held pursuant to Section 570.486 Subpart I of the Federal Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program regulations and/or any similar State regulations that may govern the State's Community Development Program.

Signed: David C. Hamlin
Town Supervisor
8/24/17

Prior to the reading of the Public Hearing Notice, Mr. Hamlin explained the Public Hearing was in regard to the CDBG Project. There are 16 homeowners in the current program that were eligible to spend up to \$25,000.00 on their homes, and as long as they stay in their home for five years the money is free to them. The Town has a backlog of 39 Residents that qualified for this Grant, so the Town is going to apply for another Grant. With the additional Residents another Grant would help. The Board is being told it stands a good chance to receive another \$500,000.00. A decision should be made around Christmas. It is a Federal Grant monitored by the State and coordinated for the Town through THOMA Development out of Cortland.

The following persons spoke in favor: None

The following persons spoke in opposition: None

Questions from the Board: None

Questions posed to the Board:

- Are they allowed to choose their own Contractor? There is a three page list of Contractors. The Board encourages Contractors in Broome County, but the list includes Contractors from the Cortland area and other areas besides Broome. The Residents can choose up to two or three Contractors to do the work and it is awarded to the lowest bid.
- Does the Town become a Mortgagee? No, the Town does not.
- Does the Resident need to pay their other bills? The only bills the Resident needs to pay are their taxes. As long as the taxes are paid their other liens are not looked at.
- If there are already 39 applicants that were not able to take advantage of the first Grant, does that mean there are already enough applicants on the list to receive the second Grant and no one else will be apply? A fresh list will be used and ranked for the second Grant based on need, financial need and other criteria. Even though there are 39 applicants on the remaining list, they may not have gone through the full evaluation.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:12 pm.

Executive Director of the Children's Home – George Dermody thanked the Community for supporting the 59th Annual Ice Cream Social and making it a huge success. The next Neighborhood Advisory Council meeting is scheduled on September 12th, 2017. All neighbors that are within a mile of the Children's Home are invited to discuss issues and concerns.

George acknowledged there have been concerns voiced at Town Board meetings, both while he was present and absent, and he wanted to be present to talk about things they are doing and how they can continue to be good neighbors and work together. The Children's Home is now up to 310 employees, including programs in Broome and Chenango Counties. Mr. Hamlin asked what kind of guidelines do you have control of when the children come to the Home? Can some children be turned away that are high risk or does the Home have to take them? George said referrals are screened on a weekly basis and determinations are made as to whether the child is appropriate for this level of care. Young people are given a chance. Although the Home has had some wonderful successes, not all are successful. There are several young people that were at the Children's Home this Summer that are no longer there. They have been moved to other facilities or to the juvenile justice correction system. They work closely with the Department of Social Services and the Broome County Sheriff's Department.

RESIDENTS' TIME (7:17 pm)

No Parking Signs on Franklin Avenue Extension – Bill Aswad thanked Highway Superintendent Randy Ritter and the Town Board for putting up No Parking signs on Franklin Avenue Extension. Bill also asked for clarification on the definition of a sidewalk. It was confirmed that a sidewalk has a curb. It was also confirmed that shoveling was required only where there was a curb.

Children's Home of Wyoming Conference – An unidentified lady asked George Dermody what percentage of the students at the Home are involved in the juvenile judicial system. Mr. Dermody estimated it was less than 10%. Martha Lyons said she has witnessed the behavior of some of the students from the Home and it is worse than it has ever been.

Ditch Complaint – Dan Gates said the ditch in front of his house is in bad shape. Mr. Hamlin asked Randy to look into it.

