

York Town Board Meeting
October 8, 2009

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

Absent: Frank Rose Jr.

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

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the minutes of the September 24th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) Maintenance:

Mr. Worden reported the Highway Department has been busy preparing the trucks for the upcoming winter season. Very few vehicles are left to be winterized.

2) Retsof Road:

Mr. Worden stated that the department recently wedged the waterline side of Retsof Road, and is now completing the driveway maintenance issues.

3) Training:

Mr. Worden stated the crack seal equipment jointly purchased with the Town of Geneseo is currently being housed in their highway garage. Training for the unit will take place next week.

4) MSHA:

Mr. Worden informed the Board of the scheduled MSHA training session slated for Wednesday, October 14th at the county building in Geneseo. All Highway personnel will be attending the class, which will encompass the entire day.

5) Brush pickup:

Mr. Worden asked the Board if they had plans to schedule a brush pickup through the fall season. Mr. Worden stated he is willing to set aside a day if the Board sees fit, or wondered if we should wait until spring time. Supervisor Deming inquired how many residents actually participated in last falls' pickup. Mr. Worden replied unfortunately

very few homes had brush set aside, but spring time has many more residents taking advantage of the service.

After little discussion the Board agreed to bypass the brush pickup day this fall, but intend to schedule a day in the spring.

6) Truck:

Mr. Worden asked the Board whether or not a new truck has been budgeted for 2010, and if he may prepare specifications for it. Supervisor Deming stated the Board did allocate funds for a new truck so once the specs have been completed the bidding process may begin.

WATER/SEWER

1) Flow meter:

Mr. Barrett reported the new flow meter was installed, but the readings have been a bit erratic. After closely monitoring the meter, they realized that the issues stemmed from the variable speed drives, but was uncertain how to rectify the problem until we spoke with technical support. After a lengthy discussion they advised us how to correct the problem and the flow meter has been working properly ever since.

2) Retsof Road:

Mr. Barrett stated we finally received the color match for the McManus driveway on Retsof Road and purchased the dye and sealer to finish the project.

3) Water meters:

Mr. Barrett informed the Board of a visit the water department made on Chandler Road to the Lowden and Martin properties to verify meter usage. The past few reads have been zero (0) to minimal usage and once the department had the opportunity to review the meters, they realized more issues were pending. Mr. Barrett stated during the time the properties were being split over a year ago, it was made clear that each owner would have their own separate water and sewer lines. After review this week, it looks as if Mr. Lowden's line is feeding his residence and the nearby barn belonging to Ms. Martin, and his meter is showing no consumption, which is a concern regarding both properties.

Mr. Barrett stated he will continue to keep the Board apprised of the situation.

4) Retsof Sewer:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board of a meeting he, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Worden and Eric Wies attended Tuesday, to work out an outline of the upcoming Retsof Sewer project and funding associated with it. Mr. Deming stated we were not able to obtain "Green" funding grant money, but will try to apply to EFC for some. The total project cost will be in the neighborhood of \$ 3 million dollars, so it is imperative to meet with the County Grant Writer, Bernie Thoma to see what other avenues can be explored.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Planning & Zoning:

Supervisor Deming stated Mrs. Barefoot mailed the letters to Mr. Rose and Mr. Schneider explaining the Board's decision to advertise for positions on the Planning and

Zoning Boards. The advertisement will be prepared shortly for the Livingston County News.

2) Water complaints:

Town Clerk, Mrs. Harris addressed the Board regarding two recent complaints received pertaining to water quality. Marion Nichols of Retsof Ave. submitted a letter with her water & sewer payment expressing her displeasure of how the water has tasted recently. Debbie Weaver of Fowlerville Road also commented today in the office of the poor water quality and the “lake” smell associated with it. Mrs. Weaver stated she has experienced this smell and taste issue for over 3 months and asked if the Town was aware of it and had we changed our testing format.

Mr. Barrett stated the department continues to try and solve the water issues, but we are constantly dealing with high THM counts each quarter no matter what avenue we proceed with. Mr. Barrett stated the water we receive from the Village of Geneseo has on average a 45-60 THM count once we receive it, and the State limit is 80, leaving us a small window to work with, ultimately putting us in a very difficult situation each and every quarter.

The Board asked Mr. Barrett to visit the Nichols and Weaver residences to witness the smell and taste issues, and if Mr. Barrett believes a problem exists to please obtain a sample from each location in order to have it tested.

3) Utility Services:

Supervisor Deming and Councilman Deuel discussed the meeting with Utility Services regarding restoration of the east and west water tanks. Over the course of the conversation it was explained to them the THM issues we have been facing, and a suggestion was made to notify the Village of Geneseo of what we continue to experience with the levels they are sending us, and the need to work more closely with us to solve this issue or we will need to re-evaluate the current water contract with them.

Mr. Deming added he is eager to speak with Mayor Hatheway about the ongoing problem, but would like to meet with Jim Mazurowski of the Livingston County Health Department first to bring him up to speed.

4) Cemetery:

Supervisor Deming asked Mrs. Parnell to contact Snyder Brothers about obtaining a quote to restore the stones at the Job Wood Cemetery. Mrs. Parnell responded she will contact them before the week is out.

5) Historical Society:

Councilman Deuel stated at the recent Historical Society Meeting, the group scheduled their Christmas Party for Wednesday, December 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Wilcox Estate (home of Bob & Liz Wilcox on Craig Road), and invited all Board members to attend.

BILLS

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve all claims brought before the Board including the bill from Snyder Brothers for repairs to the Wells Fowler stone in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Sewer Fund Claim	# 158- 169	\$ 4,250.60
Consolidated Water	# 231- 240	\$ 3,661.98
General Fund Claim	# 319- 346	\$ 31,528.02
Street Lights	# 10	\$ 1,364.46
Highway Fund Claim	# 148- 159	\$ 20,865.66

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until October 22nd. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk