

York Town Board Meeting  
March 12, 2009

Present: Supervisor Gerald L. Deming, Council Members: Lynn Parnell, Norman Gates and David Deuel

Absent: Frank Roses Jr.

Others: George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt.), Norman Barrett (Senior Water & Sewage Treatment Plant Op.) and Carl Peter (Zoning & Code Officer)

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the minutes of the February 26<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) Water:

Mr. Worden reported due to the excess of rainfall, the crossover pipes had trouble handling all of the additional water. Some flooding occurred on our roadways, but Mr. Worden was able to divert the water away from traffic.

2) Signs:

Mr. Worden stated that he received "caution for pedestrian" road signs for the River Road area. If the weather continues to cooperate next week the signs will be placed in close proximity of the Abbey of the Genesee, and the weight limit signs will be placed on York Road West.

**7:33 p.m.-** Councilman Rose arrived at this time.

3) Albany trip:

Mr. Worden informed the Board of the status of his trip to Albany taken earlier in the week. Mr. Worden stated that the Livingston County Highway Superintendents Association met with our representatives, Senators Cathy Young and Dale Volker and Assemblyman Joe Errigo (Assemblyman Dan Burling was unable to attend) to discuss CHIPS funding and other grant funds available to municipalities. It was conveyed to the group that for at least this year the CHIPS funding has been restored, but other grant money will more than likely be eliminated. Mr. Worden added because of the funding uncertainty he will be attempting to complete the majority of the road repairs early this year before any money can be rescinded.

4) Surplus equipment:

Mr. Worden stated that he and Leicester Highway Superintendent, Russ Page will be visiting a government surplus building located on a Navy support activity base in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Worden stated that they hope to make the trip within a

couple of weeks in order to view what is available to purchase. The procedure is to view the equipment, document the item number and then contact the State by phone or email with a purchase price.

The Board agreed that this visit could be quite beneficial based on the items available and the cost savings involved.

5) AKZO:

Mr. Worden updated the Board on a recent telephone call he received from AKZO requesting that the Town of York host a gathering sponsored by AKZO to demonstrate their brine units to all of the Highway Superintendents throughout Livingston County. The demonstration will cover how to install and use each unit. Mr. Worden added to date, the majority of the towns have not installed their units but we certainly have, and would welcome the opportunity to receive additional units if any particular town is not interested. Mr. Worden asked if the Board had any issues with him hosting the meeting.

The Board agreed if Mr. Worden is willing to host the gathering he is more than welcome to do so.

6) Industrial Appraisal:

Mr. Worden thanked Councilman Deuel for the Industrial Appraisal breakdown sheets. Mr. Worden added once the document had been separated by departments, it was much easier to decipher the information, and asked the Board how detailed they would like the appraisal to be considering the number of tools at the Highway Department. Mr. Worden also addressed how beneficial it would be to video the properties.

After a brief discussion the Board agreed that a video of the town properties (Town Hall, Water & Sewer Department and Highway Department buildings), would be quite beneficial and added that the department heads should try to be as detailed as possible on the appraisal worksheets especially for insurance purposes.

7) Rob Donnan:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board of a conversation he had today with Rob Donnan of Donnan Farms pertaining to the request for alternate farm truck routes. Mr. Donnan expressed his preference on the availability of Craig Road as the main route. Mr. Worden stated he believes Craig Road would be able to handle the burden of the farm traffic, and suggested that a meeting be scheduled with Mr. Donnan and other local farmers in order to map out the proposed route changes.

WATER/SEWER

1) Retsof Road:

Mr. Barrett reported that the Water Department has been working on the new section of water main on Retsof Road. The first chlorine sample of the line took place yesterday, with excellent results. The second sample was taken today and we should have those results by Saturday.

2) Grant money:

Mr. Barrett informed the Board that he has been working on a request made by Supervisor Deming for water main repair documentation on past breaks to our system to

submit to the Livingston County Grantsman. Mr. Barrett stated that grant funding is available but we need to have specific documentation in place outlining our need for funding for upgrade purposes. Mr. Barrett added that Supervisor's Clerk, Mrs. Barefoot has also been sorting through paperwork in the vault to assist in the grant preparation process.

3) Meter readings:

Mr. Barrett stated the Water Department will begin reading the meters next week for the April billing cycle. After the reads have been completed and the verifications made, the bills will be mailed out by the end of the month.

4) Pump stations:

Mr. Barrett stated that we experienced issues at two pump stations this week. The station on Chandler Road and the one on Main Street in Wadsworth in front of Don Cuozzo's residence. The issue was the switch gear bolts, which for some reason continue to become loose, not allowing the station to run properly. Mr. Barrett contacted a representative from Cummins North East about an onsite visit, which they did agree to. The gentleman checked every pump station and made all changes and updates necessary.

### OLD BUSINESS

1) Grant information:

Mr. Deming elaborated a bit further with the Board on the grant funding documents Mr. Barrett spoke about earlier this evening. Mr. Deming stated he spoke with Livingston County Grant Writer, Bernie Thoma about obtaining additional funds for the Town of York, and was asked to produce information on the number of breaks that have occurred in our system over the last 10 years, encompassing the area on Route 63 from the main line in Geneseo to Tuttle Road. Once Mr. Thoma has that vital information, the application will be prepared and submitted to the State.

2) Fire/Ambulance contract:

Supervisor Deming stated even though the Board has not met again to decide on a final offer with the York Fire Department, he was encouraged on a meeting that took place at the County yesterday. Mr. Deming and Mr. Peter agreed that numerous ideas and options were discussed, some that might work, while others may not but overall felt the meeting was quite productive in trying to iron out a solution that would be agreeable to both parties.

3) Farmland Protection:

Councilman Deuel informed the Board that he has continued to meet with the local farmers to discuss farmland protection issues. The last scheduled meeting has been slated for Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Deuel stated that the group is concerned about and opposes the 3 acre minimum lot size wording as well as strip development on Ag parcels. A new concern of the group dealt with in the event of a health related matter, if a family needed to sell some acreage in order to pay any outstanding medical bills, would the zoning allow them to waive the existing regulations or would they be bound by what is in place on the number of lots to be sold.

Councilman Deuel will continue to keep the Board apprised of the upcoming issues.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Fee schedule update:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the revised Inspection Fees for the Town of York. The fees are as follows:

House- Single & Multiple	\$ .20/sq. ft.
Mobile Home/ Manufactured Home (Single, Double and Modular)	\$ .15/sq. ft.
Basement/Foundation * included in above	\$ 15.00
Garage	\$ .15/sq. ft.
Commercial/ Industrial	\$ .15/sq. ft. 1 <sup>st</sup> 2000 sq. ft. \$ .10/sq. ft. thereafter \$ 15.00 minimum
Porches/ Decks	\$ .10/sq. ft. \$ 15.00 min.
Additions	\$ .15/sq. ft. \$ 20.00 min.
Alterations	\$ .10/sq. ft. \$ 15.00 min.
Sheds/Accessory Building	\$ .10/sq. ft. \$ 15.00 min.
Agricultural Building	\$ .05/sq. ft. \$ 15.00 min.
Pools:	
Above Ground	\$ 25.00 & \$ 100.00 deposit
In Ground	\$ 30.00 & \$ 100.00 deposit
	<b>\$ 100.00 deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE after 120 days</b>
Chimney/Stove	\$ 15.00
Special or Conditional Use Permit (including hearing)	\$ 150.00
Sign Permits	
Home Occupation	\$ 25.00
Commercial Attached	\$ 50.00
Commercial Free Standing	\$ 100.00
Renewal Permits	\$ 15.00

Minimum for any application \$ 15.00  
Variance Application \$ 150.00

**FINE FOR WORK STARTED WITHOUT A PERMIT 150.00**

Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

2) School Resource Officer:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board at the Town of Leicester regular Board Meeting Monday evening they unanimously agreed not to fund the School Resource Officer (SRO) for next year. Mr. Deming stated at our previous meeting we briefly discussed this issue as well and also expressed it to York Central School Superintendent, Tom Manko that the Town of York may also follow suit. Mr. Deming stated he asked Assessor, Anne Sapienza about the actual number of homes “out of the district” that pay a portion on their county & town taxes when we fund our share of the SRO. Mrs. Sapienza reported that roughly 107 parcels are in the Avon district and 7 parcels in Pavilion that do not get the benefit of the Resource Officer because their children attend a different school. Supervisor Deming stated he feels the Resource Officer has been a benefit but his salary should be paid through the school budget not the town budget. Mr. Deming added because he believes we should not fund the SRO, it in no way reflects on the job Officer Chichester has done, simply it should be budgeted accordingly.

Councilmen Deuel and Gates and Council Member Parnell all agree that if the program is to continue it should be in the school budget not ours. Councilman Rose added because the school has all of the authority for the SRO, payment for his services should come from the school alone.

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Deuel authorizing Supervisor Deming permission to notify York Central School, Livingston County Board of Supervisors and the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department informing them that the Town of York will not be funding the School Resource Officer next year. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Supervisor Gerald L. Deming	Aye
Council Member Lynn Parnell	Aye
Councilman Norman Gates	Aye
Councilman David Deuel	Aye
Councilman Frank Rose Jr.	Aye

3) Farm of the Year Award:

Supervisor Deming notified the Board that Lawnel Farms will be honored on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Farmer/Neighbor dinner at the Genesee River Hotel as Livingston County’s Farm

of the Year. The Livingston County News prepared an outstanding article on the Smith family two weeks ago about the award and the upcoming event. The dinner starts at 7:00p.m.

BILLS

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve all claims brought before the Board. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Sewer Districts	# 42-51	\$ 5,900.15
Consolidated Water	# 57-71	\$ 2,805.41
General Fund Claim	# 89-101	\$ 4,990.90
Street Lights	# 3	\$ 1,667.49
Highway Fund Claim	# 36-47	\$ 9,093.97

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until March 26<sup>th</sup>. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk