

# Town of De Kalb Board Meeting (DRAFT)

At a regular meeting of the Town Board, of the Town of DeKalb, St. Lawrence County, New York, held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017, at the Town Hall, DeKalb Junction NY, there were present:

John Frary	Supervisor	Harold Lowery	Councilman
Michael Livingston	Councilman	Rae Ann Davis	Councilwoman
Jody Hamilton	Highway Superintendent	Ed Newcombe	Councilman
William Chambers	Code Enforcement Officer	Barbara Creazzo	Town Clerk
Charles Nash	Attorney		

Members of the community in attendance:

Worth Hurlbut Jr. constituent

Larry D Denesha, SLC Legislator

Supervisor Frary, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Harold Lowery, moved that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Town Board, held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017 as submitted by the Town Clerk, be and hereby approved. Seconded by Michael Livingston, and adopted unanimously.

## Actions from meeting previous month's meeting

1. Mail signed copy of contract for the Highway Dept. to Brian Hammond. **Completed 10/20/2017**

### Public Forum:

Worth Hurlbut, asked if there is a plan to widen the unpaved portion of the Stevens Rd. He states it is difficult to meet on-coming traffic if the vehicles are larger than cars. He must be almost in the ditch with his farm equipment when meeting other vehicles. He is concerned about the school bus, that is now traveling the road 5 days per week and how it will ever safely meet a plow truck. Highway Superintendent, Jody Hamilton, agrees the road is narrow and is thinking about how to best approach the situation. He was hoping once shoulders were completed, it would be adequate, but is not sure if it will be enough.

Mr. Hurlbut complimented the Town and specifically the Highway Department, for good work they have done with the roads this year.

Larry Denesha:

-SLC Legislators passed the budget for 2018, the true value tax rate will be \$8.36.

-87.98% of the tax levy for SLC go to unfunded mandates.

-The Legislators have passed a resolution to become part of the Class Action Suit against large pharmaceutical companies, that have been instrumental in promoting opioids.

-One Work Clean Energy Inc., have joined in a partnership with Clarkson University, to do a pilot program. The program is to test the feasibility of using solid waste to produce synthetic propane and gas. This will help to reduce solid waste that goes into a landfill, as most of the remaining by-product can be utilized as fertilizer by farmers, reducing waste even further. This project will be no cost to the County.

-Electronic home monitors will again be utilized by the County, as they have received a 5 year grant. The monitors will be used for people who are awaiting presentencing and who are accused of non-threatening crimes. This will assist by lessening the need to house County Jail Inmates to other Counties.

-The Legislators passed a resolution to form a committee of non-legislators, and county employees, to review the current legislators pay scale. The legislative body has not received a pay raise in many years. The review may or may not warrant one now.

### **Financials:**

A motion was made by Ed Newcombe, and seconded by Rae Ann Davis, to accept the Justice Clerk Audit as presented. Carried 5 Ayes

A motion was made by Harold Lowery, and seconded by Michael Livingston, to accept the Town Clerk Audit for the Clerk's Water and Sewer accounts as presented. Carried 5 Ayes

### **Clerk's Report:**

-A total of \$2,998.80 was collected by the Clerk for the month of October. The breakdown is as follows: DEC received \$1,268.04 and the town received \$73.96 for licenses sold. Ag & Market received \$34 for the Animal Population Program and the town received \$ 113.50 for dog licenses. The town received \$1,489.00 for building permits. There were no marriage licenses issued for the month, nor were there any certified marriage certificates, birth or death certificates issued. There were no genealogy request or F.O.I.L. request. Thirty cents was collected for copies. Therefore, the town coffers received \$1,696.76 for the month.

-Water & Sewer Collections: Water collections for October was \$2,586.84 and Sewer collections was \$2,137.82. Total amount for water collected from December 2016 – November 2017 was \$38,384.50 while \$42,583.33 was collected for sewer. Re-levy for water this year is \$10,940.31 and for sewer, \$10,266.59. Last year's re-levy for water was \$12,111.74 and sewer was \$11,601.72.

-Hours for Wanda Law, Deputy Clerk, remain under budget.

-Tina Klock, has retuned and continues to work sorting and organizing the Supervisor's file boxes.

-Received a very nice "Thank you", phone call from St. Lawrence Valley SPCA, for the donation they received from the Rabies Clinic donations. They are extremely grateful for the donation.

-Mailed out notices for 25 known unlicensed dogs, 21 delinquent notices for unlicensed dogs and 11 renewal notices for dog licenses due by the end of November.

Supervisor Frary, distributed the Budget Report, and asked the members of the Board to review and ask questions. There were no questions at this time.

-October's Financial Report was also distributed, after reviewing, Board members approved report by their signatures.

### **Water & Sewer:**

DANC Report has not been received for the month of October.

### **Assessor Report:**

None at this time.

**Code Enforcement Report: Bill Chambers**

-Twenty-one permits were issued from September through November 15<sup>th</sup>. Project cost for the report is \$797,893.00 and fee amount is \$2,182.00. To date, 73 permits have been issued for a project cost of \$1,430,444.26 and fee amount thus far is \$5,722.35. Projects for this report include: 1 foundation replacement, 2 re-roof, 4 decks, 1 mobile home, 3 garages, 1 pole barn, 1 new full construction, 2 full single family homes, 2 additions, 1 storage facility, 1 siding/facia, and 1 electric-residential.

**Highway Report: Jody Hamilton**

- On 10/30 received another 5” of rain, which again, closed roads and caused washouts.
- Five trucks are harnessed and ready to go when the snow comes.
- Dirt roads have been graded again after the rains.
- Doing rounds to look at road signs and reset, replace, repair as needed.
- Have completed ditching on the Streeter Rd.
- #2 truck is finally back from Stadium and is running well, needed to replace the harness wire system for the fuel system.
- Working with DANC to enhance mapping of water valves and main shut-offs.
- Have completed a round of cold patching (7tons).
- Sent a couple of crew members to Richville and completed brush chipping.

Rae Ann Davis asked Mr. Hamilton if he was aware of the dead tree leaning on the powerline at the end of the Old Northern Rd. Mr. Hamilton stated they will look into it.

**Communications:**

The flag pole by the gazebo, has been blown down, will replace in the spring.

On Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, Gerry Gist, President for Associations of Towns, will be guest speaker at the Supervisor’s meeting. Anyone who is interested in attending, please let John know.

A motion was made by Rae Ann Davis, and seconded by Harold Lowery, to approve payment of the bills as entered on Abstract # 11-2017. Carried 5 Ayes

A motion was made by Harold Lowery, and seconded by Ed Newcombe, to adjourn. Carried 5 Ayes

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM

Respectfully submitted by  
Barbara A. Creazzo  
Town Clerk

ACTIONS  
None for this month