July 9, 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Harpersfield held a Board meeting on July 9, 2025.

Present were: Lisa M. Driscoll, Supervisor

Erik Reeve, Councilmember

Patrick F. Funk, Councilmember

Donna VanSickell, Councilmember

Dwayne C. Hill, Councilmember

Also Present: Russell Hatch, Supt. Highways

Heidi R. Stevens Town Clerk

Thomas Giaguzzi, Deputy Town Clerk

Others Present: Liz Page, Editor of the Mountain Eagle

Thomas VanSickell

Gloria Anderson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Lisa M. Driscoll. Supervisor Driscoll led the Board and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Driscoll asked the Board if there were any questions, comments or concerns regarding the minutes from June 11<sup>th</sup>. The Board had no questions, comments or concerns.

A motion to accept the minutes from June 11, 2025, was made by Dwayne C. Hill and seconded by Patrick F. Funk. All voting Aye.

Supervisor Lisa M. Driscoll asked if there was any correspondence. There was no correspondence.

Supervisor Driscoll informed the Board that next on the agenda was the Firework permit application for the Stamford Fire Department, put on by the American Fireworks Display, LLC. These fireworks are to take place on July 26, 2025, the expected duration of the display will be approximately 12-15 minutes. The location for this display is 105 Terry Road in Stamford NY.

A motion to accept the application for the Firework permit for the Stamford Fire Department was made by Patrick F. Funk and seconded by Dwayne C. Hill. All voting Aye.

A discussion was had regarding Code Enforcement.

Supervisor Driscoll informed the Board that next on the agenda is the Transfer Station Seal Coating and Traffic Flow. Supervisor Driscoll has a map made for the new flow of traffic.

Councilmember Patrick F. Funk asked if there was a spot at the Transfer Station for clothes. Supervisor Driscoll answered yes. Walton has asked that we keep the clothes out of the household garbage because the clothes get stuck in their machines. The clothes that are in the bin at the Transfer Station are picked up separate from the garbage.

Supervisor Driscoll explained that the Town will be seal coating the lot at the Transfer Station. Before that can happen there are 2 concrete ramps that need to be taken out. Concrete will be poured in front of C&D and in front of the metal so that the big equipment does not tear up the seal coating.

Supervisor Driscoll asked Russ if he knew when he was going to be able to start with the Transfer Station. Russ answered as soon as the Highway crew is done with the storm damage they will start the Transfer Station.

Supervisor Driscoll is planning on the seal coating to be started in August. After the seal coating is completed there will be a new traffic flow. A discussion was had.

Supervisor Driscoll asked if the council members have any items to address with the Board. Patrick F. Funk informed the Board that there are some complaints regarding all the road work that is happening in Stamford. There is no way for traffic to go around it. A discussion was had.

Supervisor Driscoll asked if Russ could update the Board on the storm repairs.

Russ informed the Board that the storm did cause quite a bit of damage. There was damage on Terry Rd, Odell Lake Rd, Peters Rd, Whiskey Hollow, Gunhouse Hill, Bin Rd, Reed Rd and Bruce Hill. At the intersection of Bruce and Peters Rd the Highway department put stackable stones. On Bin Rd the water went over the Road. The lower head wall needed to be rebuilt, which they used more of the stackable stone. A discussion was had.

Russ informed the Board that there was an update on the truck. They are still waiting on the stainless-steel body that was originally ordered. The truck came in with a painted steel body, which the Town did not order. Russ is quite certain that they still have the painted steel body on site. Russ is thinking that maybe they should just go with the painted steel body and possibly see if the stainless-steel body would fit another one of the Town's trucks. He wants to look into whether or not we could get the painted steel body at cost and buying the stainless-steel body at what they had originally agreed on, provided it will fit one of the other trucks. It is now July, and the Town would like the truck this winter. Russ will contact the dealer and try to either get a solid delivery date or contact the vendor that the body is coming from for a delivery date.

Russ informed the Board that the Highway Department have completed the following roads. Middlebrook Hill Rd, Colonel Harper Rd, Wilcox Rd, New Rd and Hornbeck Rd.

Supervisor Driscoll asked Russ when the bills for those roads are coming in. Russ answered that he hadn't seen them yet. Supervisor Driscoll stated that we may have to have a special meeting to approve the payment of the bill when it gets to the Town.

Russ went on to say that the roads that are left to seal are Parker Schoolhouse Rd, Zimmerman Rd and the parking lots at the Town. A discussion was had.

The Town Clerks report for the month of June was issued to the Board. The amount the Town received was \$771.95.

Supervisor Driscoll presented the Board with the Abstract and Vouchers. The only amount that stuck out as a large amount was the stone to repair the roads from the storm damage.

The supervisor informed the Board that a banner has been bought to put up at the Transfer Station to inform the citizens of the upcoming changes.

A motion to pay the bills that were presented to the Board was made by Dwayne C. Hill and seconded by Erik Reeve. All voting Aye.

Supervisor Driscoll informed the Board that next on the agenda is the Profits and Losses. Ms. Driscoll says she needs to move the retirement. There was nothing that really was alarming on the Profits and Losses.

Patrick F. Funk asked if they were going to start the process with the equalization rate. Supervisor Driscoll answered that the Town needs to get all the information together and think about if this is something that the Town should do. A discussion was had.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Patrick F. Funk and Seconded by Donna VanSickell at 7:45 PM All voting Aye.

The next regular meeting of the Town Board will be held on Wednesday August 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM.