**TOWN OF HUME**

**JULY 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm**

**TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The regular monthly meeting of the Hume Town Board; Allegany County, Fillmore, New York was held at the Fillmore Park Pavilion. Officials in attendance were: Supervisor Darlene Mason, Councilmen: Christopher Austin, Peter Hopkins 7:20, Bruce Hinz 7:05, Joel Clark and Town Clerk Dawn Bentley

Others present were: David Pullen – Town Attorney, Tom Kenney, Brian Reitnour, Thomas Bower, Rondus Miller, Joel Stroud, Melanie Samsel

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mason, Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and a moment of silence was observed.

**MINUTES**

Motion made by Councilman Austin to accept meeting minutes from July 15th. Seconded by Councilman Clark. 3 ayes 0 noes 2 absent So carried

**COMMUNITY FORUM**

Tom Kenney from the Southern Tier Power kids traveling baseball team is looking for a field to hold a baseball tournament so these 16 to 18 year old kids can play baseball. Kids are from Allegany, Steuben, and Livingston Counties. They would like to be able to use the town park ball field.

Councilman Austin inquired about insurance and Mr. Kenny said they had insurance. They would also maintain the field.

Councilman Austin made a motion to allow Southern Tier Power to use the ballfield with the stipulation that the insurance covers the Town of Hume as well as Fillmore School and Little League because they are listed on the lease. Seconded by Councilman Hinz. 4 ayes 0 noes So Carried

Public Hearing Opened 7:19 pm

Attorney Pullen read Resolution 200-b Public Hearing for Water District Improvements

Questions from the Public

Tom Bower noted discrepancies in the paperwork – Councilman Austin stated that they will be cleared up in the final document. Tom also made the suggestion that there be public input from someone who lives in the Town Water District as well as someone who lives on the Sandford Spring line.

There was also discussion about water flow from Caneadea, the Board stated that was only on an as needed basis that water would be gotten from Caneadea.

Much discussion was had imploring community involvement in this project.

When asked if it was cheaper to produce our own water or buy it? Councilman Clark stated that the hard number are not in, you need a years’ worth of numbers, so that you have a basis for comparison. Right now it is cheaper.

Joel Stroud spoke of the history of the Sandford Spring, how it came to be in 1823 and what it is today. EPA changed their designation about water so now the water supply is unfit.

Sandford Spring residents have been resisting the change for 10 years. Because it went from a perfectly good water source to a not so perfect system according to EPA, the water supply has been adequate, but people were wearing down due to the pressure they were receiving.

It needs to be Public record that the users of the Sandford Spring did not go looking for aid regarding their water, it was something that was funneled down from the EPA. People were content with their water. All of this began happening before most of the current board members were present.

They are afraid the old system will be destroyed and it is an asset, because it is history. Is there something that we can do to preserve the spring?

Board stated that the spring is located on private property, so they don’t believe it can be destroyed.

There needs to be strong contractor enforcement regarding the disruption of the current system.

Councilman Austin noted that the current system would not be disrupted or would anyone loose water during the project, if any leaks occur Cory Potter and his crew will fix them immediately.

With no more question, Councilman Hopkins made motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilman Hinz 5 ayes 0 notes So carried

Roll Call

Darlene Here

Chris Present

Bruce Here

Joel Here

Pete Present

Supervisor Mason read in its entirety the Town of Hume, Allegany County, New York; $210,000 Bond Resolution for the Acquisition of Highway Equipment 2020.

Motion made by Councilman Austin to accept Bond Council Resolution. Seconded by Councilman Hopkins.

Roll Call

Darlene Yes

Chris Yes

Joel Yes So Carried

Bruce Yes

Pete Yes

Municipal Wastewater Treatment Project SEQR Resolution – Determination of Environmental Significance.

Motion made by Councilman Hinz to sign Determination of Environmental Significance. Seconded by Councilman Austin. 5 ayes 0 noes So Carried

Municipal Wastewater Treatment Improvement Project SEQR Resolution: Designation Lead Agency.

Motion made by Councilman Austin to sign Designating Lead Agency. Seconded by Councilman Hopkins. 5 ayes 0 noes So Carried

SEQR – Full Environmental Assessment Forms Parts 1-3 Supporting Information.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinz to sign SEQR – Full Environmental Assessment Forms Parts 1 – 3 Supporting Information for Lead Agency. Seconded by Councilman Austin 5 ayes 0 noes So Carried

Letter from Alan Yanda stating he had his property surveyed.

Supervisor Mason spoke with Kelan Yanda about misusing Town Property – Board will follow up with a letter to Kelan regarding the incident and that he has been given notice.

Councilman Austin made a suggestion because of construction and the COVID – 19 Pandemic, that the Town of Hume Museum remain closed for the rest of the year. Court will remain on task to open as scheduled.

Motion made by Councilman Austin for the museum to remain closed for the rest of this year. Seconded by Councilman Hinz. 5 ayes 0 noes So Carried

**TOWN CLERK**

Town Clerk expressed frustration with not being able to make corrections within the water/serer program, when customers come in with an issue that can be easily fixed and/or should have already been fixed.

Motion made by Councilman Hinz to allow Clerk to make corrections as necessary. Seconded by Councilman Hopkins. 5 ayes 0 noes So Carried

Issuing Licenses update, we are getting closer to being able to issue fishing, hunting, etc. licenses again. Application has been approved so it shouldn’t be too much longer.

Motion made by Supervisor Mason to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Councilman Hopkiins.

5 ayes 0 noes So Carried

Minutes are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Dawn Bentley

Town Clerk