

MARCH 8, 2018

The regular meeting of the Town of Hartland, County of Niagara, State of New York, was held on the above date at the Town Hall, 8942 Ridge Road, Gasport convening at 7:00 p.m.

Members present:

Supervisor: W. Ross Annable

Councilman: Joseph Reed

Clifford Grant

David Huntington

David Hill - absent

Attorney: Brian Seaman

Highway Sup't.: Keith Hurtgam

Assessor/ CEO: Michael Hartman

Attended by: Sign in sheet attached

Supervisor Annable called the meeting to order with all present standing for the pledge to the flag.

Minutes

RESOLUTION 37-2018

MOTION by Councilman Grant, seconded by Councilman Huntington to adopt the minutes of the February 8, 2018 regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: Annable, Reed, Grant, Huntington Nays: 0 CARRIED

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RESOLUTION 38-2018

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Reed to adopt the minutes of the February 28, 2018 Work Session as presented.

Ayes: Annable, Reed, Grant, Huntington Nays: 0 CARRIED

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Abstract of Bills

RESOLUTION 39-2018

MOTION by Councilman Reed seconded by Councilman Grant resolved that the following bills, as prepared by the Clerk and having been reviewed by the Town Board, be authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Voucher #'s	201800129 - 201800215
General:	40,873.71
Part Town:	828.93
OWD:	6,458.96
Highway:	47,543.44
Refuse:	18,653.94
Fire:	524.01
TOTAL:	114,882.99

Ayes: Annable, Reed, Grant , Huntington Nays: 0 CARRIED

ASSESSOR / CEO REPORTS: Read and filed

Assessor Hartman reported that after completing the numbers for the revaluation, the State still considered the values to be too low. To do the revaluation according to the State's suggestion, it would involve door to door collection of data. This would require the Town to hire 5-6 full time, temporary persons. It was determined that it was not in the best interest of the Town to do so. Currently the Town is at 87% equalization rate, this does not penalize the Town in any way, so it was suggested to discontinue the revaluation. Board members were in agreement. Hartman will begin a new inventory, data collection for the Town.

CEO Read and filed

Code Enforcement Officer, Michael Hartman reported that he will be at conference, the week of March 12, 2018.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Read and filed

Superintendent Hurtgam reported that he has been in conversation with area farmers concerning weight limits of equipment and conditions of the roads. Superintendent Hurtgam and Supervisor

Annable took a ride through Town to view the damage to the roads by the heavy equipment used by the farmers. As reported at the February 28 Work session, Niagara County Superintendents, Town officials, State troopers and area farmers will hold a meeting at the Co-operative Extension to discuss laws concerning large equipment on Town roads, Reed, Grant and Huntington expressed plans to attend the meeting.

WATER REPORT:

Read and filed

Water Superintendent Hurtgam has done extensive research with companies for the replacement of the current water meters, which will be obsolete in the near future. EJ Prescott is the one company that has the capability to maintain the current meters, while also being the sole provider of Mueller products for the standardization of the Town equipment.

Standardization of Water Meters

RESOLUTION 40-2018

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Grant to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Hartland is responsible for metering water supplied to the users of the Town's water distribution system, and

WHEREAS, the Town regularly purchases, uses, and installs water meters, meter reading equipment, and other related equipment, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Town's water meters, meter reading equipment, and related equipment be of the same kind and manufacture, so as to allow the Town's meter reading system to be fully integrated and functional. To purchase or use equipment from other or multiple manufacturers would require maintaining multiple meter reading systems and would be inefficient and uneconomical, and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that Mueller Systems products, including water meters, meter reading systems and related equipment will best integrate with the Town's existing water meter and water meter reading system, and

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 9, 2018, Mueller Systems has indicated that the sole authorized distributor of Mueller Systems products for the region including the Town of Hartland is EJ Prescott,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the reasons of efficiency and economy and pursuant to the authority confirmed by General Municipal Law Section 103(5), it is determined by this Board that there is a need for standardization in the purchase of water meters, water meter reading equipment, and related equipment, and that such equipment be Mueller Systems equipment, and