DLA Property – An unidentified man asked if the DLA still owned any of the property. Mr. Hamlin said the County owns 60% and Lee Hartman owns the other 40%. If the County decides they no longer want their portion, the DLA would get first refusal. An unidentified man asked if the County was going to sell the other portion of the DLA Property. Mr. Hamlin responded yes, if the Federal Government will allow it. Mr. Hamlin said they would probably do a Request for Proposal and then weight the Request for Proposal. There are five categories that need to be fulfilled and each is weighted. It is currently zoned Residential B, but Mr. Hamlin said it will be rezoned. Current weight limitations on Hoyt Avenue were discussed. Joyce Gioia made a reference as to whether a new business on Hoyt Avenue would exceed the criteria of the current noise ordinance for the Town of Fenton. An individual said the 239 Review stated a concern that Hoyt Avenue could not accommodate the truck traffic for the Carrier Services Group. Mr. Hamlin stated the Board has the same concerns and that is why they want to move forward with a new zoning category. Bill Bowie asked the Board to confirm that the existing buildings do not have heat or rest room accommodations. Mr. Hamlin said there are bathroom facilities in some of the buildings. An individual said he has heard at several different meetings that Hillcrest was built around the Depot. The Depot came after there were several homes in Hillcrest. Steve Andersen asked if the 60% owned by the County was overseen by Real Property. Mr. Hamlin said the Office of Public Works maintains all buildings the County owns and that Real Property has no determination as to what is done with the remaining 60% of the DLA property.

Increased Tractor Trailer Traffic on Chenango Street and Nowlan Road – An unidentified man said the increased tractor trailer traffic on Chenango Street and Nowlan Road may be coming from Industrial Park traffic using the route as a short cut. Mr. Hamlin said there is also a situation with the Village of Dickinson which one of the Board Members is looking into.

Board Members' Emails – An unidentified man said all email addresses are listed for the Town Board Members and the Zoning Board Members, but only three of the Planning Board Members are listed. There are no email addresses for John Eldred, Jim Keough and Brian Randall, and Jason Aurelio's email address does not work. Mr. Hamlin said three of the Planning Board Members do not have email addresses. He is not sure why Jason Aurelio's email address is not working.

NG Advantage – An unidentified lady asked if a new application had been submitted to the Town of Fenton. Mr. Hamlin replied there has not been, but he is aware that NG advantage is working on the different studies and expanding them. A traffic study is currently being done with a concentration on exit 2. After further questions from unidentified individuals, Mr. Hamlin confirmed the traffic study results would reflect traffic volume when school was in session and that they hired local Attorney Alan Pope. A Lead Agency has not yet been identified. An unidentified man asked whether a member of DOT could be present when the results of the traffic study are presented. Mr. Hamlin said that could be done. An unidentified lady asked if the cost of an independent traffic study could be provided by the Town. Several of the Board Members explained what they knew about the process, including the participation of BMTS and the providing of traffic counts. An unidentified lady asked if the Town of Fenton would be treating this as a SEQRA I type action. Mr. Hamlin said yes. Kurt Mohny said the reason why Residents want the Town to do their own studies is because the Residents do not trust NG Advantage. All the Board Members were elected by the Residents and they feel the Board should represent the Residents. Kurt Mohny asked each Board Member who they represent in the NG Advantage project, and each Board Member responded they represent the Residents of the Town of Fenton. Kevin Wilson asked how the rules could be changed so that a plan of the magnitude of NG Advantage has to go to a public vote and not to the Planning Board. Members of the Board explained the process is determined by State law. Joyce Gioia said the concern is that six people can make the decisions for all the people in the area, and if the laws cannot be changed then the Residents will need to continue coming to meetings to be informed. An unidentified lady asked what the Town would be doing to represent the Community as a whole to combat NG Advantage, or is the Town positioning to align with them. Mr. Hamlin said they are waiting for the studies to come back. When asked why the Board would need to wait for the studies to come back, Members of the Board stated that a portion of the Community was opposed to the project, while there was also a portion that was in favor. Steve Andersen said there was some question as to how to define the NG Advantage project. It was thought to be a truck terminal, and the Judge indicated that the Planning Board usurped the power of the Zoning Board of Appeals in making that unofficial determination. Since it is unclear as to whether that facility is allowed given the existing zoning, Steve asked if the Town Board has discussed changing the current zoning to allow such a facility at that location. Mr. Hamlin said an application would need to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for consideration to use the existing zoning. Nothing has been brought forth at this point. ZBA member Cindy Cook said that according to the zoning book, NG Advantage should not be on that Limited Industrial property. Atty. Millus said this is an open issue that may end up coming to the Town Board for consideration of amending the Limited Industrial. An unidentified lady asked if there is a timeframe as to how long an area needs to maintain new zoning before being rezoned. Atty. Millus said a Town Board can rezone as often as they want, but it depends

