

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, NEW YORK,
HELD AT TOWN HALL, 8635 CLINTON STREET, NEW HARTFORD, NY ON
WEDNESDAY, February 10th, 2021@ 6:00 P.M.

Town Supervisor Miscione called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. The roll was then taken with the following Town Officials and Department Heads being present during the progress of the meeting.

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilman James J. Messa
Councilman Richard M. Lenart
Councilman David M. Reynolds
Councilman Richard B. Woodland, Jr.
Supervisor Paul A. Miscione

OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS/EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Deputy Town Supervisor Anthony J. Trevisani
Personnel Technician Barbara Schwenzfeier
Town Attorney Herbert Cully
Melody K. Fancett, Deputy Clerk 1
Highway Superintendent Richard Sherman

Thereafter a quorum was declared present for the transaction of business.

June 10th 2020 meeting minutes

Town Supervisor Miscione asked for everyone to review the meeting to have a motion to approve the June 10, 2020 minutes.

Councilman Reynolds introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Lenart:

(RESOLUTION NO. 38 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the June 10, 2020 meeting minutes:

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

July 22, 2020 minutes

Town Supervisor Miscione asked for everyone to review the meeting to have a motion to approve the July 22, 2020 minutes.

Councilman Reynolds introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Lenart:

(RESOLUTION NO. 39 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the July 22, 2020 meeting minutes:

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

August 5th, 2020 Minutes:

Town Supervisor Miscione asked for everyone to review the meeting to have a motion to approve the July 22, 2020 minutes.

Councilman Lenart introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Woodland.

(RESOLUTION NO. 40 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the August 5th, 2020 meeting minutes:

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

January 3, 2021 Organizational Minutes:

Town Supervisor Miscione asked for everyone to review the meeting to have a motion to approve the January 3rd, 2021 minutes.

Councilman Reynolds introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Messa.

(RESOLUTION NO. 41 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the January 3rd, 2021 meeting minutes:

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

No public hearings or comments brought before the board.

Status of the ATM Contract:

Town Attorney Herbert Cully did not hear back from the contractors, the building had s been closed.

Compensation time

For Kayla Empey and Melody Fancett, 50 hours each from 2020 never used due to short staffing. Documented on each times sheet.

Supervisor Miscione wants to make sure we have the budget for the comp time and that the process is done the way it should be with documentation.

Councilman Reynolds introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Woodland.

(RESOLUTION NO. 42 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the pay to Kayla Empey for Compensation time by the Town Board.

FURTHER RESOLVED that Melody Fancett will use all her compensation time due to time off with injuries with documentation of the use.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

Monthly Meetings:

Councilman Messa – 'to advise the Board, as a chairperson and co-chairperson of the Clerk's Committee, Councilman Lenart and I met with Melody today...we are going to have a standing monthly meeting. There are some items we want to tackle in the next few months.

1. 1st Order of business – we want to tackle – there is about six (6) meeting minutes that have to be updated to the website. That will be done by the April meeting. So we will be current by then and the next few meetings as well.
2. Agenda items – looking to have all Department Heads and Board Members supply the items for the meetings by Friday before the Town Board Meeting, like we use to in the past. The hope is to get the agenda out to the Board by Tuesday, so that we all can review and have it, and especially with Council, to have an idea with what is going on prior to the Wednesday meeting and if we have any questions, we can respond with Clerk's Office.
3. The record management – in the back – there is a lot of boxes in the Clerk's Office, if we can get together with Rick and get that stuff out of there, maybe section off a holding area, so that the Clerk's office is clean up front. Clean in the back – if we all work together in the back, get things all squared away before Spring hits – staff get tired up in the Spring; Highway Superintendent Richard Sherman – first he heard of this; Councilman Messa – they had just talked about it today. Just to move stuff from up front to the back.

Records Management:

Supervisor Paul A. Miscione - To bring it one step forward, when I first started 3 years ago, I researched a grant to make it digital and instead of doing a job twice, filing it and then redoing it again....if the Board approves to go out for this grant, if we get the grant to make it all digital, then they can do it one time, put the actual stuff in there, or pay a company to come in and do it, then all those files will be gone.....in the future for easier navigating with records, make it digital.

Solar Ordinance:

Town Attorney, Cully states there have been adjustments made at the planning board meeting last night that the Town Board should approve the local law with the new Solar Ordinance. They've made a few adjustments with taking Washington Mills Park out as a specific request as Bill Morris did not want to see solar in the parks as he feels the parks are very important.

