

Meeting of the Bombay Town Board

February 14, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Taylor. All Town Council members were present. Also present were Jamie Durant, Supt. Of Highways and Robert Rowe, Code Officer/Assessor.

- I. **Minutes** – Mike motions to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as read, seconded by Pat. All voted “Aye”, motion carried.
- II. **Codes/Assessor Update** –
 1. New office hours have been advertised: Tues. 3-8 p.m., Wed. 3-6p.m.
 2. Alternative Veterans Exemption: Depending on dates and types of service, veterans may be eligible for a partial exemption from general municipal taxes. NYS law allows the basic maximum of exemptions to be \$12,000/wartime vet, \$8000/combat zone vet, \$40,000/disability (unless otherwise specified by local law). Chris motions to adopt the NYS basic maximums, seconded by Jacques. All voted “Aye”, motion carried.
 3. Abandoned Properties – The Board agrees to devise a plan to deal with abandoned properties. Jacques motions to demolish the corner lot property on Quain Rd & County Route 4, seconded by Mike. All voted “Aye”, motion carried. Bob Rowe will contact DEC and issue a demolition permit to the Town.
 4. Chris Jock volunteers to contact John Carr regarding the electrical entrance at cold storage on the Lantry Road.
- III. **Arraignments** – Justice Smith informs the Board that Tribal Police do not have jurisdiction while at the municipal building. This issue forces him to rely on NYS Police when a problem arises. He suggests speaking to Matt Rourke, Tribal Chief of Police to see what options are available for changing this situation.
- IV. **Examination of Justice Financial Records** – The Board duly examined the financial records and court docket of Justice C. Curtis Smith for the year 2017. No issues were presented or found. Chris motions to acknowledge that such examination has been conducted, seconded by Mike. All voted “Aye”, motion carried.
- V. **Highway Update-**
 1. Jamie expects a payment of \$9,326.15 from FEMA for labor and/or damage done during Hurricane Stella.
 2. Flags are in the process of being removed.
 3. Solar Speed Sign was sent out for repair in December.
 4. Planning to empty IDA warehouse
- VI. **Highway MEO/HEO Position** – Three applications were received. An unadvertised meeting was held at the Bombay Highway Garage on February 7, 2018 to interview 2 applicants. Present were Council members Mike Kelley, Jacques Leduc, and Patrick Mayer. Highway Supt.

Jamie Durant was also present and recorded minutes which are scanned and attached. Based on the applications and interviews, Jacques motions that Aaron Durant be hired full-time at \$18.50/hour beginning February 26 2018. Motion is seconded by Mike. Jacques, Mike, Pat, and Mary voted "Aye" while Chris abstained from the vote. Motion is carried.

- VII. MOU between Tribe & Town regarding the repair of Church Street in Hogansburg -**
Supervisor Taylor requested legal advice pertaining to the MOU drafted by the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe. Upon the attorney's recommendation, Supervisor Taylor asks Jamie Durant to request a waiver of sovereign immunity from the Tribe, as well as start & completion dates for the project.
- VIII. Land Proposal from John R. Byler –** Mr. Byler spoke with Supervisor Taylor and wrote a letter to the Town Board requesting the consideration of making a trade of property owned by the Town on Lantry Road. He would like to trade 8 acres across from the municipal building for land near cold storage on Lantry Road and pay for more acreage. The Board agrees that the process of selling town property has to follow protocol, private arrangements/trades cannot be done. Instead, there is discussion about offering to purchase the land Mr. Byler would like to trade.
- IX. Blood Drive –** A blood drive will be held at the municipal building on February 22, 2018.
- X. Playground –** Chris has ordered an Ark from Auctions International for \$1525.00. Jacques motions that he make arrangements with Adirondack Storage Barns for installation, seconded by Mike. All voted "Aye", motion carried.
- XI. Land Claim Meeting –** Franklin County Legislator Don Dabiew has set up a meeting with the Town Board and the County Legislators to discuss a MOU that was submitted by the SRMT. Meeting will be held at the Bombay municipal building on February 28th at 6:00 p.m.
- XII. Bill Payments –** The Board approved the following bills for payment:
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| 18 General Fund bills totaling \$58,783.56 | 6 General Fund (Utility) totaling \$2,197.40 |
| 11 Highway Fund bills totaling \$10,677.36 | 2 Highway Teamsters totaling \$3,606.90 |
| 5 Compact Fund bills totaling \$42,440.78 | |
- XIII. Adjournment -**Mike motions to adjourn meeting at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Chris. All voted "Aye", motion carried.