

October 22, 2009  
2010 Budget Hearing  
7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Others: Floyd Anderson, Tom Baldwin (Baldwin Business Services), Norman Barrett, George Worden Jr. and Frank Arena

Supervisor Deming opened the Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

PURPOSE

Supervisor Deming stated the purpose of said hearing is to present the 2010 Preliminary Budget and to receive public comment and questions on it.

Mr. Deming summarized each of the districts and how they will be affected in the upcoming year. The Board agreed, due to economic difficulties, large equipment purchases will not be budgeted for the water, sewer and highway departments for 2010. Mr. Deming and Mr. Baldwin informed the public because of the declining interest rates there is considerable loss of revenue, and unfortunately do not foresee it improving throughout 2010, but hopeful for 2011. We have been notified that the CHIPS funding has taken a 50% cut for the new year and yearly Per Capita Aid will total \$ 14,000.00, which is \$ 3,000.00 less than last year.

One of the projects slated for 2010 will be replacement of the Town Hall roof. We have continued to witness shingles drop after rain and wind storms, \$ 50,000.00 has been budgeted for a metal roof.

Supervisor Deming reported the Townwide fund will remain constant at \$ 4.18 per thousand. Mr. Deming stated the current fund balances are as follows: General Fund-\$ 65,000.00, Highway Fund-\$ 162,000.00, Consolidated Water-\$ 21,000.00, York Sewer District #1-\$ 136,000.00, Sewer District #2- \$ 58,000.00 and Retsof Sewer District- \$ 33,000.00

Mr. Deming indicated that the budget will reflect a 2% increase in salaries for 2010. The Town of York paid to the New York State Retirement System last year \$ 16,000.00, and will be paying roughly \$ 27,000.00 for the upcoming year.

COMMENT/QUESTIONS

Mr. Anderson asked the following questions:

1) "What does the health insurance costs look like for next year"?

**Response:** Supervisor Deming stated the health insurance costs have been locked in for two years after signing a three year contract with the Union employees (Water/Sewer and Highway Departments). A yearly single policy runs \$ 5,803.32, Two-person policy-\$ 10,998.12 and a Family policy- \$ 14,892.96. The challenge will occur when we have to re-negotiate in two years.

2) “What is the situation with the School Resource Officer position”?

**Response:** Supervisor Deming reported he has had continuous discussions with YCS Interim Superintendent, Dave DeLoria about this issue and both agree that the SRO position should be and will be in the school and county budget, not ours. The Towns of York and Leicester and York School have also discussed the idea of entering into an Intermunicipal Agreement to assist them in maintenance, under a shared service policy, but to date no documentation has been brought to either township for review.

3) “Any thoughts of taking back the state roads”?

**Response:** Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden stated he would be pleased to have the state roads back in our hands, unfortunately they are not willing to relinquish control at this time, but Mr. Worden continues to inquire. Supervisor Deming added the state will not want to part with the roads because it is allowing their part-time employees additional time, which means less lay offs. We are not very optimistic about getting the state roads back.

4) “ The shoulders of the roads are taking a “beating”, any plans to put two men back in a truck, rather than one in order to preserve the shoulders” ?

**Response:** Mr. Worden stated the shoulders are definitely in need of attention, but restoring the roadway edges is a much cheaper avenue than additional employees.

5) “What is the status of the fire contract”?

**Response:** Supervisor Deming reported that the Board has signed a three year contract with the York Fire Department, with a 3% yearly increase.

Supervisor Deming stated the real struggle has been the Consolidated Water District. The Village of Geneseo recently increased the water rates by 15%, which unfortunately was non negotiable, so we had to increase the rates to our customers as well. Mr. Deming added we continue to apply for grant assistance in order to make upgrades and repairs to the district, but have not been successful to date. We have experienced several water breaks throughout 2009, incurring serious claims, grant funding would be a welcome and much needed “shot in the arm”, but without it we have to proceed in another direction. Mr. Deming stated because of the additional claims the consolidated water district has been losing roughly \$ 50,000.00 per year, ultimately reducing our fund balance dramatically which we can not sustain. Supervisor Deming stated grant funding has also been applied for in the Retsof Sewer District for upgrades but we have yet to be notified of those results.

Mr. Deming stated the County budget will have a 5% increase for 2010, and a letter will be mailed shortly to county residents informing them of the new jail project and the costs involved with it. Mr. Deming also noted that the County is still waiting for State money from the Barilla project, now going on two years.

After no further comment or questions from the public...

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to close the Budget Hearing at 7:45 p.m. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk

Regular Town Board Meeting  
October 22, 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), Frank Arena and George Worden Jr. (Highway Superintendent)

Supervisor Deming opened the Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

#### MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve the minutes of the October 8<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

1) Frank Arena:

Mr. Arena came this evening to discuss with the Board the water issues he has experienced over the past 20 years at his residence on Main Street. Mr. Arena stated the problems began in 1985 and by 1999 his shallow well had decreased dramatically, leaving him with large quantities of water but poor quality.

