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TOWN OF TRUXTON

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The regular monthly meeting of the Truxton Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Gus Wehbe at the Truxton Town Office, Historic Train Depot on October 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Gus Wehbe, Stephanie Potter, Lloyd Sutton, Jr., Nicole Albro-Sprouse and Tom Brown.

Others present: Mark Suben, Ted Hartnett, John Lansdowne, Tom Baranska, JoEllen Roehrig, Jim Smith, Rich Ryan, Gina Nourse and Jeff Reakes.

Pledge to the Flag.

Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes, as presented, for the September 16, 2015 regular monthly meeting, as presented, was made by Nicki Sprouse and seconded by Lloyd Sutton, Jr. All in favor.

Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes, as presented, of the September 30, 2015 Public Hearing made by Lloyd Sutton, Jr. and seconded by Tom Brown. All in favor.

Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes, as presented, made by Nicki Sprouse and seconded by Lloyd Sutton, Jr. All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Mark Suben, Cortland County District Attorney. Said crime is down based on national statistics but crime in Cortland County is not down. He has five pending homicide cases in his office now. Said that we have a drug problem—meth, heroin, etc.

Jim Smith—Said that he came tonight to follow up to see if there has been any movement on the health department checking on the septic systems at the Common Place Land Trust. Jim said that there are junk cars on the property and that there is a rundown trailer that is abandoned. Gus said that he will follow up with Scott Evener tomorrow.

John Lansdowne—He said that he is worried about the future of the school and what will happen. He asked what the town is doing? Gus pointed out that the town board passed a moratorium. Lloyd spoke that a school would be the best use of the building.



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Highway Department. Jeff said that he has called Butler Fence about changing the gate at the transfer station. The quote was \$4,625 (installed). Jeff said that it is time for the board to consider upgrading a dump/plow truck. Jeff will look at the State contract and will discuss the figures at the November board meeting.

Employee Manual. Tom and Nicki have a draft ready. The Board will review for the next meeting and discuss then.

Employee Health Insurance. Tom has met with the town employees and the Tompkins County Consortium. By joining the consortium, the town could save \$8,000 this year (2016). Joining requires that a town board member attend the board meetings. Tom said that he would be willing to serve until at least next Spring. Motion to switch to Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium made by Nicki Sprouse and seconded by Lloyd Sutton, Jr. All in favor.

Town Comprehensive Plan. Gus received calls and emails from townspeople willing to volunteer to work on the Town Comprehensive Plan. Gus presented a list of potential committee members as follows:

Randy Young
Eric Johnson
Tom Brown
Adam Aldrich
Kathie Arnold
Joe Pullman
Joe Mastriano
Jeff Spicer
Molly McCall
Rich Ryan

Motion to approve the Committee made by Lloyd Sutton, Jr. and seconded by Nicki Sprouse. All in favor. Tom Brown abstained.



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2016 Budget Review. The town board reviewed the draft 2016 Town Budget line by line. Items noted: Gina will advertise for an Assessment Revaluation Reserve Account, there was discussion had about lowering the town attorney's fees, changes made the health insurance line to reflect a decrease by joining the consortium. It is anticipated to be a .0367%/1,000 increase for 2016.

Motion made by Tom Brown and seconded by Nicki Sprouse to accept the 2016 Preliminary Budget. All in favor.

The Public Hearing on the 2016 Budget will be November 4, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Other town business will also be discussed. Gina will take care of sending the notice to the paper.

Supervisor's Report:

General Fund	\$392,686.17
Highway Fund	\$467,937.21
Trust & Agency	\$ 341.07
Comm. Dev Fund	\$ 75.88
Capital Project-Depot	\$ 43,579.42

Motion to approve the General bills (abstract #10) made by Stephanie Potter and seconded by Lloyd Sutton, Jr. All in favor.

Motion to approve the Highway bills (abstract #10) made by Nicki Sprouse and seconded by Tom Brown. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn made by Nicki Sprouse and seconded by Lloyd Sutton, Jr. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.