

York Town Board Meeting
May 28, 2009

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

Absent: None

Others: Norman Barrett (Senior Water & Sewage Treatment Plant Operator) and George Worden Jr. (Highway Superintendent)

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 May 14th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) Mowing:

Mr. Worden reported that the Highway Department has been busy mowing cemeteries in addition to the roadside mowing. The lawn mowers did require some new parts, which we have changed, but otherwise seem to be holding up well.

2) YCS signs:

Mr. Worden stated he received a call recently from Dennis Barefoot, Livingston County Deputy Highway Superintendent informing him that the signs prepared by the County employees were ready to be picked up. After a brief discussion Mr. Barefoot then offered to drop off the signs directly. The signs were constructed as a way to make the public aware of academic and athletic achievements of the students at York Central School.

3) Flags:

Mr. Worden reported that the Highway Department placed the flags once again on Main Street, in order to be ready for the Memorial Day remembrance.

4) School:

Mr. Worden reminded the Board of his Highway Superintendent training session next week in Ithaca. Mr. Worden will be out of town from Sunday, May 30th-Wednesday, June 3rd.

** Supervisor Deming informed Mr. Barrett and Mr. Worden he will be scheduling a meeting within the month with both department heads to review the current budget status and their future needs.

WATER/SEWER

1) Wayland Lab:

Mr. Barrett reported due to the fact that Wayland Laboratories is now out of business, we are now sending our samples to Life Science Labs, which is also located in Wayland. Mr. Barrett stated the Town of York, along with several other towns have had numerous incorrect reads with Wayland Labs and because of their inefficiency have completely closed their doors. We are fortunate that Life Science is able to take us on as a client because the next closest lab is located in Canandaigua.

2) DEC:

Mr. Barrett informed the Board that he recently spoke with Erin Shirkey of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation about a meeting she will be attending in Albany regarding compliance measures for treatment facilities. Mr. Barrett assured Ms. Shirkey that we have continued to work toward finding a solution of our recirculation flow meter issues, but asked her to keep us informed of any information she may obtain that could be helpful.

3) Dollar General:

Mr. Barrett informed the Board that Dollar General's tap applications must be approved this evening, but the actual work has already been completed. The sewer tap was installed yesterday and the water tap today.

4) Treatment plant:

Mr. Barrett stated he has been busy screening topsoil at the sewer plant this week and added numerous residents have stopped to inquire if they may purchase some, which Mr. Barrett replied unfortunately they could not. Mr. Barrett stated he is pleased with the material processed and has purchased a tarp to cover it.

Mr. Barrett informed the Board that he will be visiting John Anderson tomorrow to purchase some flowers to plant at the treatment facility.

5) Equipment:

Mr. Barrett informed the Board that the trailer we purchased from Davis' Trailer World has been picked up and already in use. Mr. Barrett stated the trailer is well built and can hold up to 6 ton of material at any given time.

6) Grant funding:

Supervisor Deming reported all information pertaining to the GPIP, Green Innovation Grant Program has been completed by the Town, including certifications, and will be delivered to Clark Patterson tomorrow in order for submittal.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Dollar General:

a- Sewer tap:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the sewer tap application submitted by Chittenango DG LLC for property located at 3707 Retsof Road, in the amount of \$ 1,500.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

b- Water tap:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to approve the water tap application submitted by Chittenango DG LLC for property located at 3707 Retsof Road, in the amount of \$ 1,500.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

2) Youth program:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board of an email he received from York/Leicester Youth Director, Pete Robinson regarding a request of the Youth program from parents within the district. The request was made by Kim & Rick Albanese asking to allow a one on one aid for their child on the York Central School premises, and also if the program would be willing to fund such an aid.

After some discussion the Board stated due to the budget currently in place, programs have been scheduled with funds already spoken for. The Board expressed their support of an aid, but believe the family should incur that expense, not the Youth program because of their limited funds.

Supervisor Deming stated he will have Mrs. Barefoot email Mr. Robinson in the morning informing him of the Town Board's decision this evening not to fund the one on one aid request.

3) Water rates:

Supervisor Deming stated he received a letter from the Village of Geneseo informing us that they will be raising the water rates effective August 1st of this year by \$.15 more per cubic foot. The Board agreed we will need to reflect the increase in the July billing cycle.

OTHER

1) Parking lot:

Councilman Gates asked the Board if they were aware of the number of skateboarders using the parking lot and wondered if we should address it. Supervisor Deming stated he was aware of the kids using the lot but noted we really have no way to police their activities, nor do we actually own the lot itself in order to set rules. Due to the fact that the York UP Church owns the parking lot and they have not expressed any opposition or concerns regarding the matter we cannot take action.

BILLS

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

Sewer Districts	# 88-93	\$ 5,138.91
Consolidated Water	# 118-128	\$ 4,386.00
General Fund Claim	# 180-192	\$ 9,180.08

Youth Fund Claim	# 8	\$ 100.00
Street Lights	# 6	\$ 1,223.29
Highway Fund Claim	# 78-84	\$ 876.29

2) Assessor requests:

a- Farm land resolution:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mr. Gates to approve the following:

WHEREAS, the Town of York, County of Livingston and State of New York, recognizes the importance of agricultural lands to the economic health of the community and that New York State law allows for many benefits for the agricultural sector; and

WHEREAS, the property owners of the Town of York through the real property tax make up the difference for the benefits received by the agricultural sector; and

WHEREAS, within the Town of York there are parcels of land benefiting from the agricultural assessment program with the clear understanding that conversion by a land owner of said land to a non-agricultural use will result in a financial payment, and

WHEREAS, the Town of York supports New York State Agriculture and Market Law 305 Part 1, Section D vi stating “The assessing unit, by majority vote of the governing body, may impose a minimum payment amount, not to exceed one hundred dollars”,

NOW, therefore, it is hereby agreed, by the Town of York that said minimum payment of one hundred dollars shall be imposed by a majority vote of the governing body of the Town of York.

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

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

b- Office hours:

Mrs. Sapienza spoke to the Board about the possibility of time off from her scheduled Monday mornings at the Town Hall. Mrs. Sapienza stated because of the enormous amount of time spent in the Towns of York and Leicester over the past three years, including the most recent re-evaluation conducted, her other towns have been slighted. Mrs. Sapienza stated the reval has been completed and Grievance night will take place next week. After Tuesday evening the workload in the Town of York will diminish

greatly and asks the Board for permission to take off for the months of June, July and August to allow her to spend Mondays in her other towns. Mrs. Sapienza stated she feels that Mondays would give them the time they lost while she worked on Town of York material. Mrs. Sapienza assured the Board any appointments requested by the residents could still be scheduled for her Tuesday time frame, but would be willing to appear on a Monday morning if needed.

Supervisor Deming stated due to the extra time Mrs. Sapienza has put in over the last three years, he does not have an issue with her request.

Council Member Parnell commented that the extra hours are part of the job and stated because of the workload a ½ day was added for her.

Councilman Gates stated as long as the work is able to be completed he does not see a problem with her time off.

Councilman Deuel agreed as long as the work continues to get done, he also does not have an issue with Mrs. Sapienza's time off.

Councilman Rose stated as long as the office is quiet and because of the time taken from the other towns, he believes this is a give and take system and now need to allow Mrs. Sapienza the time to assist her other towns.

The Board agreed to grant Mrs. Sapienza her request for Mondays off until the first week of September.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until June 11th. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk