

York Town Board Meeting
September 24, 2009

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

Absent: David Deuel

Others: Norman Barrett (Senior Water and Sewage Treatment Plant Operator) and Daniel Templeton

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 September 10th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

1) Daniel Templeton:

Mr. Templeton came to speak with the Board about a property he owns at 3201 Genesee Street in Piffard. In February of this year the Zoning Officer, Mr. Peter discussed with the Board the request made by Mr. Templeton to consider removing the water& sewer unit charges from this property, due to the size of the lot and the structure itself being condemned, making it uninhabitable. After some discussion the Board agreed to remove the unit charges with the understanding Mr. Templeton would be demolishing the structure before the October 1st deadline.

Mr. Templeton informed the Board that the structure is still in place due to the fact that he had health issues to contend with over the past six months, after his diagnoses of cancer and had to take an early retirement, leaving him to rely on his savings. Mr. Templeton stated once the retirement checks begin, he has a contractor (Ron Wall) already secured to demolish and remove the structure but is now asking the Board to consider granting him an extension.

Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Templeton how much additional time will be needed before action can take place. Mr. Templeton responded, he anticipated the retirement checks would have begun by August, but has not received any compensation as of yet. Mr. Templeton feels very comfortable with the quote Mr. Wall submitted to tear down the structure (\$4,000.00), but has to wait to begin the project.

After some discussion, Supervisor Deming suggested that Mr. Templeton contact Mr. Wall to prepare a written contract outlining the upcoming work, as a sign of good faith that the structure will be removed before the end of the year. Once the contract has been signed by both parties, the Town will then require a copy of the document before the next meeting on October 8th.

Mr. Templeton stated he will contact Mr. Wall within the next few days to begin the process, and thanked the Board for assisting him once again.

WATER/SEWER

1) Meters:

Mr. Barrett reported that the Water Department recently completed the meter reads for the October billing cycle, with the bills to be mailed out next week.

2) Handheld unit:

Mr. Barrett stated that the handheld unit used to record meter reads is cracked on the top of the reader. In order to complete the October billing, the Department was able to tape up the unit for this quarter, and will be meeting with Fred Kelly of Sensus tomorrow. Mr. Kelly will evaluate the existing equipment and discuss potential options for the Town of York. Mr. Barrett stated he will keep the Board posted on this issue in case we need to take action on upcoming purchases.

3) Retsof Road:

Mr. Barrett stated the department has been prepping the driveways in the Retsof Road area for paving purposes. Very few driveways are left, but the concrete driveway of Mr. McManus' is still waiting for color verification.

4) Utility Services:

Mr. Barrett reported that he spoke with Michelle McCadden of Utility Services about a second meeting with the Town Board. The meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th at 3:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

* Mrs. Barefoot will notify Councilman Deuel of the upcoming meeting.

8:00 P.M.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to enter into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation, to include Mr. Barrett and Town Clerk, Mrs. Harris. Vote on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

8:07 P.M.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to end Executive Session. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Supervisor Deming reported no action was taken in Executive Session.

5) Treatment Plant:

Mr. Barrett informed the Board that the new flow meter on the re-circulation pump is finally in place, but still needs to be calibrated.

6) Surgery:

Mr. Barrett stated Roger McCracken has scheduled his surgery for late October and will be off at least 6-8 weeks. Once Mr. McCracken returns, or perhaps shortly before it, Mr. Hodges will then have his surgery as well.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Fire contract & ambulance contract:

Supervisor Deming reported Town Attorney, Mr. Cicoria is finalizing the wording for the fire contract and ambulance contract with the York Fire Department. We had anticipated a draft copy for tonight's meeting, but unfortunately it did not arrive.

NEW BUSINESS

1) B.O.A.R:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to re-appoint Floyd Anderson to the York Board of Assessment Review for a period of five years, term running from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2014. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

2) Planning & Zoning Boards:

The Board discussed last year their intentions to advertise for upcoming positions, effective this year. Currently we have a member from the Planning Board and one from the Zoning Board of Appeals, terms to expire December 31st and should begin the advertisement process. Supervisor Deming expressed the Boards' desire to ask the two members to re-apply as well, but in order to encourage the community to get involved advertising for interested persons is the only way to make the public aware.

Supervisor Deming suggested that a letter be prepared explaining the process to Paul Schneider (Zoning Board of Appeals) and Frank Rose Sr. (Planning Board) before advertising for each position in the Livingston County News.

3) NYS Burning Regulations:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board that DEC Officer, Chris Ward made the office staff aware and gave copies of the new state regulations pertaining to burning. After reviewing the new documentation, Mr. Deming stated he has several questions and suggested that we contact Mr. Ward to have him attend the next meeting on October 8th for verification. Town Clerk, Mrs. Harris stated she will contact Officer Ward tomorrow to check his availability.

4) Quilters:

Town Clerk, Mrs. Harris stated she was notified by Cindy Dieter of the York Towne Quilters to inform the Board of the results from the quilt raffle, held during the Valley Fest celebration. Mrs. Dieter stated the recipient of the quilt was Betty Wooster of Leicester and the organization was also able to donate \$ 463.00 to the York Ambulance Fund.

BILLS

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to approve all claims brought before the Board, with exception to the Dollar General bill in the Youth Fund, which is pending verification. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Sewer Fund Claim	# 152-157	\$ 3,908.40
Consolidated Water	# 220-230	\$ 4,045.68
General Fund Claim	# 299-318	\$ 3,958.25
Youth Fund Claim	# 25	\$ 32.25
Highway Fund Claim	# 144-147	\$ 11,855.99

5) Tentative Budget:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to approve the 2010 Tentative Budget for the Town of York as presented. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

6) 2010 Budget Hearing:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to schedule the 2010 Budget Hearing for Thursday, October 22nd, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until October 8th. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk