

The first regular meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was conducted on April 2, 2018 at the Kingsbury Town Hall at 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dana Hogan, Supervisor
Richard Doyle, Councilman
Henry Freebern, Councilman
William Haessly, Councilman
Dan Washburn, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Todd Humiston, Dog Control Officer

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Hogan and opened for the order of business with the Flag Salute led by Councilman Freebern.

The minutes of the March 19, 2018 Town Board Meeting were accepted as submitted by the Town Clerk on a **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 5 ayes.

Supervisor Hogan had received a request from Melissa Howell, the founder and descendant of Solomon Northup, for the Town's support in honoring the legacy of Solomon Northup by joining the Partner Cities union. A **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to adopt The Solomon Northup Legacy Partner Cities Resolution. (Resolution will be attached to the Minute Book)

Supervisor Hogan reported there was not an update on the PFOA testing on Dean Road.

A **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Washburn and carried by a vote of 5 ayes for Dave LaRose to sweep the Town Roads at the rate of \$140.00 per hour.

A **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Washburn and carried by a vote of 5 ayes for the Town to seek applicants for a part-time mowing position at \$14.00 per hour; approximately 30 hours per week.

A **motion** by Councilman Haessly seconded by Councilman Washburn and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to renew the current dental plan with Guardian with no increase for the second year.

TOWN CLERK:

A **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 5 ayes giving permission for the Town Clerk to attend the 2018 New York State Association of Tax Receivers & Collector's Training Seminar to be held in Lake Placid from June 9 – 13, 2018; the money is in her budget.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

Todd Humiston is requesting reimbursement for cell phone costs associated with his position; as he will no longer be able to claim the expense upon filing income taxes. Supervisor Hogan will discuss this with Comptroller Mary Ordway; the discussion will continue at the next Board Meeting. Humiston stated the Town Clerk occasionally receives messages on the weekend in regard to loose dogs. The dog license tag has the telephone number of the Town Clerk Office and Humiston has no way of knowing there is a loose or hurt dog. Supervisor Hogan suggested we add an extension to have the

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message sent directly to Humiston's voice mail. Supervisor Hogan will discuss this with Comptroller Mary Ordway.

Humiston reported two dogs had been hit over the weekend; by posting on Facebook the owners were located. Humiston reported there were approximately 1,300 followers on his Facebook page and has been very effective in locating owners of loose dogs.

A **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Freebern and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to accept the reports of certain officer for the month of March as follows:

Dog Control Officer: Complaints/Calls 46; Seizures 1; Unlicensed Dogs 8; Summons Issued 0; Bites Investigated 1; Mileage 486 with 48 charged to Fort Edward & 164 charged to Fort Ann

Town Clerk: Paid to EnCon \$103.92; Paid to Supervisor \$1,834.52; Paid to NYS Dept. of Health \$112.50; Paid to the Village of Hudson Falls \$44.00; Paid to Ag & Markets for Population Control \$118.00

Town Comptroller: Receipts \$45,065.08; Disbursements \$156,208.20

For February – Town Justice; Fees Collected: \$15,787.20

COUNCILMAN REPORT:

Councilman Doyle reported Sole Assessor Colleen Adamec had met with Cypress Creek Renewables and she will meet with himself and Councilman Haessly once she receives information she has requested from Cypress Creek Renewables. Councilman Haessly stated the lease payment numbers had been redacted from the contract provided by Cypress Creek and he feels those numbers are important. Councilman Doyle believes Colleen Adamec had requested a copy with no redactions.

Councilman Freebern reported he had visited the location of the former Town Hall and is amazed at the progress made on the reconstruction of The Strand Theatre.

Councilman Doyle asked if anyone had heard from Dave Meager of Amsure about increasing the deductible on the building, he feels by increasing the deductible the insurance premium would be lower. Supervisor Hogan had no information but would check into it.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Supervisor Hogan had attended the Champlain Canalway Trail Public Informational Meeting on March 22, 2018 at Village Hall. Supervisor Hogan distributed copies of a summary of the proposed project which will provide connectivity for the Champlain Canalway Trail system by linking to the future trail segment from New Swamp Road to Fort Ann.

