

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF HAMMOND, May 15, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hammond, County of St. Lawrence and the State of New York was held at the Town Office Building, 21 South Main Street, Hammond, NY on the 15th day of May 2024.

PRESENT: Ronald Bertram - Town Supervisor  
James Tague - Councilmember  
Theodore Elk - Councilmember  
James Furgison - Deputy Supervisor  
ABSENT: Heather Hollister - Councilmember

OTHERS PRESENT: Assessor Amy Gouge, Superintendent Hadlock, and Town Clerk Pamela Burton.

Notice of said meeting was duly sent to Watertown Daily Times on May 1, 2024 and posted at [www.townofhammondny.com](http://www.townofhammondny.com).

Supervisor Bertram called the meeting of the Town Board to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. **Motion** by Councilmember Tague and second by Councilmember Furgison to approve the April 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes and the April 18, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was carried by 4 ayes.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

1. There was not any public participation at time of meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Dan Moyer's dog shelter has been repaired and the Municipal Dog Shelter Report came back satisfactory.

**BUDGET**

1. Supervisor Bertram reported Secretary Bass finished the ARPA fund reporting. There is 45k left in the account from the awarded 96k. The balance will be moved to the general fund and go towards the Chippewa dock project.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

1. The clerk will advertise the June 11<sup>th</sup> public meeting for updating the Town and Village Comprehensive Plan in the TISun and continue to share with local groups and businesses.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

1. Superintendent Hadlock reported the highway department is cold patching and they have been changing pipes with the Town of Antwerp under shared services.
2. Superintendent Hadlock gave Supervisor Bertram the \$80k check from the Town of Antwerp for the 2017 Western Star plow truck. The truck title will be provided to Antwerp.
3. Superintendent Hadlock gave the Board the completed Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds. He reported \$34k left from last year and \$247k to spend this year. He will pave Dubois and Dubois Rd. Spur, and Triangle Rd. He does not think there will be enough to do Jones Rd. this year.

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**Motion** by Councilmember Elk and seconded by Councilmember Furgison accepting the Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds. The motion was carried by 4 ayes.

4. Superintendent Hadlock will mow County roadsides and the County will help with Town blacktop under shared services.
5. Councilmember Elk asked the highway to mow from the museum to Village sign.
6. Historian Demick asked if the Town could replace two handicap parking signs stolen from the museum parking lot.

**Motion** by Councilmember Tague and seconded by Councilmember Furgison to purchase two handicap signs for the museum parking lot. The motion was carried by 4 ayes.

**CLERK REPORT**

1. A written report was submitted to the Town Board and included April dog licenses; 10 totaling \$71.00.
2. The Town/Village Free Rabies Clinic on April 30<sup>th</sup> provided 50 rabies vaccinations.

**ASSESSOR REPORT**

1. A written report was submitted to the Town Board.
2. **RESOLUTION #11- 2024** The Board accepts the NYSLRS Standard Workday Report of 11.06 for Assessor Amy Gouge.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Tague and second by Councilmember Elk to adopt the resolution. The motion was carried by 4 ayes.

3. Assessor Amy Gouge provided the Board maps of the Oak Point land in question between Dake Circle and the river. The questioned land was created by the Town Highway Department filling in with rock and dirt for possible parking. The land does not have an owner. The neighboring homes built docks off the land and now one is for sale contingent on the dock. The land is outside the road right-away. The Board agreed to settle this as soon as possible and will contact the town attorney.

**CODES REPORT**

1. A written report was submitted to the Town Board and included April building permits: 4 totaling \$324.64.

**PLANNING BOARD**

1. A written report was submitted to the Town Board.

**APPEALS BOARD**

1. The Judge for the Bowden lawsuit against the Town denied and dismissed the suit. There was also a letter from Town Attorney Goldie that commended the Hammond Board of Appeals for carefully and thoroughly evaluating the facts before rendering the decision.

**21 S. MAIN ST.**

1. The materials are ordered and cut for the fence. The insurance certificate will be provided. Mike Stock wants to meet before placing fence. Quote for gazebo is coming.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. REDI-Chippewa- The boat launch is done and open. The Department of State wants to do an opening ceremony.

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- a. Superintendent Bertram reported to Rob Campany that the ramps are not the same and one is shorter and steeper than the other. He also reported a guard rail post is crooked and a sign is leaning. Mr. Campany will report back and work together on a punch list.
- b. Roger Reifensnyder and Rob Coffey are interested in doing a fundraiser for a gazebo at the far point.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Councilmember Elk suggested Veteran recognition signs in the Village and will do some research on implementation.
2. The Town Board will look over the St. Lawrence Agency Insurance quote and send any questions.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT**

1. **Motion** by Councilmember Tague to approve the Supervisor Report with bank reconciliations. Second by Councilmember Elk. The motion was carried by 4 ayes.

**AUDITED BILLS**

1. **RESOLUTION #12- 2024 ABSTRACT #5 containing vouchers #2405-200 through #2405-245.** **Motion** made by Councilmember Elk and second by Councilmember Furgison to adopt the resolution. The motion was carried by 4 ayes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Bertram adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.

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