upon whether the applicant has vested rights. An unidentified man asked whether the Town has any legal or monetary liability to NG Advantage for the work that has already been done if something goes wrong and they are not allowed in Fenton. Atty. Millus said the courts will make the decision. John Kopalek reminded everyone this is an incredibly historical area and this needs to be considered when making decisions.

Planning Board – An unidentified lady asked if Jim Keough had resigned. Mr. Hamlin said he has not formally resigned as a letter of resignation has not yet been received. An unidentified man asked what the procedure was if a person had interest in filling a Board position. Mr. Hamlin replied that the individual should contact the Town Clerk via phone or email. An unidentified lady asked if there was any movement on removing John Eldred from the Planning Board. Several Board Members replied there has not been. A person cannot be removed from a Board due to procedural errors or things of that nature. Mr. Husar made reference to a comment that was brought to the attention of the Town Board at the Work Session last week that was made by John at the last Planning Board meeting, and the Board requested that the individual that heard the comment step forward so that the matter could be addressed by the Board. An unidentified lady told the Board that she approached John after the last Planning Board meeting and gave her account of the conversation. Mr. Moss said it will be looked into. Several individuals asked John to concur that this was an accurate account of the conversation. Mr. Pray said John was not required to go on record at a public meeting and that the Public was present to address the Town Board. John said all he was going to say was that what the unidentified lady quoted him as saying was not entirely what he told her, and it was off the record after the meeting was adjourned.

239 Review Process – Adrienne Irons asked whether there was a formal process in place from the time when a 239 Review is received to the time that they are distributed to the Board Members to the time they have to review it. Mr. Hamlin said it all depends upon when the 239 Review comes back from the County, when the next planning Board meeting is and when they want to act on it. Several Residents said the last 239 Review was distributed at the last meeting for review and a vote, and the concern is that it is not enough time to fully review. Mr. Pray said many of the 239 Reviews are returned noting there are no issues as submitted. Atty. Millus said the vast majority of the Reviews are received that way. Mr. Moss said he was on the Planning Board for six years and the majority of them came back with no issues and nothing to review. Further comments from Residents included concerns that the business owners were taking precedent over Residents and a tighter process regarding timeframes should be considered by the Board rather than acting too soon. Martha Lyons said the perception is that things are being done very haphazardly which was clearly the appearance the Board gave at that meeting.

Residents' Time closed at 8:07 pm

TOTAL BILLS – ABSTRACT 8, 2017 approved during the August 30th, 2017 meeting:

FUND	VOUCHER #s	AMOUNT
General	361 – 412	\$34,804.98
Highway	209 – 250	\$91,258.95
Hillcrest Water	145 – 163	\$13,992.71

Hillcrest Sewer	17 – 21	\$5,899.63
Porter Hollow Sewer	0	\$0.00
Port Crane Light District	14	\$890.14
Hillcrest Light District	14	\$1,924.93
Capital Projects	2	\$12,141.60
Trust & Agency	14	\$3,629.74
CDBG	4 – 9	\$23,174.25

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Hamlin reported the Board has been working on next year's Budget. The tax cap is just over 1%, which the Town will need to adhere to. The Tentative Budget is due to the Town Clerk by the end of September.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- NG Advantage and Carrier Services – pending
- 1001 Chenango Street – The demolition is going forward. Building Inspector Matt Banks spoke with the Property Manager and was told the bank is in the process of getting the demolition contractor.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

- Monthly Report was read by Melodie Bowersox.
- Total Local Shares for August 2017 were \$ 2,759.27.