Supervisor Hogan reported he had a conference call with Robyn Reynolds of the Capital District Regional Planning Commission and she is under the impression that the Town has met two of the four high impact actions which are required for the Town to receive grant money to fund clean energy projects. Ross Cortese may have met one of the high impact actions by attending a Solar Energy Training, both residential and commercial; Supervisor Hogan sent Cortese's certificates to see if they can be verified. The other two high impact actions will require a meeting with Comptroller Mary Ordway to complete an energy audit and benchmarking; that would complete our fourth requirement. The Town also has the option to install an electric vehicle charging station.

Supervisor Hogan was approached by Village Attorney Bill Nikas asking if the Town would take part in an architectural engineering study for the revitalization of Derby Park. The Town agreed to pay half of the village's share. Supervisor Hogan will check with Comptroller Mary Ordway to see if the funds are available.

A **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Washburn and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to increase the Head Lifeguard and Winter Swim Supervisor pay to \$13.50 per hour and the summer/winter lifeguards to \$12.50 per hour.

Councilman Haessly stated if the Town decided to install an electric vehicle charging station; it must be installed on government property. A discussion followed about possible locations for an electric vehicle charging station.

A **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Freebern and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to enter into executive session for a legal discussion for the purchase of property at 7:37 pm.

A **motion** by Councilman Haessly seconded by Councilman Washburn and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to exit the executive session at 8:03 pm.

There being no further business before the Board a **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Bardin, Town Clerk

The Solomon Northup Legacy

Melissa Howell
Founding Director

THE SOLOMON NORTHUP LEGACY PARTNER CITIES UNION

Resolution

WHEREAS, Solomon Northup was born a free-citizen on July 10, 1807 in Schroon, Essex County, New York to Mintus and Susanna; and

WHEREAS, from 1808 to 1816, a young Solomon Northup was raised by his parents and educated while living in Hebron, Washington County, New York, as they worked on homesteads of the slaver families Clark Northup and John Holmes Northup; and

WHEREAS, in 1816, parents Mintus and Susanna removed to Kingsbury and in 1818, then removed to Fort Edward, Washington County, New York to raise young Solomon Northup and his brother Joseph; and

WHEREAS, on December 25, 1828, Solomon Northup married Anne Hampton of Sandy Hill and lived at Old Fort House in Fort Edward for nearly two years; and

WHEREAS, from Spring 1830 to 1834, Solomon and Anne Northup moved to Kingsbury, Washington County, New York, where they lived on a farm and raised their daughters Elizabeth and Margaret; and

WHEREAS, in 1834 to 1841, for nearly seven years, Solomon and Anne Northup removed to and worked in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York, becoming parents to their third child, Alonzo; and

WHEREAS, in late March 1841, having met his captors Brown & Hamilton at the Eagle Tavern in Saratoga Springs, Solomon agreeably departed with them for work in a circus at New York City and then traveled onward to Washington City where he would be sold into slavery in early April 1841; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 1853, after nearly twelve years, Solomon regained his freedom from slavery in Louisiana, and returned to his family on January 22 at Glens Falls, Warren County, New York; and

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WHEREAS, on July 15, 1853, after nearly six months upon return to New York, and Solomon having recounted his recollections of slave life on the plantations of Louisiana to editor David Wilson of Hebron, NY, penned the slave narrative *Twelve Years A Slave* published by the firm Derby & Miller at Auburn, Cayuga County, New York, and the book having sold more than 17,000 copies in the first five months of publication; and

WHEREAS, after having visited the State of Vermont after Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, Solomon's whereabouts thereafter remains unknown, and his death having been memorialized at Baker Cemetery, Hudson Falls, Washington County, New York, in 2014, where he wished to rest beside his father;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the municipalities of Schroon, Essex County, NY; Hebron, Washington County, NY; Kingsbury, Washington County, NY; Fort Edward, Washington County, NY; Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, NY; Glens Falls, Warren County, NY; Auburn, Cayuga County, NY; and Hudson Falls, Washington County, NY, forever be united as Partner Cities to commemorate and celebrate the life and legacy of Solomon Northup and work in unison as set forth by the mutually agreed Letter of Agreement, toward the establishment of a future New York Northup Trail.

Signature

D. Howell

Name:

David Howell

Title:

Supervisor

Date:

4/4/2018

Signature

Name:

Title:

Date: