

York Town Board Meeting
March 26, 2009

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

Absent: None

Others: Norman Barrett (Senior Water & Sewage Treatment Plant Operator), George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt.), Linda and Michael Schultheis, Ronald Cicoria (Town Attorney), Jody and Caleb Nellis

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

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the minutes of the March 12th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) Updates:

Mr. Worden reported that the "caution for pedestrian" signs have been placed on River Road along with the weight limit signs on York Road West.

Mr. Worden also stated that the Highway crew has had the opportunity to complete some ditch work, sluice pipe cleaning and shoulder clean up throughout our mild weather days.

2) Brush cleanup:

Mr. Worden asked the Board if they have any plans to repeat the townwide brush and leaf cleanup. The Board stated that the community was quite pleased with our clean up schedule and asked if Mr. Worden and the men would be able to make time at the end of April, allowing the ground to dry out in order for the residents to proceed with the clean up process. Mr. Worden replied if the office staff prepares the notice once again, the end of April will work perfectly.

3) Backhoe update:

Mr. Worden reported that he spoke with the CAT salesman recently about the offer of a two year lease program. The company would be willing to allow a partial payment (installment) in the first year and the remainder in the second year for budgetary purposes.

The Board agreed that their offer is very generous, but decided to hold off on a purchase at this time.

4) Welcome signs:

Mr. Worden informed the Board that the Highway Department has completed repairs to the “Welcome to the Town of York” signs. The sign on Route 63 (Genesee Street) was recently replaced, Route 36 (Main Street) near Ellicott Road was “touched up” and the Greigsville Hill sign is in dire need of post replacement (which will be taken care of). The sign on Route 36 in Wadsworth was taken down today in order to be worked on.

5) Industrial Appraisal:

Mr. Worden reported that he is working on the Highway inventory list for Industrial Appraisal, and added that the Highway men recently cleaned the entire shop area, making inventory of all tools much easier to locate.

6) Road material:

Mr. Worden presented to the Town Board this evening a sample of the material being used in other towns for road surfaces. The material consists of liquid salt brine, crusher run stone and tree particles, and roughly runs about \$ 17.00 per cubic yard as opposed to the existing road material at \$ 70.00 per cubic yard. Mr. Worden stated once this material has been truly tested and if the findings positive, the cost savings to the town for road maintenance could be immense.

7) Road changes:

Councilman Deuel asked Mr. Worden about the possibility of trading Town roads for County roads. Mr. Worden stated if the County was willing to follow through with the request, he would like to exchange Craig Road and River Road for MacIntyre Road and Stewart Road, but stated he is not sure if such a “trade” is possible.

WATER/SEWER

1) Retsof Road:

Mr. Barrett reported that the second chlorine sample on Retsof Road had positive results, as he anticipated. The Water Department will tie-in the existing services to the new line very shortly, but was able to install a new water service to Ed Mycek’s property this week. Mr. Mycek is building a new home at the end of Retsof Road, near the Town of Leicester line.

2) Restoration:

Mr. Barrett stated his crew will be completing some restoration to roughly 6 areas throughout the town that experienced water breaks and/or issues over the past few months that we were unable to properly restore until the ground settled. Mr. Barrett added that the customers have been extremely understanding, and wanted to make this process a priority.

3) Cuzzo line:

Mr. Barrett stated that the Joe Cuzzo water service at the end of Retsof Road will remain a Town of York service even after the Town of Leicester line has been approved

and in use. The Cuozzo property is a heavy water consumption user, which helps our flow in that area.

4) Backhoe lease:

Mr. Barrett stated that Mr. Worden briefly discussed with the Board this evening a lease option pertaining to a new backhoe. After the Board chose to hold off on purchasing a new one at this time, Mr. Barrett suggests that the Town prepare a written lease agreement with Ralph Flynn, which ultimately covers both parties for insurance purposes.

The Board agreed if we are going to continue to lease Mr. Flynn's backhoe, a formal lease agreement will be drawn up by Town Attorney, Mr. Cicoria.

5) Dave Rowley:

Mr. Barrett informed the Board of a training seminar he attended today. While at the class he had an opportunity to speak with one of the presenters, Dave Rowley about what regulations would be needed to finalize the agreement with the Town of Leicester. Mr. Rowley was very helpful and then asked if Mr. Barrett would be willing to host approximately 14 people (future inspectors for New York State) at the treatment plant in order to educate them on plant maintenance and water infrastructure. Mr. Barrett stated that he did not foresee any issues with Mr. Rowley's request and expects the group the second week of April.

6) Sam Swearingen:

Mr. Barrett stated that the issue of Sam Swearingen's water meter has been taken care of. The Town of York will have the master meter at the town line and will be sending Leicester the bill for their entire consumption, including Mr. Swearingen's property.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Valley Fest:

Supervisor Deming discussed with the Board the need to keep expenses for the Valley Fest separate from Town expenses. Committees have been sending out mailings to the community and to vendors, and any postage used must be reimbursed to the town from the Valley Fest fund.

The Board agreed for copies being prepared as well as postage used, the Valley Fest account will reimburse the Town.

2) Workshop:

Councilman Deuel spoke with the Board about a farmer-neighbor meeting he attended recently in Geneva. Mr. Deuel stated that the session was very informative and discussed the possibility of scheduling a workshop locally for our area farmers. The main topic touched upon the good relations between the farmers and their communities.

Mr. Deuel also informed the Board that Rob Donnan asked to get together with the Board to give a tour of their facility and to further discuss farm related issues in more detail.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Paul Griffen request:

Supervisor Deming reported that he received a telephone call this week from Leicester resident and Sportsman’s Club member, Paul Griffen regarding the request to support a bill to hunt with rifles south of Route 20A. Mr. Deming stated Mr. Griffen and others met with the Livingston County Board of Supervisors to seek their support , but the majority of the Board opposed such request, as well as the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department. Mr. Deming stated hunters currently must carry two guns, one for bear and one for deer, and with approval of this bill, a rifle would be the sole firearm needed.

After a brief discussion the Board agreed that they do not feel comfortable supporting this request and asked Mr. Deming to send a letter to Mr. Griffen expressing the Town Board’s opposition.

2) Cell phone coverage:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell authorizing employees, Robert Grant (Water & Sewer Department) and Frank Burger (Highway Department) increased cell phone coverage, allowing them to receive messages from the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department for fire and ambulance calls. The additional monthly fee will be incurred by the Town of York. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

3) Disability Insurance addition:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates verifying the following positions to be listed on the Town of York’s Disability Insurance coverage:

- Court Clerk
- Highway Superintendent
- Town Clerk
- Senior Water & Sewage Treatment Plant Operator

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

4) State Resolution:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel that the Town Board of the Town of York, Livingston County, New York opposes changing the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Superintendent of Highways positions from elected to appointed. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

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

BILLS

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

Sewer Districts	# 52-60	\$ 7,540.62
Consolidated Water	# 72-77	\$ 2,930.53
General Fund Claim	# 102-120	\$ 10,288.81
Youth Fund Claim	# 2	\$ 1,200.86
Highway Fund Claim	# 48-51	\$ 556.20

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until April 9th. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk