

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF HAMMOND, AUGUST 14, 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 14th day of August 2024.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Town residents, Superintendent Hadlock, Pam McDowell; TISUN, and Town Clerk Pamela Burton.

Notice of said meeting was duly sent to Watertown Daily Times on August 5, 2024 and posted at 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 July 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Kevin Lake spoke of the increased traffic on the Alamogin Rd. from CR 3. He said it is a dangerous road without shoulders. He stated it is a public use road and asked the Town Board to make improvements to it such as widening and paving.
Kevin asked if Woodyly Way was legally abandoned? He would like the Town to take over Woodyly Way for 2 miles. He said Woodyly Way is not a private drive, and if it was not abandoned by the Town, he wants permission to put up a gate.
He says Highway Law 205 states a town can abandon or adopt a road at any time.
He would like the town attorney's answer to the question of Highway Law 205 in writing.
 - a. Mike Fayette read from page 82 of the Highway Superintendent book and says a town can adopt a road and make it seasonal. He questioned the State and Town's road standards.
 - b. Several residents spoke about the growth of homes and traffic in that area and are worried about emergency services on Alamogin Rd. Some said the road is dangerous. Some said they pay taxes and get no services.
 - c. Heather Twining requested that information and decisions about these roads be emailed to her as soon as possible.
 - d. Maryann Matthews asked if the Planning Board should have considered Alamogin Rd. when authorizing subdivisions in that area.
 - e. Supervisor Bertram will contact the Town Attorney for procedure and hope to have a response back to the residents by the September Board Meeting.
2. Maryann Matthews asked about the storm drain at the Village 4-corners. She also asked who mows the fireman's ball field.

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COMMUNICATIONS

1. There were no communications at time of meeting.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

1. The next meeting for updating the comprehensive plan will be announced soon.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

1. Superintendent Hadlock reported picking up Save the River's garbage for their trash pick-up day at Chippewa Bay.
2. He reported hauling stone for Gouverneur's washed-out roads. The crew has been cold-patching and they fixed the ramp at Schermerhorn Landing.
3. Because of the many flooding issues around the County, County Highway is not able to do the Town's paving this year. Superintendent Hadlock suggested hiring Hiedelburg to do the paving. It will cost a little more, so he would do all of Dubois Rd. and just half of Triangle Rd.

Motion by Councilmember Tague to hire Hiedelburg for paving up to the amount of CHIPS. Second by Councilmember Furgison. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.

4. **Motion** by Supervisor Bertram to advertise for up to 4000 tons of road sand. Second by Councilmember Furgison. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.
5. **Motion** by Councilmember Tague to buy the Ferris mower for \$5800.00 Second by Councilmember Furgison. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.
6. The Town Board asked Superintendent Hadlock for suggestions on improvements to the Alamogin Rd.

CLERK REPORT

1. A written report was submitted to the Town Board and included July dog licenses; 28 totaling \$206.00.

ASSESSOR REPORT

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

CODES REPORT

1. A written report was submitted to the Town Board and included July building permits: 3 totaling \$408.48.

PLANNING BOARD

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

21 S. MAIN ST.

1. Councilmember Tague said that Riverbay Too will be dropping off the insurance certificate to the clerk and that they will start the fence next week.
2. **Motion** by Councilmember Tague to table the gazebo project at this time and revisit next spring. Second by Councilmember Furgison. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. REDI- Chippewa- The punch list is finished. Fourth Coast is designing a new sign for the boat ramp.

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2. **Motion** by Councilmember Tague and seconded by Councilmember Furgison to revisit the demolition bids for the Chippewa house at the September Board Meeting. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dan Moyer, of Moyer Dog Pound Services, is requesting a support letter from the Town Board for grant purposes of improving his pound service.

Motion by Councilmember Tague and seconded by Councilmember Furgison to send a letter for support from the Hammond Town Board. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.

2. Councilmember Elk emailed the Board information on putting up Veteran banners throughout the Town. The Hammond Historical Museum is the lead agency but the Town Board needs to send a support letter for the project to National Grid.

Motion by Councilmember Tague and seconded by Councilmember Furgison to sign letters of support from the Town Board for the Museum's Veteran Banners project. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.

- a. Councilmember Furgison would like the pole in front of his house added to the pole list sent to National Grid.

3. Councilmember Furgison joined the DOS grant webinar and said we qualify for NY Forward and it could include old town hall and Chippewa property improvements. He stated the Village and Fire District should be included in the grant application. Supervisor Bertram said Heidi Ames should be notified to include this in the Town comprehensive plan. He supports a citizen committee for these projects in the future.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

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

AUDITED BILLS

1. **RESOLUTION #16- 2024 ABSTRACT #8 containing vouchers #2408-341 through #2408-395.**

Motion made by Councilmember Tague and second by Councilmember Furgison to adopt the resolution. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Bertram adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

Meeting minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by _____, Town Clerk