Councilman Reynolds introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Lenart.

(RESOLUTION NO. 43 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the Solar Ordinance.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly *ADOPTED*

Town and County 2021 Taxes:

Extension to February 15th as long as post marked before this day with no penalty charge due to the mail coming late on the account of COVID.

Councilman Messa introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Lenart.

(RESOLUTION NO. 44 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the 2021 Town and County taxes to extend their dues to February 15th prior to the penalty fee, late charge.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly *ADOPTED*

Town Attorney, Cully – CNA Excavating Matter – to talk about it during Executive Session.

Heinz Family Land Donation:

The property is just off of Glen Crest. It wasn't able to sell so the family donated the property to the Town. Supervisor Miscione explained that there was no use for the property as it would be another cost to the Town just to keep up with the maintenance.

Parks Summer Program

Unable to reopen summer of 2020 due to COVID regulations. The program will be able to run this year’s season with lots of preparing and procedures with medical health directors in correspondence with the Recreation Center. There may have to be an increase in fee due to increased wages.

Personnel Technician, Barbara, suggests advertising for workers and also figure out what kind of wage to pay them. We may be limited on how many employees we can get.

Supervisor Miscione states that we will follow state requirements and limitations with the Rec center, our Rec Center holds 15,000 persons which means at 50% capacity, we will still be under the amount that we would need. We are waiting to see if New Hartford schools reopen for participation with the Rec center.

Personnel Technician, Barbara, states that we are required to pay the states federal minimum wage.

Bond Rating Upgrade

Sales tax is down 3% overall for the year. 2020’s budget is in good shape with a 5.75 Budget-we’ll know more in the second quarter as expenses come about.

Highway Superintendent Richard Sherman will get 20% held back from 2020 chips will be refunded this year.

Police Reform

Meeting with chief of police. In process, a public meeting needs to be scheduled. Needs to send the packet to Albany.

Supervisor Miscione calls for a public meeting for evaluation for the Police Reform. The hearing will be dated for March 24, 2021 at 6:00 PM. It has to be put in the paper within 10 days.

Councilman Reynolds introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Messa.

(RESOLUTION NO. 45 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the public hearing on the Police Reform evaluation.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

Auditors Meeting Update - There will be a meeting in a few weeks, all are welcome to attend. Barb will send the Board the meeting date./invite.

Edmunds Government Contract/IFM

Supervisor Miscione explains that we had the old program and they have to update us to the new one or they won't be able to support us on the new one. Miscione needs permission for approval for the new contract.

Councilman Messa introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Reynolds.

(RESOLUTION NO. 46 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the Edmunds Government Contract.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

Approved for the 2021 J Cap Grant for the Courts

Grant money from the state \$7537 for the speaker system and acoustical enhancements to the court room by Big Apple Music.

Councilman Messa introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Woodland.

(RESOLUTION NO. 47 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval to accept the J Cap Grant.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye

Councilman Messa - Aye
Supervisor Miscione - Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

Approval appointments for positions

Personnel Technician Barbara announces the Highway department positions; Dustin Merrik and Matthew Wintrick

Highway Department to hire: Dustin Merrik \$15.05 Effective 2/11/2021;CDL and Worked for the County

Councilman Woodland introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Lenart.

(RESOLUTION NO. 48 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval to accept Dustin Merrik as The Highway Departments newest employee.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart - Aye
Councilman Reynolds - Aye
Councilman Woodland - Aye
Councilman Messa - Aye
Supervisor Miscione - Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

Highway Department to hire: Matthew Wintrick with a salary of \$15.05 Effective 3/1/2021, Laborer

Councilman Lenart introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Woodland.

(RESOLUTION NO. 49 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval to accept Mattew Wintrick as The Highway Departments newest employee.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart - Aye
Councilman Reynolds - Aye
Councilman Woodland - Aye
Councilman Messa - Aye
Supervisor Miscione - Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

Approval for Part Time Clerk

Supervisors part time secretary, Desiree Rumor with a salary of: \$18.01. Effective 2/10/2021

Councilman Messa introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Lenart.

(RESOLUTION NO. 50 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval to accept Desiree Rumor as part time secretary to the Town Supervisor.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

Approval for Highway Equipment Operator

Brain Rich, new employee (had an opening) – effective immediately; rate per contract.

Councilman Woodland introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Lenart.

(RESOLUTION NO. 51 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval to accept Brian Rich as Highway Equipment Operator, newest employee.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

Approval for the Library Board

Amintha Selvarajah – Trustee for the Library Board - effective immediately.

Councilman Reynolds introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Messa.

(RESOLUTION NO. 52 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval to accept Amintha Selvarajah as Trustee for the Library Board.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

General Security:

Rec centers contract with the same price as the previous year of \$198.00 for the security system with General Securities.

Councilman Reynolds introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Woodland.

(RESOLUTION NO. 53 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval to continue the Rec centers contract with General Security.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

Recreation Center Parking Passes:

Parents of New Hartford Senior High school students have been calling for refunds on their parking passes with the Recreation Center. New Hartford school is still not in session at this time. Supervisor Miscione proposed to speak with the school on the behalf of the Recreation Center to see if New Hartford School would be able to reimburse parents. The Recreation Center’s parking lot is still available for use.

Personnel Technician Barbara interjects to say that she informed the parents who have called in regards to the parking pass refund that the Town Board will be discussing this matter. Barb let the parents know that they may not have an immediate answer to the question of refunds due to prorating they’d need to wait until the end of the year if the school opens up, they can’t have two-three months of parking.

Rec center staff COVID testing:

Supervisor Miscione: We’ve put together recommendations and a process for the Recreation Center due to school sports returning for the season (Hockey and Figure Skating). The County intersected with wanting the coaches to be tested bi-weekly for COVID. Deputy Town Supervisor: Trevisani will be able to help staff go through the testing process. Trevisani will be the COVID testing administrator for the Recreation Center, testing will be documented for the County. Insurance will be covering the testing of COVID; there will be no cost to the Town. This must be a part of our procedure plan for the State; this is posted to our social media platforms as well. The spread sheet will be filed with Personnel Technician Barbara with the HR Department.

Councilman Reynolds introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Woodland.

(RESOLUTION NO. 54 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the testing of a COVID-19 administrator for Recreation staff.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

Police Chief Inserra speaks on behalf of the Police Department: He thanked Supervisor Miscione and the Town Medical Director for being able to get the police department in for both

COVID vaccinations, though, there was not 100% participation on the vaccinations, and they truly appreciate it.

February 15th Vaccinations:

Approving people with pre-existing conditions to be able to get the COVID Vaccinations. Supervisor Miscione got a letter from the County for the local government to come up with something that proves that that patient has pre-existing medical conditions. The Medical Director looked over the letter and said there should be proof of the patient’s medical history as well, or some sort of statement that they can bring to get the vaccine. From there, we would be able to send a copy of this proof to St. Lukes and other vaccination sites. Local Government needs to come up with their qualifications with pre-existing conditions.

Approval for Storage Tank

Insurance quote is the same as last year.

Councilman Reynolds introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Woodland.

(RESOLUTION NO. 55 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval for a storage tank.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

Storm Water Grants:

Green Innovation Grant in Washington Mills Athletic Park and the two baseball fields that are at the far end of the park to be eliminated and used as flood litigation. Rick needs to proceed with the grant program.

Councilman Sherman: 2nd Grant approval is to be on Bleachery Avenue. Located where the waterfalls are, the DEC and the engineers have looked at this and agreed to take the waterfalls out of there. There is a clean-up sight that used to be Maddens property that is now cleaned up which would now be a perfect sight for storage for the creek.

Councilman Messa asks if there are drawings or maps for this site.

Councilman Sherman responds: Yes there are some drawings and maps of this, John Dunkel has studied both of these areas and the grant is due by February 12, 2021. We will eliminate the two fields in the back and leaves the front field as it is. The parking lot will be adjacent to the repaired fields. There will be enough parking to accommodate the fields. The other fields are no longer in use as they are over weathered by floods. The grant will not cover the refurbishing of the first field. The land would become a storage area to hold the water back.

Sherrill Brook Town Park Ponds

Submit to the parks recreation to have grants for that, for community projects for new improvements at the park.

Solar Farm Grant

Rt. 12 - the money would pay for park projects

Woods Road Project

Possible indoor soccer field area.

Councilman Messa introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Lenart.

(RESOLUTION NO. 56 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval for the Green Innovation Grant.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

Councilman Messa introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Reynolds.

