

York Town Board Meeting
April 9, 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), Vince Burroughs, George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt.)

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

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the minutes of the March 26th Town Board Meeting and April 6th Special Town Board Meeting. Voted on and Approved, Yes-5, No-0.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

1) Vince Burroughs:

Mr. Burroughs came to discuss with the Town Board a Fire Department matter. Mr. Burroughs stated he recently asked the Fire Department to attend a class in Montour Falls, only to be refused, stating until an approved physical is in place he will not be allowed to attend any sessions, but two members are able to attend. Mr. Burroughs stated for years the Fire Department had allowed him to use his work physical for this requirement and after his retirement the last physical received was from his primary doctor in June of 2004, approving him "fit". Mr. Burroughs stated he was contacted by the Fire Department last month to come to the fire hall to further discuss his request to attend the training session in Montour Falls. The Department explained due to the fact that a current physical had not been in place for Mr. Burroughs and he had signed up for the class without first obtaining permission, they were not going to approve payment for the class.

Mr. Burroughs informed the Town Board that he has a physical scheduled for this Monday (13th) and asked why his primary doctor's approval is no longer valid.

Mr. Worden stated as a member of the Fire Department, the physicals performed at the Fire Hall each year is a different type of physical from what is conducted at your doctor's office. The Fire Department requirement states that a physical must be performed by Work Place Health, only if the individual fails such exam a slip from the primary doctor is accepted, and added two current members are experiencing the same situation without any issue.

Councilman Gates stated in regards to the training session in Montour Falls, Ben Mayes and Dustin Geiger asked in advance to attend such class and offered to share the knowledge and

the training they obtain with the remaining members once they return.

Mr. Burroughs asked the Town Board what to do regarding the physical, should he keep his appointment, or cancel. Supervisor Deming responded that the issue he brought before the Town Board this evening is a Fire Department issue, not a Town matter, and the Town Board is not in a position to tell the Fire Department how to handle this matter.

HIGHWAY

1) Industrial Appraisal:

Mr. Worden informed the Town Board that the highway inventory list for Industrial Appraisal has been completed, and turned the document over to Councilman Deuel.

2) County Work:

Mr. Worden reported that the highway department worked four days this week for the County on Perry Road in Leicester.

3) Greenway Trail:

Mr. Worden reported that a request was made to replace the “no parking signs” on Fowlerville Road at the entrance to the Greenway trail. Mr. Worden suggested that the Town Board consider enacting a No Parking Ordinance in order to fully enforce the law. Without such ordinance it is very difficult to ask law enforcement to make citations without proper documentation.

4) Material:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel allowing Highway Supt., Mr. Worden permission to pre-pay Elam Materials Inc., for black top material, amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

* Mr. Worden asked to pre-pay before the price of material was increased.

5) Stimulus Money:

Mr. Worden reported that there is stimulus money available to municipalities for upgrading their existing trucks for emission purposes. Mr. Worden stated in order to receive the \$25,000.00 funding, the Town would be required to remove the engine from the truck, ultimately scrapping the vehicle before any money would be sent.

Supervisor Deming stated that the town budget currently reflects \$60-70,000 for a new truck for the Highway Department, and asked Mr. Worden to review the stimulus regulations once again to see if we can obtain any further funding.

WATER/SEWER

1) Omni System:

Mr. Barrett reported that the Omni System has been installed on the pump station unit at the York Central School bus garage. Mr. Barrett stated that he was able to retrieve a great deal of

information from their website which was quite helpful to us, in addition to the numerous reports available as well. Mr. Barrett expressed the need to continue adding more Omni units to our existing stations over the next few years in order to obtain the much needed documentation on each, as well as knowing that the units are working properly. As discussed previously, the costs involved are expensive, but the units certainly pay for themselves, gives us peace of mind and the insurance company will be grateful for minimal claims.

2) Dump Trailer:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose authorizing Water and Sewage Treatment Plant Operator, Mr. Barrett permission to purchase a 12 foot dump trailer from Davis' Trailer World in the amount of \$8,015.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

* Mr. Barrett had obtained Town Board approval for a 10 foot trailer at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00 but decided for an additional \$15.00 a larger trailer would be more beneficial.

3) Backhoe lease:

Mr. Barrett reported that he has yet to speak with Ralph Flynn about a lease agreement pertaining to use of his backhoe, but will be getting together with him within the next few weeks.

The Board agreed to authorize Mr. Barrett to prepare a six month lease agreement with an automatic six month renewal.

4) Retsof Sewer:

Supervisor Deming stated that he and Mr. Barrett spoke earlier today about upcoming water and Sewer projects. Mr. Deming expressed to Mr. Barrett his desire to work with Clark Patterson Lee once again for engineering services. Mr. Deming added Clark Patterson has engineered many projects for the Town of York over the last ten (10) years, and he fully trusts them to continue to assist us with our needs.

Mr. Barrett stated he is more than willing to work with Clark Patterson or any other firm the Board wishes.

OLD BUSINESS

1) York Fire Department:

Supervisor Deming stated that the York Fire Department has requested a meeting with the Board prior to our next regularly scheduled meeting on April 23rd to further discuss contract issues.

Mr. Worden asked the Board to contact Livingston County Health Department Director, Joan Ellison to be present at the meeting as well, in order to encourage all agencies to meet and iron-out details as a unit, so that additional meetings won't be needed.

The Board discussed and agreed to tentatively schedule the meeting for Wednesday, April 15th at 7 p.m., with the back up date of Thursday the 16th.

Mr. Worden asked Supervisor Deming to notify him immediately if a change has to be made.

2) Farmland Preservation:

Councilman Deuel reported that the Farmland Preservation Committee met once again last night at the Town Hall. Mr. Deuel stated to date roughly 70 land owners have been contacted to attend the work session meetings over the past three months, with approximately 30-35 members in attendance.

The Committee has discussed numerous items, the following are the main topics of interest:

- 1) – Right to Farm Law (protection against nuisance lawsuits)
- 2) – A member of the Ag Board should be included to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.
- 3) – Ag Enterprise Committee started to help promote agriculture
- 4) – Regarding developmental rights (once funds are in place, would like to set up a program)
- 5) – Splitting Ag Zoning-outlining the prime Ag lands (sliding scale density zoning)

Mr. Deuel stated that the next meeting has been slated for Wednesday, July 8th.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Road Marking:

Supervisor Deming reported that Mrs. Barefoot received a telephone call from Retsof resident Geraldine Giglio regarding the intersection of Genesee Street (Rt. 63) and Chandler Road. Mrs. Giglio stated that it is extremely difficult at night to make the turn onto or off Chandler Road due to the lack of lighting, and requests that the Town Board consider placing a marking of some format.

The Board and Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden agreed that marking(s) would be very helpful and suggested either more reflective road signs or solar lights as possibilities. After a brief discussion the Board stated before any purchases are made, it would be appropriate to refer this request to the Livingston County Traffic Safety Board for review and recommendation, before rendering a decision.

2) Valley Fest:

Supervisor Deming brought to the Board's attention a matter for clarification. Questions have come about in the community on who is actually spear-heading and sponsoring the Valley Fest. Mr. Deming stated due to the fact that this is the 1st Annual Valley Fest, the Town of York initiated the Sponsorship role, but it is not a municipal event, it is a community event, with numerous volunteers. The Town initially assisted the event by donating \$500.00 as seed money, but has not given any further funds because our local businesses and organizations have been quite generous in donating as well. A question arose regarding insurance for the Valley Fest,

which Mr. Deming reminded the Board that the Town's insurance policy will be covering for the 1 day event, as sponsor.

3) United for Kids Proposal:

Supervisor Deming read a letter he received from the "United for Kids" Committee. It was brought to the committees' attention through conversations with local teachers, that kids in our school district and surrounding districts are going hungry on the weekends. The committee responded to this need by developing a new program called "Snackpacks for Kids". United Way Sponsors this project and the "United for Kids" committee coordinates the activities. Backpacks are provided each Friday of the school year and are given to one child in each participating family, after being filled with enough food for all of the children in the household for the weekend. Currently, the Committee is piloting this program at YCS, and other schools throughout the County will be on board in the near future. The letter has been sent to ask the Town Board if we will join in the effort by providing a space at the Town Hall where a basket or box can be placed for people to donate items, grocery gift cards or a monetary donation.

After a brief discussion the Board stated that this program will be very worthwhile and agreed to allow a box or basket to be placed at the Town Hall to benefit the "United for Kids" program.

OTHER

1) Wadsworth Grill:

Councilman Rose asked Mr. Barrett, with new construction underway at the Wadsworth Grill, will there be enough water supply for the new sprinkler system.

Mr. Barrett replied that the Grill will indeed have an abundance of water, which will not be an issue. The one thing we will need to watch with our lines is when the Grill is ready to test their plumbing for the first time, our line might experience a surge in the system perhaps creating a water break if they are not careful with the pressures.

2) Website:

Councilman Deuel asked if it is possible to allow the residents to go online to our website to schedule a session with the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals.

Supervisor Deming responded that the website would be helpful in informing the residents who has been appointed to the Boards, but as for scheduling appointments, they should speak with the secretary directly in order to monitor the topic of discussion as well as the number of people attending on a given date.

BILLS

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

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| Sewer Districts | #61-71 | \$5,272.50 |
| Consolidated Water | #78-91 | \$2,669.43 |
| General Fund Claim | #121-140 | \$8,382.00 |
| Highway Fund Claim | #52-60 | \$5,582.19 |
| Street Lights | #4 | \$1,467.33 |

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to adjourn the Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris
York Town Clerk