

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF HAMMOND, MARCH 31, 2021**

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hammond, County of St. Lawrence and the State of New York was held virtually on the 31st day of March 2021.

PRESENT: Ronald Bertram - Town Supervisor  
Douglas Delosh - Deputy Supervisor  
James Pitcher - Councilmember  
James Tague - Councilmember  
Theodore Elk - Councilmember

OTHERS PRESENT: Town residents and Town Clerk Pamela Burton.

Notice of said meeting was duly sent to the Watertown Daily Times on March 30, 2021 and posted at the Hammond Town Hall and at [www.townofhammondny.com](http://www.townofhammondny.com).

Supervisor Bertram called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. 21 S Main Street:** Continental's revised proposal for building the court bench with an additional storage closet is \$15,590.00; up from the original bench bid of \$7700.00. Supervisor Bertram said he checked with three other contractors and all were booked at this time. The Board discussed waiting for a local contractor or the Amish to build the bench and closet versus having it done now by Continental.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Tague to accept Continental's quote to build the bench and closet. Second by Councilmember Pitcher.

Roll call: Councilmember Delosh- No, Councilmember Pitcher- Y, Councilmember Tague- Y, Councilmember Elk- No, Supervisor Bertram- Y. The motion carried 3 ayes and 2 noes.

- 2. Motion** made by Supervisor Bertram to accept change orders from Pioneer Electric. Second by Councilmember Tague.

Roll call: Councilmember Delosh- Y, Councilmember Pitcher- Y, Councilmember Tague- Y, Councilmember Elk- Y, Supervisor Bertram- Y. The motion carried 5 ayes and 0 noes.

- 3. Chippewa REDI:** The State now agreed to use the same appraiser on the Chippewa property. The State appraisal is \$67k, which is \$23k less than agreed purchase price of \$90k for the property. The Town will have to pay the difference to move ahead with the project, and this cannot be part of the 5% Town contribution towards the grant.

- a. There is a verbal agreement from the Chippewa Yacht Club to sign off on the 60% plans moving the project forward. The verbal agreement asserted and/or requires that the Town purchase Singer's parking lot and police the area.

- b. An estimate on Fourth Coast's bill for the REDI project is between \$50k-\$75k.

Discussion by Board included, 1) leaving the Chippewa dock as is verses paying the additional \$23k to move forward, 2) public use at the dock, 3) policing the dock and parking, and 4) improving the area for the future.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Elk and second by Councilmember Delosh to put the decision on hold until the April 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting.

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Roll call: Councilmember Delosh- Y, Councilmember Pitcher- Y, Councilmember Tague- Y, Councilmember Elk- Y, Supervisor Bertram- Y. The motion carried 5 ayes and 0 noes.

4. The Town is to receive \$130k of federal funding for COVID related expenses. Supervisor Bertram is working with the Association of Towns to find out guidelines for funds. Possible uses include safety windows and the court bench in the new office building. Also, the highway furlough, and hospitalization reimbursement to the Town. Bring ideas on spending these funds to the next Board meeting.
5. **RESOLUTION #11- 2021** Dissolution of the Fire District  
**Motion** made by Councilmember Tague and second by Councilmember Elk, the following resolution was ADOPTED by roll call vote: Councilmember Delosh- Y, Councilmember Pitcher- Y, Councilmember Tague- Y, Councilmember Elk- Y, Supervisor Bertram- Y. The motion carried 5 ayes and 0 noes. (See attached.)

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Cleaning Person for Town Hall:**

**Motion** made by Councilmember Elk and second by Councilmember Pitcher to hire Sandy Bogart at \$20/hr to clean the Town Hall until offices are moved out of the building. Roll call: Councilmember Delosh- Y, Councilmember Pitcher- Y, Councilmember Tague- Y, Councilmember Elk- Y, Supervisor Bertram- Y. The motion carried 5 ayes and 0 noes.

2. On advice of the Town attorney, the recent litigation against the Town has been sent to St. Lawrence Agency.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Bertram adjourned meeting at 7:13.

Meeting minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION 11-2021 OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF HAMMOND**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hammond held at the Town Offices 17 N Main St, Hammond, St. Lawrence County, New York, at 7:00 P.M. on March 10, 2021, there were

Present:

Ronald Bertram, Supervisor

Douglas Delosh, Councilmember

Theodore Elk, Councilmember

James Pitcher, Councilmember

James Tague, Councilmember

Absent:

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammond has heretofore formed the Town of Hammond Fire Protection District to contract for the Fire Protection and emergency services to the properties located therein, which included the entire area of the Town outside the Village of Hammond; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2020 the Town of Hammond and the Village of Hammond, pursuant to Section 189-a of the Town Law and Section 22-A of the Village Law jointly established the Hammond Fire District, a Joint Fire District encompassing the entire area of the Town and the Village of Hammond; and

WHEREAS, the Town is required by the provisions of the Town Law to dissolve the Fire Protection District in order for the Hammond Fire District to assume responsibility for fire protection within its service area;

WHEREAS, a motion was made by a member of the Town Board at a meeting thereof held on February 10, 2021, and by a majority vote of the Town Board members present at such meeting, a public hearing was duly scheduled to consider the dissolution of the Town of Hammond Fire Protection District for March 10, 2021 at \_7\_ PM, and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was duly published and posted as required by law, and on March 10, 2021, at \_7:11\_ PM, a public hearing was duly held to hear all persons interested in the subject matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Board of the Town of Hammond as follows:

1. The foregoing recitations are incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if fully set forth hereafter.
2. It is hereby determined by the Board that the dissolution of the Town of Hammond Fire Protection District is necessary and warranted.
3. It is hereby further determined by this Board that the dissolution of the Town of Hammond Fire Protection District shall result in the cancelling of contracts and understandings with the Village of Hammond with respect to providing Fire Protection to the residents of the Town of Hammond.
4. Any monies previously budgeted for fire protection for the 2021 fiscal year that formerly would have been remitted to the Village shall now be remitted to the Hammond Fire District.
5. Based upon the foregoing, the Town of Hammond Fire Protection District is hereby dissolved. The Clerk is directed to file a copy thereof in the office of the Town Clerk, St. Lawrence County Clerk and with the Office of Audit and Control.

A motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was made by Councilmember Tague and seconded by Councilmember Elk and upon a roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor Ronald Bertram	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Theodore Elk	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Douglas Delosh	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
James Pitcher	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
James Tague	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>

Dated: March 31, 2021

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Pamela Burton, Town Clerk

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