

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF HAMMOND, OCTOBER 9, 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 9th day of October 2024.

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

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

Notice of said meeting was duly sent to Watertown Daily Times on October 1, 2024 and posted at www.townofhammondny.com.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Motion** by Councilmember Furgison and second by Councilmember Tague to approve the September 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Kevin Lake asked the Town Board if there were any questions concerning his FOIA request delivered to the town clerk on 10/9/2024. No questions were asked.
2. Pam Winchester thanked the highway department for doing a nice job paving Triangle Rd.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. There were no communications at time of meeting.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

1. The Town and Village of Hammond Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing is October 17, 2024 at 6:30pm at 21 S. Main St.

BUDGET

1. The Town Board discussed the 2025 Town of Hammond Preliminary Budget and added \$4,000.00 to DA Equipment Reserves.
2. **Motion** by Councilmember Tague and second by Councilmember Furgison to set the 2025 Budget Hearing for November 13, 2024 at 7:00pm at 21 S. Main St. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

1. Superintendent Hadlock reported the truck chassis is being built on October 31st and equipment is in Watertown to be put on.
2. CHIPS go in on November 9, 2024.
3. The crew is hauling sand.
4. Paving is finished and sealed and Superintendent Hadlock said he is happy with the result.
5. Neil Nichols quoted \$5,492.00 for replacing windows at highway barn garage.

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Motion by Councilmember Tague and second by Councilmember Furgison to hire Neil Nichols to replace the windows for \$5,492.00. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.

CLERK REPORT

1. A written report was submitted to the Town Board and included September dog licenses; 18 totaling \$142.00.

ASSESSOR REPORT

1. A written report was submitted to the Town Board.
2. Assessor Gouge reported on a conference attended.
3. Assessor Gouge did the island review with Tom Elk on 9/17/2024 and continues with field work etc.

CODES REPORT

1. A written report was submitted to the Town Board and included September building permits: 11 totaling \$1555.68.

PLANNING BOARD

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

21 S. MAIN ST.

1. Tom Norstrom replaced timer system and the night lights are back on.
2. The fence will be done soon and the Board discussed the flag pole and grading.
Motion by Councilmember Tague and seconded by Supervisor Bertram to hire Mike Stock to grade the area and set Ted Elk's depot pavers around the flag pole. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.

17 N. MAIN ST.

1. Neil Nichols quoted \$5k for the upgrade of the old town hall bathroom and will include replacing walls with tongue and groove pine. Tom Norstrom will take out heater.
Motion by Councilmember Furgison and seconded by Councilmember Tague to hire Neil Nichols for bathroom upgrades. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Chippewa REDI project is done and bill is submitted for last payment. To finalize Oak Pt. REDI, St. Lawrence Engineering will meet with contractor and agree.
2. The Board discussed the bid of \$65,425 to tear down the house on the Town Property of 1136 CR 6. The bid does not include testing or abatement, if needed. The house is surveyed off so the Board asked the town clerk to advertise the house "for sale" on the Town website and the Board will revisit options at the November meeting.
3. Most of the Youth Grant was spent by the deadline. Beth Lacey and Leslie Bass are working on the reimbursement requirements and working with the County to add this month's youth bills to the initial group, using the whole grant amount.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Supervisor Bertram recused himself from the discussion of Justice Cazziol's letter to the Board on the vacant Court Security Officer position. Councilmember Tague and Councilmember Furgison

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supported her decision to temporarily hire Harold Cazziol and will further discuss at next month's meeting.

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 #19- 2024 ABSTRACT #10 containing vouchers #2410-431 through #2410-473.** **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 7:00pm.

Meeting minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by _____, Town Clerk