

TOWN OF SALEM
SPECIAL MEETING-TOWN OF SALEM TOWN BOARD
JANUARY 23, 2019 MINUTES

Present: Supervisor Evera Sue Clary; Town Council Members: Harold Gilchrest; Bruce Ferguson; Howard Law; Town Clerk-Patricia Gilchrist; Clerk to Supervisor-Kathy Chambers

Others Present: Travis Keys-Highway Sup't.; Al Cormier-Historian; Jean McLenithan-Assessor

Absent: Councilman Marcus Blanck (due to work schedule)

Public Present: None

1:10 p.m.-Meeting called to order by Supervisor Evera Sue Clary, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Highway-Sup't. Travis Keys reported that only one bid was received for the purchase of a 2003 Grad-all XL3300, Serial #0330647, approximate weight of 43,580 lbs., with a 30" digging bucket & 60" grading bucket with 4,634 hours of use at a price of \$28,000; the bid was from Dubowik Excavation & Equipment Sales, Inc.; 307 Nashua Road; Londonderry, N.H. No bids were received for the purchase of our old surplus grad-all. After some discussion between the board and Travis, it was decided to go with the purchase of the 2003 Grad-all.

Resolution #23-Motion made by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, to accept the bid from Dubowik Excavation & Equipment Sales, Inc. out of Londonderry, NH, @ a price of \$28,000.00 **Roll Call Vote:** Councilman Harold Gilchrest-Yes; Councilman Bruce Ferguson-Yes; Councilman Howard Law-Yes; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary-Yes; passed 4-0 in absence of Councilman Blanck.

Since no bids were received on the Town's surplus grad-all, it was decided to list the same on Gov Deals or Auctions International, whichever Sup't. Keys thought was best. Cannot list on both sites. **Motion made by** Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, instructing Sup't. Travis Keys to list surplus grad-all on whichever site he thought was best--Gov Deals or Auctions International; passed 4-0 (in the absence of Councilman Blanck) by the following Board members: Councilman Howard Law; Councilman Harold Gilchrest; Councilman Bruce Ferguson; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary

Travis also reported he currently had two trucks down--2013 Western Star needs a radiator; 2007 needs hydraulic pump

Local Law #1 of 2019-Assessor Jean McLenithan was present requesting that the board approve a Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of 2019, raising the income limit for senior citizens 65 and older from the current limit of \$24,400 to the Washington County income limit of \$32,399.99. **Resolution #24-Motion made by** Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, setting a Public Hearing date for Local Law #1, said Local Law raising the income limit for the Senior exemption from the current level of \$24,400 to the Washington County level of \$32,399.99. **Roll Call Vote:** Councilman Bruce Ferguson-Yes; Councilman Harold Gilchrest-Yes; Councilman Howard Law-Yes; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary-Yes; passed 4-0 in the absence of Councilman Blanck

Local Law #2 of 2019-Assessor McLenithan explained that Local Law #2 would provide a list of deductions to be used when computing income for purposes of qualifying for a partial exemption from real property taxes to qualified residents of the Town who are 65 years of age or older. Income may be reduced by medical & prescription drug expenses actually paid and not otherwise reimbursed or paid by insurance and medical insurance premiums paid, including premiums deducted from social security benefits for Medicare Part B coverage. **Resolution #25-Motion made by** Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, setting a Public Hearing date for Local Law #2, said Law would grant partial tax exemption for qualified residents of the Town 65 and older for the above mentioned medical, prescription drug expenses, and medical insurance premiums paid that are not covered by insurance. **Roll Call Vote:** Councilman Harold Gilchrest-Yes; Councilman Howard Law-Yes; Councilman Bruce Ferguson-Yes; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary-Yes; passed 4-0 in the absence of Councilman Blanck.

It was decided by the Board to set the Public Hearing for Local Laws #1 & #2 at the beginning of the February 13, 2019, regular monthly meeting if the Town newspaper (Journal Press) could get the Legal Notice in on time. Clerk Gilchrist will confer with Attorney Wrigley and get the notice in for the February 13th, 2019 meeting. (Alternate date will be February 20th, 2019, if deadline cannot be met by newspaper for 02/13/19.)

Laura Chadwick, head of Washington County Real Property, needs a Resolution from the Salem Town Board in support of Washington County issuing an RFP for the multi-town revaluation. **Resolution #26-Motion made by Councilman Howard Law**, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, to support Washington County in distributing the RFP for the multi-Town Revaluation. Passed 4-0 by the following Board members (in absence of Councilman Blanck): Councilman Howard Law; Councilman Harold Gilchrest; Councilman Bruce Ferguson; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Glens Falls Hospital-Supervisor Clary reported that Glens Falls Hospital was requiring the new Contract by signed by Friday, 01/25/19, @ 4 p.m. or they would be closing the doors at the Health Center. Beginning March 1, 2019, they will only be open Tuesdays & Thursdays, with no blood draws and no physical therapy. **Motion to Adjourn**-Motion made by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to adjourn the special meeting of the Salem Town Board; passed 4-0 (in absence of Councilman Blanck) by the following Board members: Councilman Harold Gilchrest; Councilman Howard Law; Councilman Bruce Ferguson; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary; meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting-of the Salem Town Board will be held on February 13, 2019; review of Warrants/Abstract #2 of 2019 to begin @ 6 p.m., regular meeting will be called to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia A. Gilchrist-Town Clerk
Town of Salem