

York Town Board Meeting
July 9, 2009

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

Absent: None

Others: Steve Gates (Town Historian), Norman Barrett (Senior Water and Sewage Tr. Pl. Op.), Dustin Geiger, Vince Burroughs and George Worden Jr. (Highway Superintendent)

Supervisor Deming opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the minutes of the June 25th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

PRIVLEDGES OF THE FLOOR

1) Vince Burroughs:

Mr. Burroughs came before the Board this evening to ask why a contract is not in place with the fire department. Supervisor Deming informed Mr. Burroughs that the Town Board is still negotiating with the Fire Department for ambulance and fire services and until issues have been resolved, the Board will not discuss the contract publicly.

2) Steve Gates:

Mr. Gates informed the Board of his plans for a project in September of this year. Mr. Gates stated that a "Tour of the Town of York cemeteries" is in the making and wanted the Board to be aware of it. Mr. Gates stated he has been preparing some basic written documentation for each of the 35 early settlers, ultimately in plaque format for all visitors that day to enjoy. Mr. Gates added he hopes to secure the Town Hall once again on September 26th (first choice) or second choice on August 22nd, for a dinner then continue with a show and tell of the days' activities.

Mr. Gates also addressed an issue in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Mr. Gates stated Wells Fowlers' (founder of Fowlerville) grave stone has tipped over and in pieces laying flat on the ground, and asked the Board if it's possible to get it fixed and erected once again. Mr. Deming stated we have been fortunate over the last few years to find a company that does great cemetery restoration work, Snyder Brothers, and asked Council Member Parnell to contact them to begin the repairs.

Mr. Gates asked the Board if it is possible to purchase a projector on state bid. With the number of upcoming future presentations, Mr. Gates stated he would love to have one that belongs to the Town and not have to borrow each time from York Central School. Mr. Gates expressed that Mike Barrett (Technology teacher) has been very gracious in allowing him to take the equipment when asked, but the constant scheduling and transporting is time consuming. The Board agreed that this purchase is necessary in order to continue with the wonderful historic presentations.

Mr. Gates also asked the Board about the possibility of having some benches available on site at each of the cemeteries the day of the tour. Mr. Deming replied once a date has been confirmed please keep the Board posted and we will do our best to assist.

3) Carl Peter:

Mr. Peter stated he wanted to speak with the Board about the need to schedule a date for further discussions on the fire and ambulance contracts. Supervisor Deming replied, due to the fact that Mr. Pinsky will be coming the greatest distance, ask him what dates he is available and then get back to Mr. Deming. Mr. Deming stated if the Fire Department would prefer to meet two on two, the Board would be agreeable to that as well, with Supervisor Deming and Councilman Deuel representing the Board.

HIGHWAY

1) County Work:

Mr. Worden informed the Board that the flail mower is working once again, but due to the fact that the department has been working continuously for the County, mowing has been put a bit on the back burner. Mr. Worden added that our Highway Department will be working this up coming week as well with the County.

WATER/SEWER

1) Retsof Road:

Mr. Barrett reported that the Water Department still needs to tie-in a few water services on Retsof Road. Within the next two weeks the remaining 5 services will be connected.

2) Chlorine:

Mr. Barrett stated that the chlorination station on Route 36 has been shut off since the first of the year, until recently. Chlorine residual was getting low in the Federal, Cowan and Batzing Road areas. Mr. Barrett stated within the next two weeks we should be able to verify if the additional boost of chlorine is working its way to where it should be.

3) Tank Inspections:

Mr. Barrett reported that he has yet to receive the report of findings and recommendations from "Utility Services" for the two tank inspections. Once the report has been received and reviewed, he will then prioritize what is needed in order to discuss with the Town Board.

4) Public Works Meeting:

Supervisor Deming stated the importance of scheduling a Public Works Committee meeting (Mr. Deming and Councilman Rose) with Mr. Barrett pertaining to the issue of manpower needed in the upcoming months. Mr. Deming stated Roger McCracken and Jim Hodges will each be off due to surgery and asked Mr. Barrett how he wants to proceed. Mr. Barrett stated that Mr. McCracken will have his surgery first and once he returns, Mr. Hodges will then have his, hopefully they will offset one another, so we are uncertain at this time if a third person will be needed.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Industrial Appraisal:

Councilman Deuel reported he received a letter from Industrial Appraisal asking if the Town is comfortable with the information provided in order to complete the appraisal.

Mr. Barrett stated he would contact their office in the morning to verify the final bits of information needed to complete the process.

2) SRO Meeting:

Supervisor Deming stated he spoke with Dave DeLoria, the Interim Superintendent at York Central School recently about scheduling a meeting to discuss the School Resource Officer situation. A meeting has been slated for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20th at York Central before the regularly scheduled School Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Sally Helf complaint:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board he has received numerous calls from Main Street resident, Sally Helf pertaining to the semi truck that continues to park in front of her property. The truck belongs to the gentleman living in the residence below her, and asked the Board to have him move it. Mr. Deming stated that the truck actually parks in front of the Town pump station which is in the State road right of way as well, and asked Mr. Barrett if at any time the truck has created any issues getting to and from the pump station. Mr. Barrett replied, to date no issues have occurred but the right of way matter should be addressed. The Board briefly discussed the need to resolve the parking issue and directed Supervisor Deming to prepare a letter to the property owner (Dawn Murphy) informing her that the vehicle must find a new location whether it be in their driveway or a new site all together.

