

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF HAMMOND, JUNE 12, 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 12th day of June 2024.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam MacDowell; TISUN, Village officials; Mayor Youngs and Trustees Belnap and Phalen, Assessor Amy Gouge, Superintendent Hadlock, Town Clerk Pamela Burton and town residents.

Notice of said meeting was duly sent to Watertown Daily Times on June 3, 2024 and posted at www.townofhammondny.com.

Deputy Supervisor Furgison 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 Elk to approve the May 15, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Members of the Chippewa Point Road Alliance asked the Town Board if it is possible to get blacktop from the Town at the Town price to pave the top of their private road. The Board cited reasons against the idea such setting a negative precedent and ethics but said they would check with the Town attorney and get back to them.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. There were no communications at time of meeting.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

1. Councilmember Furgison reviewed the first public meeting, led by County Planning, for updating the Town and Village Comprehensive Plan. The discussion covered the completed goals from the 2013 Plan and discussed the uncompleted goals for relevance. New ideas included using grants for renovation of old town hall and the Chippewa property. The Board discussed exemptions for property improvement and will ask the Town lawyer for guidance. The Board will find out from neighboring towns about a Black Lake sewer project.
 - a. It is asked for all ideas to be sent to the Hammond town clerk by June 17th and the next meeting will be in August or September.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

1. Superintendent Hadlock reported mowing roadsides and is waiting for the County to start Hammond paving. Councilmember Furgison said roadsides look good.

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2. Neil Nichol is going to provide a quote on garage windows.
3. **Motion** by Councilmember Elk and seconded by Councilmember Tague to advertise the wood bid for quote approval at the July board meeting. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.

CLERK REPORT

1. A written report was submitted to the Town Board and included May dog licenses; 8 totaling \$76.00.
2. The clerk thanked the highway department for their help with the Town/Village Rabies Clinic and for their help with the Town/Village flower pots.
3. The clerk reported the 2024 Town/County taxes complete and the County has been paid.

ASSESSOR REPORT

1. A written report was submitted to the Town Board.
2. Grievance process is complete.
3. Assessor Gouge completed her certification course.
4. Assessor Gouge provided the Board the steps to find Hammond real estate sales online, *as requested last meeting*.
5. She provided the built dates for the docks at the questioned Oak Pt. property; 1978 and 1992.

CODES REPORT

1. A written report was submitted to the Town Board and included May building permits: 12 totaling \$2246.48.

PLANNING BOARD

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

21 S. MAIN ST.

1. Councilmember Elk shared a cedar fence picture and said the flagpole is included in the fence quote. Cody Bicklehaupt wants to meet with Supervisor Bertram before putting it in.
Motion by Councilmember Tague to approve the design of the fence. Second by Councilmember Furgison. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.
2. Councilmember Elk shared a plan for a basic gazebo with back bench. He offered a verbal quote of less than \$4500.00.
Motion by Councilmember Tague to approve the gazebo with a ceiling price of \$4500.00. Second by Councilmember Elk. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The clerk shared NYMIR's quote for Cyber Security at \$1037.00/yr.
Motion by Councilmember Tague to accept NYMIR's quote. Second by Councilmember Elk. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.
2. The Town attorney recommended a survey on the Oak Point property in question. The Board will ask the lawyer how to acquire the property. Assessor Gouge will check further with Real Property for their recommendations.
3. Councilmember Tague said the 1136 CR 6 Chippewa property survey is done and house has been surveyed off also. The Board asked that Chippewa residents get invited to the July Board meeting to provide input on property ideas. The Board also discussed tying this into the comprehensive plan and sewer possibilities.

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4. REDI- Chippewa- dock is open. The checklist needs to be completed including upgrading signs and job trash picked up. The State will let us know the date for the ribbon cutting. Rob Campany is working on a new sign with a possible planter for garden club to add flowers. The Board discussed paving the dock area. Highway already added more crusher run.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Jody Wenzel from County provided the safety audit for town barn and town offices. The Town passed and the highway will check off the suggested improvements and let Jody know when complete.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

1. **Motion** by Councilmember Tague to approve the Supervisor Report with bank reconciliations. Second by Councilmember Elk. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.

AUDITED BILLS

1. **RESOLUTION #13- 2024 ABSTRACT #6 containing vouchers #2406-249 through #2406-299.**
Motion made by Councilmember Elk and second by Councilmember Tague to adopt the resolution. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Bertram adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm.

Meeting minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by _____, Town Clerk