(RESOLUTION NO. 57 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval for the Green Innovation Grant for Bleachery Ave.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

Highway Superintendent Richard Sherman - Bridge NY Grant

The county is applying for the Bridge NY grant through the money with Clinton Street Bridge that we are missing to re-apply and see if we can get the money that is missing.

The municipality came up with 4 Culverts, we came up with only 3; one of them being on Oneida Street by Creek Side restaurant, the Culvert brings a lot of water down from Mallory Road. That Culvert has a hole in the shoulder of the road. The second Culvert is on the lower part of Snowden Hill Road arch way. The third is on Old Roberts Road that one also brings water down that is an arch way as well that needs to be fixed. These would have to be 100% funded. The Town wouldn't be able to come up with any money for this, the grant would be needed by March.

Councilman Messa introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Lenart.

(RESOLUTION NO. 58 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval for the Bridge NY/Culvert Grants.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

Mud Creek Project Bid

With the dam on Middle Settlement Road East, behind the Presbyterian Home. This would be a project for this Summer or Fall.

Councilman Lenart introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Reynolds.

(RESOLUTION NO. 59 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval for the Mud Creek Project Bid.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

Sewer Project

Homestead Road, East in the back Cul-de-sac, built at the same time as the fairway estates. Highway Superintendent Sherman finished these 15/16 years old. The Homestead Road location is next on the list to rebuild this year (2021 summer) with complete pumps and a generator.

Councilman Reynolds introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Lenart.

(RESOLUTION NO. 60 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval for the Sewer project.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

New Hartford Town Pump Stations:

Arlington was completed 5 years ago, 2 more in Applewood to be finished in 2021. There are 7 pump stations total in town. There is a small pump station that takes care of 3 homes just off of Higby Road. There is also a large and small pump station that is down in the park that was just completed. Everything should be upgraded after this project is done.

Councilman Lenart introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Reynolds.

(RESOLUTION NO. 61 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval for the Sewer pump upgrade.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

Dehumidifier for the Recreation Center

The money for this is in the bond. Highway Superintendent Sherman will go out to bid for this.

Councilman Reynolds introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Woodland.

(RESOLUTION NO. 62 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval to go out for bid for the Dehumidifier for the Recreation Center.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye

Supervisor Miscione - Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

Truck Replacement:

1/22/2021 The 10 wheeler was in an accident and was totaled. Highway Superintendent Sherman called the vendor of the crane and he had a Ford dealership close by in Pennsylvania with a few identical trucks, he was able to obtain one of those new trucks. The new truck's paperwork is finished; Ford will be able to go out to pick the other truck up. The insurance on the truck is from \$121-\$875. That's what we will receive a check for if the truck is totaled. Utica Mack truck is \$121,027.00. The cost of two trucks will be \$257,928.00. The insurance should be able to pay for the Cab and Chassis which is the \$121,125.00 instead of the \$136,103. Highway Superintendent Sherman spoke with Bill Cole this afternoon and Mr. Cole is fighting with his attorney to see if he can get more money from his insurance money to have another \$10,000 paid on the truck to bring the cost down to \$135 we had a \$1,000 deductible on the insurance. The purchase of the new plow is pending the outcome of the insurance claim.

Supervisor Miscione we should Ban for the truck and use the money from the insurance company to pay down the ban until we get the money, the additional amount would then be added to the bans that we currently have, we can't pull this out of this years' budget. If we go ahead and have Highway Superintendent Sherman buy the truck and we borrow the money from the fund, could we ban later to pay the funds back?

Town Attorney Cully: He doesn't believe we can, will have to check into it.

Supervisor Miscione: Can we have a special meeting for this?

Highway Supervisor Sherman: By the time we have a meeting, I will know if the truck is totaled or not and as soon as we have that information I need to get another truck as soon as possible.

Councilman Reynolds: If the truck is totaled he has permission to act on the Cab and Chassis.

Councilman Reynolds introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Lenart.

(RESOLUTION NO. 63 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval for the purchase of the Cab and Chassis, if the damaged vehicle is totaled, with the use of the insurance proceeds.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart - Aye
Councilman Reynolds - Aye

Councilman Woodland - Aye
Councilman Messa - Aye
Supervisor Miscione - Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

Highway Department Software Program

Highway Supervisor Sherman: We've started a work order software program for lawn repairs and employee usage. Very unique and something we needed for years. It will help the Highway Department tremendously. The Greenwright and curbside insert is done and the shredding date is done as well.

Reopening the Town Building to the Public

Supervisor Miscione - we will follow the state guidelines and requirements for reopening during COVID – Signage in the hallways. If a customer enters the building without a mask we should have disposable masks handy to supply them with instead of having to turn the customer away. We will reopen 2/11/2021.

Councilman Lenart introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Reynolds.

(RESOLUTION NO. 64 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval to reopen the Town Building to full capacity.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart - Aye
Councilman Reynolds - Aye
Councilman Woodland - Aye
Councilman Messa - Aye
Supervisor Miscione - Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

Rec Center Roof

In need of repair before the ten year warranty on the roof is up, it is ready for a repair as it has been leaking. The leaking, fortunately, is in one area on the roof. We shouldn't need a full roof repair. Putting in the canopy and fixing the roof leak is in the plans for this year to finish up the Recreation Center. About \$35,000 at most to repairs on the Rec center to be completed after the winter season.

Tax preparation for seniors

Tax preparation assistance for seniors usually took place in the senior center but with COVID we were not able to provide this to seniors. AARP is no longer doing tax preparations as well. If something changes, we can do by appointment only or have three people here at a time, apart.

Fire Contracts

The fire contracts were approved during the last board meeting but will now need the board members signatures. Barb did send them out. They requested them for their Board meetings. The contracts were signed by all Board Members at the meeting and they are to be filed in the Clerk's Office.; Contract for District 4 is missing. Barb will check with them.

Councilman Messa – Bleachery Ave house update– Highway Superintendent Richard Sherman – the gas has been removed.; Requested, maybe a letter go out to the residents, to keep them updated, the process we were going through. Supervisor Miscione and Councilman Messa will write the letter together.

Councilman Lenart – Would like to thank Highway Superintendent Richard Sherman for helping in New York Mills. They had plow go down. Also, the Mayor and Highway Superintendent gave them a tour.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (7:55PM)

Councilman Messa introduced the following Resolution for adoption and Councilman Lenart seconded same:

(RESOLUTION NO. 65 OF 2021)

RESOLVED, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby move to enter into an Executive Session to discuss the Employee Matter and Litigation.

A roll call vote ensued:

Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

Thereafter, the Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**. All persons present, including the news media and Department Heads, were then excused from the meeting. The Town Attorney, Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor and Personnel Technician Barbara Schwenzfeier remained for the Executive Session.

Councilman Lenart introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Woodland.

(RESOLUTION NO. 66 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval to return from Executive Session (9:30PM).

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly *ADOPTED*

Town Attorney Herbert Cully – We've had a lot of concerns from citizens with regards to various construction projects – whether they be fences, garages, houses, etc. For purposes of transparency and to assist the codes offices in rendering determination, that there should be a review process. Where if someone in your district applies for a building permit application, I think the Board and Paul should have an ability to sign off on that building permit application. Just to ensure that all the necessary criteria are being reviewed. It will keep all the council people advised of everything that is going on in their neighborhood and they would be able to protect their constituents. If you would consider a Board Resolution, any building permits issues, from this day on, are subject to a review and signed off by the Council person in whose District that is and Supervisor Miscione.

Supervisor Miscione - Just to add to that, for building permits, this would be for demolition of buildings, new building construction, additions or exterior work that is being done. No interior renovations of any sort.

Councilman Lenart introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Woodland.

(RESOLUTION NO. 67 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval of any building permits issues, from this day on, are subject to a review and signed off by the Council person in whose District that is and Supervisor Miscione.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye

Councilman Messa - Aye
Supervisor Miscione - Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly *ADOPTED*

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, upon motion of Councilman Messa and second by Councilman Lenart, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32PM.

Councilman Messa introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Lenart.

(RESOLUTION NO. 68 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval to get back in session.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart - Aye
Councilman Reynolds - Aye
Councilman Woodland - Aye
Councilman Messa - Aye
Supervisor Miscione - Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly *ADOPTED*

Supervisor Miscione – everyone take a look at the bills to be paid.

Councilman Woodland introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Lenart.

(RESOLUTION NO. 69 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval to pay the bills.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart - Aye
Councilman Reynolds - Aye
Councilman Woodland - Aye
Councilman Messa - Aye
Supervisor Miscione - Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly *ADOPTED*

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, upon motion of Councilman Messa and second by Councilman Lenart, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36PM

(RESOLUTION NO. 70 OF 2021)

RESOLVED that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the approval to adjourn (9:36PM)

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Lenart	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly *ADOPTED*