2) Water adjustment request:

a- Karen & Edwin Canning:

Supervisor Deming read aloud a letter submitted by the Cannings on River Road in Piffard regarding a water adjustment request. Mr. & Mrs. Canning explained that the last three readings have indicated very large consumptions due to a break in their water line, which they were unaware of until April-2009. In December of 2008 for the January-2009 bill, Water Billing Clerk, Mrs. Messana contacted the Cannings to inform them of an increase in consumption (55,000 gallons), which they attributed to power washer usage. Mrs. Messana contacted them once again in March, for the April billing cycle to state the consumption was higher yet (78,000 gallons), suggesting perhaps leaking toilets. In April after much searching of their property, the Cannings became aware that their water meter is located on Route 63, extending across a field to their backyard. The Cannings contacted Vitale Brothers Contracting to locate the line and the water issue and have since repaired it and also verified with the Water Department on April 28th. The Cannings are requesting that the Board consider an adjustment not only for the current bill (July-2009; 119,000 gallons) but the previous two cycles as well based upon their usage history from the time they moved in, January-2007 to September-2008.

After a great deal of discussion the Board agreed they are sympathetic to the Cannings for what they have been through, but the Town has a policy in place and will grant the adjustment under the normal policy.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose granting the Water Adjustment request submitted by Karen and Edwin Canning for the July-2009 billing cycle, as per Town policy. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

** Adjustment savings for the July bill: \$ 93.29

3) TRANSFERS:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve the following transfers:

GENERAL FUND- TOWNWIDE

Transfer From:

	Unanticipated Revenue	
A1090	Interest & Penalties on Property	\$ 378.00
A1170	Franchise Fees	\$ 4,500.00
A2770	Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 790.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$ 5,668.00

Transfer To:

A1620.2	Buildings Equipment	\$ 1,222.00
A1950.4	Taxes & Assessment on Prop.	\$ 963.00
A5010.1A	Highway Supt. Med. Reimb.	\$ 563.00
A7510.4	Historian Contractual	\$ 800.00
A8010.2	Zoning Equipment	\$ 918.00
A9050.8	Unemployment Insurance	<u>\$ 1,202.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$ 5,668.00

CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT

Transfer From:

SW8320.4	Source of Supply Contractual	<u>\$ 570.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$ 570.00

Transfer To:

SW1950.4	Taxes & Assessment on Prop.	\$ 70.00
SW1990.4	Contingency	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$ 570.00

SEWER DISTRICT #2

<u>Transfer From:</u>	Unanticipated Revenue	
SS2-UB	Unexpended Balance	\$ 7,500.00
		TOTAL: \$ 7,500.00

<u>Transfer To:</u>		
SS2-8120.4	Sewage Coll. System Contr.	\$ 7,500.00
		TOTAL: \$ 7,500.00

JOINT YOUTH PROGRAM

<u>Transfer From:</u>	Unanticipated Revenue	
J2770	Miscellaneous	\$ 10.00
		TOTAL: \$ 10.00

<u>Transfer To:</u>		
J1990.4	Contingency	\$ 10.00
		TOTAL: \$ 10.00

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

4) Caledonia Trail Blazers Inc.:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose authorizing Supervisor Deming permission to renew the Land Use Agreement with the Caledonia Trail Blazers Inc. Snowmobile Club for the 2009-2010 season. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

OTHER

1) Community Award:

Town Clerk, Mrs. Harris informed the Board of a plaque she recently ordered on behalf of the Town of York. Mrs. Harris stated she thought it would be appropriate to recognize and honor town resident, Bruce MacIntyre for his 61 years of fire and ambulance service to the Town of York residents, which Supervisor Deming agreed with.

The Board viewed the plaque and asked Mrs. Harris to contact Mr. MacIntyre to attend the next Town Board Meeting on July 23rd in order to present it to him.

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	# 108-116	\$ 4,169.88
Consolidated Water	# 154-163	\$ 4,500.06
General Fund Claim	# 220-240	\$ 9,534.22
Street Lights	# 7	\$ 1,300.82
Youth Fund Claim	# 13-14	\$ 1,554.32
Highway Fund Claim	# 98-109	\$ 78,190.55

8:16 P.M.

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to enter into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters, to include Town Board and Town Clerk. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

9:20 P.M.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mr. Gates to end Executive Session. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Supervisor Deming reported no action was taken in Executive Session.

OTHER

1) Lease Agreement:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board that the 20 year land lease agreement he has with the Town of York for the vacant land strip or property he maintains is ready to expire and asked the Board permission to renew the agreement.

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates allowing Jerry Deming permission to continue with an additional 20 year land lease agreement with the Town of York at a cost of \$1.00 per year. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0, Abstain-1, Gerald Deming.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until July 23rd. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk

