**TOWN OF HASTINGS, OSWEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**TOWN BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 14, 2025**

The Town of Hastings Town Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday January 14th, 2025 at 7:30pm.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board members present:** Supervisor Tony Bush, Councilman Alan Hanson, Councilman Mark Martino, Councilman Richard Waldron, and Councilman John DeBottis.

**Also present:** Mike Lewis, Highway Superintendent; Jason Burns, Director of community planning/code enforcement; and Erin Goodrich, Town Clerk.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor Bush called the town board meeting to order at 7:30pm, asked for the Pledge of Allegiance and pointed out the emergency exits.

**DISCUSSIONS**

Supervisor Bush opened the floor for public comments.

1.) Jason Krause from the Central Square pop warner program introduced a new member, Jeff, who would be helping their program in a communications role. He spoke also about the repairs needed to the front field and how a Fire Marshall told them that a gas line on the old concession stand needs a shut off valve. The board asked them to again give a list of the needed repairs and concerns to Councilman Waldron, Jason Burns, and/or Krista Lewis so they can go over it.

2.) Daniel Tallman, a town resident in the Rt 11 Water District, brought to the board’s attention his water tax from his tax bill. He is charged 4 units on his property. He explained that it was a single-family home that he has converted and added apartments to make it a legal 4-unit dwelling, but it only has one water meter. His issue is that the water charge is now more than half of his bill and he asked to see a district map, the loan costs, and why Rt 11 is twice the cost of the next highest water district which is in Caughdenoy. He would like the board to look into what can be done or changed to make the water charges less of a burden on those with multi-family homes. The board was able to explain some of the costs as OCWA raised rates substantially this year, about 118%. They charge the town for operation and maintenance costs on the water lines and the town has to pass those charges on to the residents. As for the 4-unit charge, they did have a discussion on how the town may need to look into how multi-family dwellings are charged in the future.

3.) Mike Lewis brought up how the highway building needs roof repairs and now the septic is having issues and will need to be replaced this spring.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**1.) Councilman Waldron introduced the following and moved its adoption:**

**RESOLVED,** the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby approves the minutes from the December 10th, 2024, Town Board Meeting.

Councilman DeBottis seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; and Councilman DeBottis, aye. Motion carried. **Resolution 25-31 adopted.**

**2.) Councilman Waldron introduced the following and moved its adoption:**

**RESOLVED,** the Town of Hastings Town Board approves for the payment the claims certified on attached abstract #1 in the amounts indicated thereon:

Councilman Martino seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; and Councilman DeBottis, aye. Motion carried. **Resolution 25-32 adopted.**

**3.) Supervisor Bush introduced the following and moved its adoption:**

**RESOLVED,** the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby accepts the resignation of John Martino, Code Enforcement Officer as of January 2nd, 2025.

Councilman Martino seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; and Councilman DeBottis, aye. Motion carried. **Resolution 25-33 adopted.**

**4.) Councilman Martino introduced the following and moved its adoption:**

**RESOLVED,** the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the 2025 Fire Protection Agreement with Hastings Fire Department, term commencing January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

Councilman Waldron seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; and Councilman DeBottis, aye. Motion carried. **Resolution 25-34 adopted.**

**5.) Councilman Martino introduced the following and moved its adoption:**

**RESOLVED,** the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the 2025 Fire Protection Agreement with Central Square Fire Company No. 1, term commencing January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

Councilman Waldron seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; and Councilman DeBottis, aye. Motion carried. **Resolution 25-35 adopted.**

**6.) Councilman Martino introduced the following and moved its adoption:**

**RESOLVED,** the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the following 2024 Budget Amendments:

Councilman Waldron seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; and Councilman DeBottis, aye. Motion carried. **Resolution 25-36 adopted.**

**7.) Councilman Martino introduced the following and moved its adoption:**

**RESOLVED,** the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the following 2024 Budget Modifications:

Councilman DeBottis seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; and Councilman DeBottis, aye. Motion carried. **Resolution 25-37 adopted.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, Supervisor Bush motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Martino seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Goodrich, Town Clerk