TOWN ENGINEER'S REPORT

- There was no formal Engineer's Report. Mr. Pray said activity for the month was discussions relating to the upcoming water projects.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Grounds – Mr. Moss reported there has been a request by Town Hall employees that the drinking fountains in the building be removed and replaced with Culligan water coolers due to concerns over how sanitary the old water fountains are. Mr. Moss said the Court prefers not to have a water cooler at that end of the building. Mr. Moss will be requesting an estimate from United Plumbing to remove the old water fountains. There was an issue with discolored water at the Town Hall. Beacon Water came up to look at the water filters, but it appears the problem may be with the hot water tank. United Plumbing will be looking into this. The date for the concrete pad to be ready for the generator delivery is September 18th, 2017. Integration into the Town Hall is not anticipated until the end of the month. Mr. Moss is in the process of obtaining quotes from general contractors that can take care of the whole project,

which includes pouring the concrete pad, running the lines to the propane gas, connecting the electrical and converting the generator from natural gas to propane. The Town is paying for the pad installation and the State will be paying for the electrical and plumbing. Mr. Moss will be moving forward with updating the tunnel lighting by the end of the year. A proposal from Energy Solutions is being considered, which included some LED lighting conversion for the cold storage garage at the Highway Department. Fran Martin asked whether there was an update on the clean-up efforts of the tennis courts, the playground and the tunnel since last month's Town Board meeting. Mr. Moss was not in attendance at the last meeting, but said he would look into it.

Zoning Enforcement – Report was read by Mr. Moss.

Water and Sewer – Report was read by Mr. Pray.

Dog Control – Report was read by Mr. Pray.

Highway and Solid Waste – Mr. Holcomb said there is a Solid Waste issue due to problems with the Packer. The hope was that the Packer could be rebuilt, but it has been determined that it cannot be repaired. Solutions include purchasing a Packer or contracting out the work. Randy Ritter reported August activity included grater shimming Pigeon Hill Road, and ditch and drainage work almost completed on Ketchum Hill Road. The DOT located in Port Crane agreed to store 200 tons of salt for the Town to avoid an expensive storage fee if the order was not picked up from the salt company by the end of August. Stone and oiling will begin on Winn Hill, Pleasant Hill and Quinn Hill Roads.

Building Inspector – Report was read by Mr. Holcomb.

Justice Court – Report was read by Mr. Husar.

Assessor – Mr. Husar reported Assessor Cindy Mills is up to date on her Continuing Education credits.

Historical Advisory Committee – Report was read by Mr. Holcomb.

Conservation Advisory Committee – Acting Chair Mike Grasso reported the DEC will be expanding parking for the fishing access point on Route 369, with trails being cut to the river and a kayak launch being put in. This project will be completed in the next two years. The other issue looked into was the outdoor wood burning stove setback requirements. The CAC recommendation will go to the Town Board once the minutes are published, which will be for the current setback requirements to stay the same. Information has been gathered per request regarding solar farms. A recommendation will be made to the Town Board once the information has been reviewed.

Mr. Husar made a motion to approve all committee reports as submitted, seconded by Mr. Holcomb. **Motion carried.**

VOTE: Ayes 5 Hamlin, Holcomb, Husar, Moss, Pray
Nays 0

MINUTES

Mr. Pray made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 26th, 2017 Work Session (with the correction of typos given to Melodie) and the August 2nd, 2017 Town Board Meeting, seconded by Mr. Moss. **Motion carried.**

VOTE: Ayes 5 Hamlin, Holcomb, Husar, Moss, Pray
Nays 0

OLD BUSINESS

- **DLA Rezoning** – Atty. Millus said there is still an issue with legal representation in creating the new zoning for the District, as he has been unable to find a local attorney that either does not have a conflict or is willing to do take it on for one reason or another. Atty. Millus feels he could represent the Town, especially in creating the new zoning District, since he has no loyalty whatsoever to the applicant. The process of coming up with a proposed District with allowed uses was begun by Mr. Pray with little feedback to date, but the process needs to move forward until it is resolved.

The Town Board did not formally open the floor to the Public for discussion at this time; however, those in attendance began commenting and asking questions of the Town Board. The following portion of the minutes reflects some of the comments and questions that were brought up.

