

TOWN OF PHILADELPHIA
TOWN BOARD MEETING – APRIL 13, 2016 @ 5:30 P.M.

Present: Supervisor: Cheryl Horton, Clerk: Cheryl Reed, Highway Superintendent: Mike Freeman, Council Members: Sandra Carpenter, Deborah Lamora, Bob Watson Sr., Ron Spicer and Assessor: John Kiechle.

Guests: Mayor: Matthew Montroy and Jefferson County Legislator: Al Drake.

At 5:30 P.M. Supervisor Horton called the meeting to order, followed by prayer and pledge.

Minutes: Sandra pointed out that in the resolution there was no price given to purchase repair parts for the Dozer. Clerk Reed will enter the price into the resolution. Sandra made a motion to accept the minutes with this correction. Ron seconded this motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Report: February and March Financial Reports were handed out. Everyone reviewed the February report and Supervisor Horton read the March report aloud. Council Members signed both February and March Financial Reports as their approval of said reports. At this time Supervisor Horton handed out the Annual Financial Report Update Document for Fiscal year ending 12/31/2015.

Prior to the Board Meeting Supervisor Horton spoke with Council Member, Sandra Carpenter regarding Sky Weaver's retirement from the Town Board. Upon his retirement he could no longer sign Payroll Checks or Checks to pay monthly bills in the absence of Supervisor Horton. Therefore Supervisor Horton asked Sandra if she would be willing to be responsible for signing said checks in her absence. Sandra agreed and has signed all necessary paperwork at The Upstate National Bank.

Clerk Report:

1. Total 2015 Town and County Tax Collection amount was \$ 1,133,146.35
2. Tax Settlement with the Jefferson County Deputy Treasurer on March 24, 2016, in the amount of \$484,267.34.
3. Total amount paid to Supervisor Horton, \$ \$585,528.30.
4. A remaining Penalty amount of \$522.95 was paid to Supervisor Horton.
5. Attended Annual Local Government Conference at JCC on March 29, 2015.

Highway Report:

1. Will receive an additional \$10,000.00 this year in CHIPS Funding.
2. New Tracks are on Dozer. Will be painting Dozer in the future.
3. Will Attend Suit Kote Meeting on April 20, 2016.
4. Scheduled to start work for Jefferson County in mid-July for approximately 2 months.
5. Need to make 2 (two) Budget Transfers. **(Please see attached resolution)**

6. Received letter from NYS Dept. of Transportation regarding their investigation of school speed zones on County Route 29, adjacent to the Indian River High Schools. Based on this study, 35 mph is appropriate for CR 29 for 4/10 of a mile. (approximately to the Middle School Driveway) From this point on the speed zone will be 45 mph for 4/10 of a mile.
7. Began working 4 days at 10 hours per day on April 4.
8. Necessary to do a Budget Transfer of funds in the amount of \$8,000.00 from DA-5130.4 to DA-5130.2 and funds in the amount of \$42,360 from DA-5148.1 to DA-5142.1 and \$23,690 from DA-5140.1 to DA-5130.1. **(Please see attached resolution)**
9. Mike asked for permission to attend a Highway Superintendent's Conference in Lake Placid from 9/13/16 to 9/16/16 and a Hwy. Superintendent's Class in Ithaca from June 5 through June 8. **(Please see attached resolution)**

Privilege of the Floor was given to Mayor, Matthew Montroy. Mayor Montroy said that the Philadelphia Fire Department is planning to purchase a used Fire Truck and suggested that the Town and Village schedule a joint meeting to discuss this issue. Supervisor Horton and Mayor Montroy will plan a collaborative meeting for the near future.

Privilege of the Floor was then given to Jefferson County Legislator, Al Drake. Mr. Drake discussed the following:

1. Dog Control and sees no immediate solution.
2. Monies from Jefferson County have included donations to The Joint Learning Center and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for new radios for clearer communication.
3. Single Stream Recycling.
4. North Country Development Authority's involvement in Single Stream Recycling.
5. Environmental issues with old gas stations and the possibility for a Department of Conservation Spill Fund Grant.
6. Jefferson County Sales Tax.

Cemetery Report:

1. Meeting was held on 3/28/16.
2. New trees will be planted to replace those lost due to the winter.
- 3.

Old Business:

1. Due to discontinuation of the Joint Youth Program, funding was not included in the 2016 Village or Town Budget. Supervisor Horton cordially invited everyone to utilize the Town Park and Playground.

Assessor:

1. Housing Sales are up.
2. Old houses are being rehabilitated.
3. New Assessor, Tamrica Brown is training online.
4. Tax Exemptions.
5. Appraisals/Refinancing.

New Business:

Supervisor Horton talked to Town Attorney Mark Gebo's Office. 801 Philadelphia Housing will be challenging their Tax Assessment this year due to increased assessment in 2015.

Supervisor Horton spoke to Laird Petrie from the NYS Comptroller's Office in Syracuse regarding the Town Board's request to have Town Books audited. The NYS Comptroller's Office has been asked by letter from Supervisor Horton to perform an audit.

Supervisor Horton asked the Town Board members to complete their review of her Record Books for 2014. Board Members will choose a date in the future.

At 7:20 P.M. Supervisor Horton asked if there were any further comments or questions. With there being none, Sandra made a motion to adjourn. Ron seconded this motion, all were in favor. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Reed ~ Town Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Ron and seconded by Sandra who moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION: 2016-36 Transfer of Funds

WHEREAS: Highway Superintendent Mike Freeman has explained the need to transfer funds in the amount of \$8000 from Account DA-5130.4 to DA-5130.2 to pay for new pickup truck and

WHEREAS: There is a need to transfer funds in the amount of \$42,360 from DA-5148.1 to DA-5142.1 for payroll and \$23,690 from DA-5140.1 to DA-5130.1 also for payroll,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Transfers in the amounts listed above are hereby approved by the Philadelphia Town Board.

This resolution was adopted via the following roll vote:

Supervisor Horton:	aye
Council Members:	
Sandra Carpenter:	aye
Deborah Lamora:	aye
Bob Watson Sr.:	aye
Ron Spicer:	aye

I hereby attest that the above resolution was adopted by the Philadelphia Town Board on April 13, 2016.

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Cheryl Reed, Town Clerk: _____

The following resolution was offered by Bob and seconded by Sandra who moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION: 2016-37 Hwy. Supt. Training in Ithaca and Lake Placid

WHEREAS: Highway Superintendent, Mike Freeman has come before the board and has asked for their approval of his attendance at school/training in Ithaca on June 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, 2016 and

WHEREAS: Mike is also seeking approval to attend school/training in Lake Placid on September 13th to 16th, 2016,

THEREFORE: Mike does have the endorsement of the Town Board to attend both Ithaca and Lake Placid to further his knowledge for his job as Highway Superintendent.

This resolution was agreed upon by the following roll vote:

Supervisor Horton:	aye
Council Member:	
Sandra Carpenter:	aye
Deborah Lamora:	aye
Bob Watson Sr.:	aye
Ron Spicer:	aye

I hereby confirm the above resolution was adopted by the Philadelphia Town Board on April 13, 2016.

{ SEAL }

Cheryl Reed ~ Town Clerk _____