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Town Board Meeting
January 25, 2018
Meeting Time: 7:00PM

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

Present: Council Members Passonno, Potter, Ganther and Senecal, Supervisor Tidball, Deputy Town Clerk Fall

Absent: Attorney Terresa Bakner

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer/Moment of Reflection offered by Pastor McHeard

Resolution 42-18: Council Member Potter motioned, seconded by Council Member Ganther to approve the minutes from the Regular Town Board Meeting on December 14, 2017.
Motion carried, 5 ayes.

Resolution 43-18: Council Member Potter motioned, seconded by Council Member Passonno to approve the minutes from the End of Year Town Board Meeting on December 28, 2017.
Motion carried, 3 ayes. Council Member Ganther and Council Member Passonno abstained.

Resolution 44-18: Council Member Senecal motioned, seconded by Council Member Passonno to approve the minutes from the Organizational Town Board Meeting on January 2, 2018.
Motion carried, 5 ayes.

Resolution 45-18: Council Member Ganther motioned, seconded by Council Member Senecal to approve the minutes from the Town Board Meeting on January 11, 2018.
Motion carried, 4 ayes. Council Member Passonno abstained.

Resolution 46-18: Council Member Potter motioned, seconded by Council Member Ganther to pay the following claims:
Motion carried, 5 ayes.

Vouchers to be Paid

January 25, 2018

General Fund:

#20-43 \$32,617.58

SD#1: #3-10 \$12,035.61

SD#2: #6-13 \$2,323.72

SD#3: #1 \$38.47

Highway:
#1-9 \$4,100.70

Total Vouchers to
be Paid= \$51,116.08

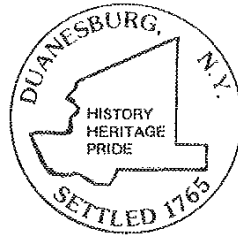
Committee Reports:

Highway: Highway Superintendent Bill Reed reported that they were able to service trucks 6 & 13. Also did minor repairs on trucks 14 & 13. Truck 5 was sent back to Gage for diagnosis for electric problems. The highway Department received two quotes on a new loader. Monroe Tractor quoted \$157,000 or \$138,450.91 with trade in of \$26,500.00. Hyundai quoted \$156,000 with no trade in option. Both also have options to lease.

Public Safety: Supervisor Tidball reported that he attended the fire captain's meeting on January 10th, 2017. When he receives the minutes, he will read them at the next meeting.

Park: Council Member Senecal reported that nothing is going on right now and there is no date set for the next meeting yet. It is a slow time for the parks this time of year. Supervisor Tidball reported that they are still looking to update the bathrooms at Van Patten Park. Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering supplied the town with plans and for septic. Dale Warner is getting a material list together. The Town Board members are looking to build the bathrooms themselves with the help of a few volunteer community members. Supervisor Tidball also reported that next year there will be a Christmas tree at the point.

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Sewer Districts #1-3: Council Member Ganther reported that the sewer covers should be here by the end of the month. Council Member Ganther also reported that he and Council Member Potter met this morning (January 25, 2018) with Jamie Malcolm and went out for an inspection. Mr. Malcolm was pleased with what he saw. I & I are still working on breached areas like at the high school and it looks like it has been resolved. They are also looking to do the same test for the elementary school, bus garage and old Mariaville School. The NYS Insurance Fund Fraud Safety Evaluation will take place tomorrow January 26, 2018. New York State requires an evaluation and 30 hours of safety training as well at no cost. Council Member Ganther reported that they are also looking to get uniforms for the sewer districts. They have spoken to the Highway Department to see who they use and cost. They are also going to look at new vendors for uniforms. Council Member Potter reported that crews are fighting things freezing up. Pipe under bridge for Sewer District 3 froze up but there is no flow there yet, so no issues were reported. Once there is flow, there shouldn't be any issues.

Mr. Bill Brown from Delaware Engineering reported the covers are scheduled to come next week. They are pushing contractors to get them installed as soon as possible. It will take about two weeks to install them. Mr. Malcolm is happy with what has been done so far and with the fact that they are ordered.

Supervisor Tidball read a letter from Board of Director Alan Knight stating that Duane Lake group will look into lake improvement districts and are wanting to speak with the town attorney, Terresa Bakner. The lake improvement district will help with any septic issues some people have around the lake.

Technology: Council Member Ganther requested an updated quote from Omnis for the server replacement that was approved with the budget. Council Member Ganther will schedule and get it started. Supervisor Tidball reported that the Public Hearing with Spectrum was well attended. The new franchise agreement would be for 15 years. Supervisor Tidball would like to have a 10 year contract not 15 years if possible. Spectrum stated they are a for profit company, town is working with 15 towns to try to get better leverage with Spectrum and the agreement. Since an article in the Gazette the other day, own board members for the town of Ballston & the town Supervisor of Rotterdam and they are in agreement that the franchise agreement is not beneficial to the towns. They are in the same situation as Duaneburg. Supervisor Tidball stated that he is against a 15 year agreement since it would not benefit the town. Council Member Ganther agreed that it is better to not have a franchise agreement like the town of Glenville has done for 10 years now. Schopeg group is not happy about the town possibly pulling out of franchise agreement. The board will continue to review.

Potential New Town Hall Options: Supervisor Tidball reported that town board members have met with the engineer a few times at the former Optech building to discuss options and cost. Town is still waiting on the engineer report for cost. It would possibly need some type of small garage building to bring in all equipment in the winter. Supervisor Tidball stated that he would like to order an appraisal done Cost will determine the factor. The board is looking for possible grants to help with cost as well.

Business meeting:

Resolution 47-18 Supervisor Tidball motioned, seconded by Council Member Senecal to order an appraisal of the former Optech building.
Motion carried, 5 ayes.

Privilege of the Floor: Opened at 7:32

Supervisor Tidball asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak

Mrs. Annabel Felton from Creek Rd. spoke about the Spectrum Franchise agreement. She read through the agreement and has a list of items that she finds unacceptable that she will give to the board.

Mr. Richard Hoffman from Thousand Acre Road asked if the Town Hall moved, would the town build a salt shed or would the sand stay at current Town Hall address. Supervisor Tidball replied that the town would need to build a salt shed and that they would be looking for grant money to help fund any cost, if the town hall were to move. Mr. Hoffman also asked if the town would need to do a cleanup of the current Town Hall. Supervisor Tidball replied that it depends on if property is sold or leased and would need to speak to the town attorney if that time comes.

Mr. Charles Parker of Marnatha Way recommended to the board that they should look into the gas delivery issue that has happened and make the business honor waivers. Mr. Parker stated that Esperance LP was very helpful with the Farrel Gas issues. Supervisor Tidball stated that it is not up to the town to make that type of rule.

Mr. Parker asked if property tax is going to be affected by the sewer systems even if you are not a part of the sewer system. Property tax is not affected if you are not part of the sewer.

Mr. Parker asked what is happening with the money that was previously used for Schopeg. Supervisor Tidball stated that those funds are now being used for broadband expansion.

Mr. Parker asked why there was no money in the demolition line item of the budget. Supervisor Tidball stated that there is no money on that line item because there is nothing slated to be demolished.

Mr. Parker asked if the sewer districts will be consolidated. Supervisor Tidball stated that he does not believe that consolidating the sewer districts can be done.

Mr. Park asked if the board had any idea as to Council Member Senecal's plans now that he is a member of the town board. Supervisor Tidball reminded Mr. Parker that questions are to be addressed to the board and not to be personal. Supervisor Tidball also reminded Mr. Parker that he had an opportunity to speak with Council Member Senecal after the last board meeting and did not.

Supervisor asked if there were any other residents wishing to speak. No one else in the audience wished to comment.

Supervisor Tidball motioned, seconded by Council Member Passonno to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried, 5 ayes.

Floor closed:

Meeting adjourned: 7:51 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 Town Board Agenda Meeting held on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at the Duanesburg Town Hall, 5853 Western Turnpike Duanesburg, New York 12056

Respectfully submitted,