- A Resident said they were uncomfortable with Atty. Millus handling the rezoning since his firm was representing the Carrier Services Group. Atty. Millus clarified that his firm no longer represents the Carrier Services Group. The question now is whether he can continue to represent the Town in creating the new zoning District. Atty. Millus said his conclusion was that he could not since there was such a level of mistrust; however, he has been unable to find a local Municipal Attorney to represent the Town.
- Mr. Holcomb trusts Atty. Millus to handle this for the Town as he has handled many zoning changes for the Town over the years.
- A Resident asked Atty. Millus: If your loyalty is to the Town, then why is rezoning being considered since the people have said they do not want to have it rezoned from Residential? Atty. Millus replied it is the decision of the Town Board and that he needs to maintain his role as Town Attorney.
- A Resident asked who made the decision on the type of zoning. Atty. Millus said the Town Board makes the decision to create the District and rezone the property and it would then go to the Planning Board for site plan approval.
- A Resident asked if this decision process would take place in public meetings and in the form of a Public Hearing. The reply was yes. Atty. Millus added that the Town Board needs to hold a Public Hearing, but a Planning Board is not required to hold a Public Hearing for Site Plan approval.
- Atty. Millus stated that Lee Hartman purchased the property knowing it would need to be rezoned. Because the law defines this as a self-imposed hardship the rezoning has to go in front of the Town Board rather than to the ZBA requesting a Use Variance. It is currently zoned Residential.
- In zoning the area Residential B, a Resident asked if the intention was to avoid industry going in that would pollute the area. Mr. Holcomb responded that the

Board wanted to be able to control whatever went in there. If the existing zoning had been maintained, anyone that came through with a use that met that zoning criteria would be able to go right through the planning process. Atty. Millus added that because the Board at the time was so concerned about what could go into that location, the decision was made to rezone it so nothing could go in there.

- Atty. Nick Cortese from Costello, Cooney and Fearon, Counsel for the Carrier Services Group, asked the Board for any kind of timetable that he could report back to his client. Atty. Millus said they first need to resolve the Town's representation issue and then there needs to be an initiative to come up with allowed uses for this proposed new District. Ultimately it is up to the Town Board as to whether they will be creating a new District and what uses they want to allow. Mr. Hamlin replied to Atty. Cortese that they are probably looking at a couple of months. Atty. Cortese asked whether the Town Board gives the Planning Board exclusive site plan approval or does the Planning Board make recommendations to and the Town Board ultimately gives final approval. Atty. Millus replied the Planning Board gives site plan approval, but when the Town Board rezones, the Planning Board is required to give a recommendation to the Town Board. In regard to the outstanding application for rezoning the property to Light Industrial, Atty. Cortese asked for a timetable on the matter. After further discussion amongst the Board Members and Atty. Cortese, **Mr. Holcomb made a motion to disapprove the proposed Local Law changing the Depot property zoning back to the original Limited Industrial**, seconded by Mr. Husar. **Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Mr. Holcomb aye
Councilman Mr. Husar aye
Councilman Mr. Moss aye
Councilman Mr. Pray aye
Supervisor Mr. Hamlin aye

After the vote, Mr. Holcomb said the Board will be coming up with another zoning alternative which allows some kind of business in that area with restrictions on it. Once the Board comes up with the new zoning, it will most likely allow Carrier Services Group in the location. A Public Hearing will be held at the appropriate time.

- **Resolution #2017-19 – CDBG Project Approval – Mr. Holcomb made a motion to adopt Resolution #2017-19:**
WHEREAS, the Town of Fenton has received a Federal Community Development Block Grant for home renovation, and
WHEREAS, the application has been received and reviewed to insure the proper qualifications have been met, and
WHEREAS, each project has been defined and cost quotes have been received, and
WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fenton must approve each project,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following project be approved to move forward:

239 Fenner Hill Road (Polhamus)
Port Crane
Work includes: roofing, plumbing, masonry, carpentry and painting
Contractor: Cutmore Construction

seconded by Mr. Pray. **Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Mr. Holcomb aye
Councilman Mr. Husar aye
Councilman Mr. Moss aye
Councilman Mr. Pray aye
Supervisor Mr. Hamlin aye

