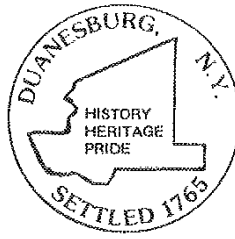


**Roger Tidball**, Town Supervisor  
**Jennifer Howe**, Town Clerk  
**Brandy Fall**, Deputy Town Clerk  
**William Reed**, Highway Superintendent



**John D. Ganther**, Council Member  
**Randy Passonno**, Council Member  
**Francis R. Potter**, Council Member  
**Jeffrey Senecal**, Council Member

**Thursday February 22, 2018**  
**Regular Town Board Meeting**  
**Meeting Time: 7:00PM**

**Meeting called to order by Supervisor Tidball at 7:00PM**

**Present:** Supervisor Tidball, Council Members Potter, Passonno, Senecal, Town Attorney  
Teresa Bakner, Deputy Town Clerk Brandy Fall

**Absent:** Council Member Ganther

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment Section: "The Town entering a contract, pursuant to Article 11 of the NYS Town Law, with the Esperance Volunteer Fire Department to provide fire protection services in Fire Protection District No. 3 for a term of one year in lieu of the Quaker Street Fire District."**

Supervisor Tidball explained that the first part of the meeting will be a public comment section about a subject that has come up the last couple of years. Supervisor Tidball stated that earlier this year there was a public hearing regarding the Quaker Street fire department not having enough support staff. As a board, they have decided to put into a motion to contract with another local fire department for the small section of fire protection 3. That contract will end on February 28, 2018. Letters were sent to all local fire districts including Quaker Street to let them know this was what the board was planning on doing to give them the option to speak.

At 7:02 Supervisor Tidball opened the floor to comments.

Dennis Wolfe of Duaneburg Road and Quaker Street Fire Department stated that the Quaker Street fire department has retained Phil Rodriguez as their attorney to be their spokesperson and asked Mr. Rodriguez to speak on their behalf.

Attorney Rodriguez thanked Dennis for letting him know what it is all about. Attorney Rodriguez then stated that he was just brought in about two days ago and does not presume to know all the details as to what has been going on. He asked Dennis and other commissioners to show him the contract that they have been operating under to see if there was some way that the decision of the board could be delayed until any problems could be resolved. Attorney Rodriguez was furnished with the notice for the public comment for February 22, 2018. He also stated that the contract seems to be one that is renewable every year unless there is a revocation by the Town Board or the Fire District that it is no longer worthwhile to continue. He stated that there seems to be a lot of items going on and would like the Town Board and the Commissioners to sit down and see if the problems can be resolved.

Attorney Bakner responded that a letter went out in July and that a public hearing was held on August 3, 2018. She also stated that the public hearing was duly noticed and that the Town Board expressed that their concerns had not been addressed yet. Another notice was also sent out to all of the fire districts to let them know that the Town Board was taking the issue back up on February 22, 2018.

Dennis Wolf stated that he never received a letter.

Attorney Bakner reminded Mr. Wolf that he was at the public hearing on August 3, 2018, so he must have been notified.

John Peters of Quaker Lane stated that he has many concerns about the future of Quaker Street Fire District. He stated that he knows that there have been discussions of consolidation with other fire districts and that the problems with that are personalities among members. He stated that saddens him and that the residents of Quaker Street are the ones that suffer because if there is a fire, there isn't proper protection.

Mike D'Agostino of Darby Hill asked why the town is giving more of the tax dollars out of county and why isn't the board giving it to a department that is right next door or in town.

Supervisor Tidball responded by saying he supports the fire departments 110% but the Board has an obligation to the residents in the district. Esperance fire department has more of a roster and can get there just as fast and a lot of their members live in the town.

Resident Roy Pechtel of Western Turnpike stated his concerns that he was at Stewart's and saw the Quaker Street fire chief truck with two personal vehicles filling up all the vehicles with the fire district credit card.

Supervisor Tidball stated to Mr. Pechtel that he needs to take his concerns up with the Commissioners of the Quaker Street Fire Department.

Floor closed at 7:17.

**Public Comments on Agenda:** Opened by Supervisor Tidball for public comments on agenda items listed in the Business Meeting section of the Agenda. Comments limited to 2 minutes per person.

No one wished to comment.

Floor closed at 7:19

**Resolution 52-18:** Council Member on Passonno motioned, seconded by Council Member Senecal to approve the Town Board Meeting minutes of Thursday, February 8, 2018.

Motion carried, 4 ayes

**Resolution 53-18:** Council Member Potter motioned, seconded by Council Member Passonno to pay the following claims:

Motion carried, 4 ayes

# Vouchers to be Paid

February 22, 2018

**General Fund:**

#65-77	\$14,561.37
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SD#1: #15- 20	\$7,021.07
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SD#2: #19- 23	\$1,555.65
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SD#3: #2	\$0.00
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Highway#2 2-26	\$9,822.61
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Total Vouchers to be Paid=	\$32,960.70
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## **Committee Reports**

**Highway:** Council Member Passonno reported that there has been routine plowing and sanding. Clearing of culverts in several locations. There have been minor repairs on trucks and truck 5 is still at the dealer, hope to have back soon. Additional paperwork has been sent to the State Emergency Management for FEMA reimbursement. They keep requesting the same items that we have already submitted. Council Member Senecal has taken over for the fire protection if any fire departments have questions, comments or concerns please reach out to Council Member Senecal first.

**Public Safety:** Council Member Senecal reported that he attended a UCC meeting and they are looking for dispatchers. Council Member Senecal asked if it could be put on the website. They are switching to 800 megahertz radio system which will give them a better reach.

**Parks:** Council Member Senecal reported that the Park Committee had a meeting. There are plans to put a permanent tree stand up at the point and to plant trees or plantings. Bathrooms @ Van Patten Park will be done before the park program starts. Work to be done mainly in house with the help from all departments and some volunteers. The Town has acquired a \$30,000 grant for the project from the county so it will only be the cost of materials. Highway Superintendent Bill Reed will have the highway department put in the septic system.

**Sewer District #1, 2 & 3:** Council Member Potter reported that in Sewer District #1-floats were hung, chemical feed pumps were checked, coolant hose on generator needs replacement. The portable generator won't stay running having it checked, ASC was called to do work on sand filters, batteries were charged at collection system, residential grinder pumps were replaced and broken riser rings on three man holes were repaired.

**Technology:** Supervisor Tidball reported that the Town is implementing a Broadband Expansion Committee that will be headed up by Mrs. Annabelle Felton. Mrs. Felton is going to be putting together the first broadband committee meeting probably the beginning of next month. If you would like to be a part of the broadband committee please contact the Town Hall and we will put you in touch with Annabelle.

Agenda items: possibly looking at another building for new Town Hall. Looking into options for buildings both new and current building.

## **Business Meeting:**

**Resolution 54-18:** Council Member Senecal motioned, seconded by Council Member Passonno to authorize a final resolution and order approving the increase in the maximum amount proposed to be expended for the improvement of Sewer District No. 3 and an increase in the boundaries of Sewer District No. 3. Motion carried, 4 ayes

**Resolution 55-18:** Supervisor Tidball motioned, seconded by Council Member Passonno to authorize the Town Supervisor to execute the Fire Protection District No. 3 contract.

Council Member Potter stated that it has been a long time with discussions regarding the fire protection. He hopes that Quaker Street can get back on their feet. He also stated that they have a number of issues that need to be resolved and that the board has an obligation to the residents.

Council Member Passonno stated that it is not toward any of the members personally and that the Board can revisit the issue in a year.

**Resolution 56-18:** Council Member Passonno motioned, seconded by Council Member Potter to authorize Change Order No. 3 to increase the contract cost by \$145,026.92 to \$2,223,159.02 and to authorize payment No. 9 to Vacri Construction Corporation in the amount of \$241,082.18.

**Resolution 57-18:** Council Member Potter motioned, seconded by Council Member Senecal to appoint Deb Hoffmann as the Highway Clerk.

**Privilege of the Floor:** Opened at 7:55pm

Resident Jimmy Pneuman of Mountain View Lane stated that he was hoping that the crowd would have stayed to hear the public's comments. He would like to plead for sanity in providing protective services to the community. He stated that this has been a long time coming and that the only job in Emergency Services is to protect people. Mr. Pneuman also stated that it is a shame that egos and hurt feelings get in the way of providing the proper services and that hopefully the actions taken tonight will help protect the residents in that fire protection district. He has been in Emergency Services for over 30 years. He also stated the you need to be providing a service to the residents since you are taking the tax money to do so and it is not fair to the residents if you take the tax money but don't provide the services. He wanted to commend the board for taking action tonight that was long overdue.

Resident Roy Pechtel stated he would like to commend the Duanesburg Fire Dept. & Duanesburg Ambulance Corp. He stated that 11 years ago last week Duanesburg Fire Department & Duanesburg Ambulance Corp responded to a call at his house that saved his life.

Mr. Pechtel raised his concerns regarding the parking problems out front. He stated that the Town Board could make the area right in front of the building a fire lane or post no parking signs to help alleviate the problem. Also that more sand needs to be put down in the parking lot before someone gets hurt.

Supervisor Tidball responded that he has called two separate businesses to get quotes for tailgate spreaders for Mr. Warner's truck and possibly Mr. Reed's or a sewer truck.

Mr. Pechtel also raised his concerns about people plowing snow across the roads and that he would like the Town Board to adopt a law that would fine the homeowner a ticket for that driveway if it was plowed into the street.

Supervisor Tidball motioned to close the floor, seconded by Council Member Passonno.

Floor Closed: 8:07 pm

I, Brandy Fall, Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Duanesburg, so hereby certify that this is a true and accurate transcript of the Regular Town Board Meeting held on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at the Duanesburg Town Hall, 5853 Western Turnpike, Duanesburg, New York 12056.