

MARCH 12, 2015

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Supervisor Matthew Hicks; Town Council Members: Kenneth Quick, Mary Emery, Matthew Rathbun and Thomas Cosey; Highway Superintendent Eric Towne; Town Clerk Jenny Martelle; Town Accountant Joel Carpenter; Sole Assessor Dan Boone; Local Ordinance Officer Russ Bronson; Guests: Hampton Town Supervisor O'Brien and Washington County Administrator Kevin Hayes

ABSENT: Town Attorney Mike Catalfimo; Dog/Animal Control Officer Nancy Quell

Supervisor Matthew Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Salute to the flag was led by Sole Assessor Dan Boone.

Councilman Matt Rathbun moved and Councilman Tom Cosey second to accept the Minutes of the February 12, 2015 and passed 4 – 0. Supervisor Hicks abstained.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Hicks informed the Board that he received a thank you note from the Mettowee Valley Senior Citizens.

BUDGET OFFICER REPORT: Town Accountant Joel Carpenter prepared and submitted the financial report for February 2015. Copy is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

SOLE ASSESSOR REPORT: Sole Assessor Dan Boone informed the Board that his office is wrapping up the work on the 2015 Tax. He advised the Board that there were changes to assessments in approximately one out of 5 or 6 parcels. He stated that the mid range values were stable. Increase/decrease letter will be mailed mid April. Grievance Day is scheduled for May 26, 2015.

LOCAL ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT: No activity to report.

ANIMAL CONTROL/DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT: Not available

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Highway Superintendent Eric Towne reported that the salt/sand pile is thawing out. The salt shed is full at this time and the Town used 130 tons less this year than last. Towne advised the Board that he used the Town of Hartford and Whitehall new salt shed plans in gathering quotes for materials for a new shed. The DPW has been applying stone on muddy roads and have started cutting trees.

NORTH GRANVILLE WATER DISTRICT REPORT: The average usage per day was 47,000 per day or 1,324,000 for the month of February. The frozen water lines have been unthawed except for one line. The line is about 200 ft and under a circular driveway with no snow coverage for protection.

OLD BUSINESS: The Town Historian position remains open.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Matt Rathbun moved and Councilman Tom Cosey second to adopt Resolution No. 44 Appointment of Town Justice. Passed 5 - 0.

Councilman Ken Quick moved and Councilman Matt Rathbun second to solicit mowing bids for the abandoned cemeteries and Highway Garage lawns to be opened at the April meeting. Passed 5 – 0.

Washington County Administrator Kevin Hayes discussed the Government Efficiency Plan which requires local governments to develop a plan to save 1% of the 2014 tax levy for 2016, 2017 and 2018. He advised the Board that the Town can agree to join the County in the efficiency plan rather than developing our own plan. Mr. Hayes provided the Board with information regarding the development of the plan and a sample resolution for the Town to use. The Board will review the information and act on the resolution at the April meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

AUDIT OF` BILLS: Abstract 3 March 12, 2015 as follows:

FUND	VO #S	AMOUNT	MOVED BY	SECOND BY
DA HWY TW	28 – 43	\$22,830.98	COUNCILMAN RATHBUN	COUNCILMAN QUICK
SW. N. GRAN WATER	16 – 24	\$1,659.93	COUNCILWOMAN EMERY	COUNCILMAN COSEY
A GENERAL	37 – 55	\$9,859.82	COUNCILMAN QUICK	COUNCILMAN RATHBUN
SL1 M GRAN LIGHTS	5 – 6	\$549.80		
SL2 N GRAN LIGHTS	5 – 6	\$325.86		
B GEN TOWN OUT	2	\$500.00	COUNCILMAN COSEY	COUNCILWOMAN EMERY

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Rathbun moved and Councilman Quick second to adjourn until April 9, 2015 Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Attested To:

Jenny Martelle
Granville Town Clerk