- **Local Law Prohibiting Private Well Use in Hillcrest Water District** – Mr. Pray said he sent out an update to the Town Law prohibiting private well use in the Hillcrest Water District. Because no one can find in the current Local Laws where the use of private wells is prohibited, Mr. Pray distributed a draft of a Local Law that will officially prohibit the use of a private well in the District. Atty. Millus said he did receive it and will review it.
- **Email List for Residents** – Mr. Husar suggested at last week's Work Session that the Town develop an email list for Residents. This may require assistance from the Town's IT Consultant. Mr. Holcomb will discuss it with the IT Consultant.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Budget Meeting** – The first Budget meeting will be held tomorrow at Noon in the Board Room.
- **CSEA** – Mr. Hamlin, Mr. Holcomb and Randy Ritter have a meeting with the Labor Attorney tomorrow at 1:30 pm. The Union meeting is scheduled for September 13th, 2017.
- **Meeting Procedure** – Mr. Hamlin distributed a document of a draft Resolution to the Town Board entitled "Town of Fenton Public Meeting Rules of Conduct and Decorum" to review.
- **Canal Street Drainage Project** – Mr. Holcomb said the Engineers have come up with a cost for the project. A five year borrowing concept would need to be considered due to the project cost. The project would involve a pipe that comes down off the hills, underneath the ball field at the Town Hall, down onto Pine Street, down by the the former Apex building, and across the Post Office side of Fastrac on Canal Street. The pipes would be rerouted so that it would not go underneath the Fastrac. Mr. Holcomb will be putting together some numbers and additional information.
- **PC Fire Department Company Applicant** – An application was received from Shannon Chapman to join the Port Crane Fire Company. **Mr. Husar made a motion to approve the application**, seconded by Mr. Moss. **Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Mr. Holcomb aye
Councilman Mr. Husar aye
Councilman Mr. Moss aye
Councilman Mr. Pray aye
Supervisor Mr. Hamlin aye

- **Resolution #2017-20 – Resolution for Oil and Stone – Mr. Holcomb made a motion to adopt Resolution #2017-20:**

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent Randy Ritter has submitted a Highway/Road Improvements Plan for 2017, and;

WHEREAS, oil and stoning for Pleasant Hill Road, Winn Hill Road and Quinn Hill Road are on that Plan, and;

WHEREAS, Suit-Kote has the New York State Contract Bid for this product and service, and;

WHEREAS, the 2017 Highway Budget has available funds to appropriate for this project;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent Randy Ritter is authorized to spend approximately \$76,500.00 to complete this oil and stoning project. Seconded by Mr. Pray. **Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Mr. Holcomb aye

Councilman Mr. Husar absent

Councilman Mr. Moss absent

Councilman Mr. Pray aye

Supervisor Mr. Hamlin aye

- **Hillcrest Water Tanks** – Mr. Pray said the Hillcrest water tanks were inspected and one of the tanks has some issues that need to be resolved. The first estimate on repairing the steel tank is approximately \$300,000. Replacing the tank with multiple glass tanks is approximately \$500,000. The decision on how to move forward will need to be made in about a year's time as structural integrity will become the issue.
- **Mr. Husar's email** – Mr. Husar reminded the Board and informed the General Public his Town email is not working. He can send but cannot receive.
- **New M&T Bank Process for Water Billing** – Mr. Moss said Assistant Bookkeeper Mike Giovinazzo has a plan going forward with the new water billing process at M&T Bank. Separate letters will be sent out to approximately 60 Residents who have paid in cash in the past to inform them of what M&T is proposing. A process is pending to accept cash payments at the Town Hall for individuals who can no longer make cash payments at the bank. M&T has given no indication that they will discontinue taking payments, but over the next year additional processes will most likely need to be put in place so payments are accepted correctly.

At 9:07 pm, Mr. Pray made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Husar. **Motion carried.**

Melodie A. Bowersox, Town Clerk/sf