# York Town Board Meeting September 10, 2009

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

Absent: None

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

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 August 27<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

### **HIGHWAY**

### 1) Maintenance:

Mr. Worden reported that the Highway Department continues to complete routine maintenance throughout the township. River Road area was patched courtesy of Valley Sand & Gravel and Suit Kote, and Retsof Road had ditch pipe installed. Mr. Worden stated that the Highway Department put drainage tile in on Wallace Road, but wedging in that area still needs to be completed.

Mr. Worden informed the Board that the men will be mowing all town cemeteries next week, in order to be ready for the upcoming tour on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September.

#### WATER/SEWER

#### 1) Retsof Road:

Mr. Barrett reported all major restoration of Retsof Road has been completed, with a few minor items still remaining. One delay has been the information needed by homeowner, John McManus pertaining to the color of his concrete driveway, in order to match for restoration. Once he contacts the office, his issue will be resolved as well.

#### 2) Water results:

Mr. Barrett addressed once again the water sample results on McVean Road. The results for this quarter reflected that the THM's were over the New York State standards. Mr. Barrett stated if we were able to average the reads it might be a different situation, but unfortunately we can not. Until we are able to determine why the reads continue to be high, we will be over the state standards and be required to publish notification of it each quarter.

Mr. Barrett informed the Board that he has a meeting tomorrow with Jim Mazurowski of the Livingston County Department of Health to further discuss the McVean Road violation issues.

### 3) Personnel:

Mr. Barrett reminded the Board of the upcoming surgeries for two of his men. Mr. McCracken will be first to have time off, which is quickly approaching, with Mr. Hodges then to follow. Mr. Barrett stated even though the men have scheduled their time off, the game plan is to have at least two people here at all times, and between vacation available and weekend shifts to cover, we may need additional help at the plant.

Supervisor Deming stated we can certainly hire part time help if needed, but they will not have the training or certifications. Mr. Barrett replied we can direct the person on the day to day responsibilities of the plant because there are always plenty of duties to complete. It will be up to the water/sewer department to teach the individual the normal routine.

#### 4) Chlorine residual:

Mr. Barrett discussed with the Board the ongoing issues of chlorine residual throughout the town water system. In addition to the McVean Road area, other areas have experienced limited chlorine because of the water supply that remains in the pipes itself. Mr. Barrett estimates we probably have a 3 day supply of water in the pipes throughout the system, and when usage is minimal the water becomes stagnant. Mr. Barrett added, a major benefit to the system has been the addition of the local farms, Donnan's, Gates and Lawnel. Due to their large consumption usage it actually keeps the chlorine flow moving continuously in those areas which has been a great assistance.

### 5) Utility Services:

Mr. Barrett stated Michelle from Utility Services is requesting a second meeting with the Board to review quotes for water tank restoration. Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Barrett to obtain a few dates in order to schedule the next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### 1) Shared Service Grant:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to apply for Shared Service Grant Funds, partnering with the Town and Village of Leicester. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

\*\* Shared Services money could ultimately benefit future highway and water equipment purchases, water sharing and consolidation of Planning & Zoning Boards.

## 2) Retsof hamlet:

Mr. Barrett reported he spoke with Eric Wies recently about the questionnaire prepared for the Retsof Sewer District customers. The gentlemen reviewed the document, making a few adjustments, and now wish to pass along to the Town Board for comments before mailing directly to the Retsof customers.

### 3) Farmland Preservation:

Councilman Deuel reported that the committee has been working on a proposed Farmland Preservation Plan, and hope to have an outline by the fall time frame. Mr. Deuel stated Lee Gratwick and Davies Nagel have been working diligently on a proposal to submit for scenic view sheds. Mr. Deuel stated the committee has addressed several issues of potential regulation, one of which is recalculating fire tax based on Ag value assessment rather than full value. Currently farms pay fire tax based upon the full assessment, not ag value assessment. Councilman Deuel reports in addition to Ms. Gratwick and Mr. Nagel, Larry Smith of Lawnel Farms and Heather Grant have expressed an interest in getting involved with future meetings.

### **BILLS**

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

Sewer Districts	# 144-151	\$ 3,502.69
Consolidated Water	# 208- 219	\$ 3,964.23
General Fund Claim	# 286- 298	\$ 7,001.66
Youth Fund Claim	# 24	\$ 51.48
Highway Fund Claim	# 133- 143	\$ 19,922.67

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until September 24<sup>th</sup>. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk