

**HOWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY
JULY 11, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Howard Town Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Donald Evia. Councilmen present were Lowell Smith, Robert Palmer and Richard Stewart. Also present were Planning Board Chairman Gary Rice, Bill Holevinski, Robin Phenes, Jack Bossard, Gary Bagley, Rhonda Bulkley, John Armstrong, Joanne Rice, Amanda Mayner, Katie Harrell, Eric Hosmer and Fire Chief Rob Patrick.

Supervisor Donald Evia led the pledge to the flag, with a minute of silence for Trooper Clark.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Lowell Smith and seconded by Robert Palmer to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. Carried: Smith, aye; Palmer, aye; Stewart, aye; Evia, aye.

In public comment, Gary Rice and Eric Hosmer both spoke of their interest in the open board seat.

A motion was made by Robert Palmer and seconded by Richard Stewart to accept the resignation of Andrew Dgien as Town Councilman. Carried: Palmer, aye; Stewart, aye; Smith, aye; Evia, aye.

Planning Board Chairman Gary Rice reported that land use revisions are about finished and will be sent to the Town Board for review.

Building Inspector Robert Riekofski's report was reviewed.

Rob Patrick gave the fire department's report.

A motion was made to go into executive session for personnel reasons under Section 105.1(f) by Lowell Smith and seconded by Richard Stewart at 7:18 p.m. Carried: Smith, aye; Stewart, aye; Palmer, aye; Evia, aye.

A motion was made to come out of executive session at 9:03 p.m. by Lowell Smith and seconded by Robert Palmer. Carried: Smith, aye; Palmer, aye; Stewart, aye; Evia, aye.

A motion to appoint Lee Pyer to the position of Highway Superintendent effective July 23, 2018 was made upon motion of Robert Palmer and seconded by Richard Stewart. Carried: Palmer, aye; Stewart, aye; Smith, aye; Evia, aye.

It was decided that the open board seat would be left open to be decided by the voters in the fall elections. The Town Clerk position will be reposted. It was noted that an audit by the New York State Comptroller was starting.

The quotes for the town's insurance were discussed with the Town's policy staying with NYMIR through Sprague insurance. Both the Ryan Agency and Arnold and Benton quotes were higher.

The following bills were presented for audit:

Highway (Abstract #53- #64)	\$ 15,034.71
Town (Abstract #103 - #128)	34,474.61
Street Lighting (Abstract #129)	257.87

A motion was made by Lowell Smith and seconded by Robert Palmer to pay these bills. Carried: Smith, aye; Palmer, aye; Stewart, aye; Evia, aye.

A motion was made by Lowell Smith and seconded by Robert Palmer to adjourn the meeting. Carried: Smith, aye; Palmer, aye; Stewart, aye; Evia, aye. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Donald F. Evia
Town Supervisor