Mr. Arena stated he currently has a carbon filter on his water system which normally is to be changed every 6 months but due to the massive amounts of sand, silt and sludge the filter is being changed every 19-20 days, and asked the Board if the Town has any plans for extension of the waterlines to encompass his area.

Supervisor Deming informed Mr. Arena two years ago the Board did ask our Engineering Firm, Clark Patterson Lee to prepare water documentation regarding Route 36 starting at Fowlerville & Linwood Road, continuing north to the Barefoot Park. The results at that time indicated the costs were too expensive to proceed further with the number of residents currently in that area, but will contact Clark Patterson once again to review the information a second time to see if other avenues can be followed. Mr. Deming stated he will speak with Rick Henry within the next few days to have him send us the water documentation in order to relay the findings to Mr. Arena.

## HIGHWAY

### 1) Shared Service Equipment:

Mr. Worden informed the Board that both Highway Departments (York & Geneseo) were recently trained on the piece of equipment purchased from Dixon Sealer in Scranton, Pa (crack sealer). Mr. Worden stated before the actual training took place, the equipment did have a few issues to resolve which took more time than expected, but ultimately the training did occur. Mr. Worden stated as discussed in August when we were first planning to buy this equipment, an air compressor would be a much needed purchase to compliment the sealer. Mr. Worden added, a compressor could be used by the Water/Sewer Department as well as the Highway Department.

After some discussion the Board agreed within the next few weeks Mr. Worden, Mr. Barrett and Supervisor Deming will be driving to Pennsylvania to review what is available through the Federal Surplus Program.

### 2) Maintenance:

Mr. Worden reported that the Highway men have completed the routine maintenance and addition of the plows to the trucks, for the upcoming winter season. Large amounts of salt are on hand as well as deliveries of brine.

## WATER/SEWER

### 1) Retsof Road:

Mr. Barrett stated the Retsof Road project is close to completion once the blacktop has been finished at the McManus property. Mr. Barrett added the Water Department will need to return in the spring to re-seed areas, but overall he is very pleased with the finished product.

### 2) Inspection:

Mr. Barrett informed the Board that the treatment plant has been operating well and running smoothly. The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will be on site next Tuesday (27<sup>th</sup>) for their annual inspection.

### 3) Water samples:

Mr. Barrett stated after October 8<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting he contacted the two owners experiencing poor water quality (Marion Nichols and Debbie Weaver) to sample at the residence. The results of the samples should be back within a few days.

4) Tank Quotes:

Mr. Barrett reviewed with the Board the worksheet prepared by Michelle McCadden of Utility Services, outlining the schedule of work and the fees involved for restoration of the east and west water tanks.

The Board agreed that we need to closely review the options to verify what is a priority and to see how we can financially afford it. Supervisor Deming suggested we schedule a Public Works Committee Meeting to view the numbers. Mr. Barrett stated he has also contacted another company, "Caldwell Tank" to have them give a quote(s) as well, and suggested that we offer to them the DVD prepared by Utility Services, showing the areas of need in order to obtain a quote in a timely manner.

The Board agreed that viewing the DVD would not be a conflict due to the fact we have already paid for such inspection and Caldwell Tank has not been informed of the quotes given from Utility Services.

5) Concrete:

Mr. Barrett informed the Board that concrete pads were poured yesterday at the treatment plant to place additional pipe, fittings and other material on. A second pad was poured as well in front of the gas tanks for placement of additional topsoil.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Exemptions:

Supervisor Deming read aloud a letter we received from the Livingston County Real Property Tax Department informing us that the sliding scales for the Disability and Senior Citizen Exemptions will not be changing for the upcoming year, so the Town will not need to adopt a new Local Law for 2010.

2) Adjustment Request:

Mr. Deming reported we received a water adjustment request from Brad Kapperman, new owner of 2219 Maiden Lane in Fowlerville. In Mr. Kapperman's letter he outlined he recently purchased this property at the Livingston County Auction, but was unaware of any outstanding issues with the structure until the October water bill had arrived and the three month consumption was noted. The Water Department did visit the property to verify the situation, where they discovered a water leak. The contractor who made the connection from the old well to municipal water several years back, inadvertently nicked the line, creating larger water usage.

Mrs. Harris stated after receiving the request she asked Water/Sewer Billing Clerk, Mrs. Messina to prepare the adjustment in the event the Board wished to grant it. Mrs. Messina had a very difficult time preparing an adjusted bill due to the fact that October's consumption totaled 15,000 gallons, when previous usages (July-24,000, April-27,000 and January-15,000 gallons) was the same or higher. Under the Town's existing policy, we average 1 year's worth of reads, multiply the water rate and pumping fee from Geneseo and usually the customer will receive a break with the adjustment. Because the October read is less than the previous two, he would actually pay more if the adjustment was granted.

After little discussion from the Board...

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to reject the water adjustment request submitted by Brad Kapperman, for property located at 2219 Maiden Lane. The Board further authorizes Mrs. Messana permission to notify the customer the reason behind the Board's decision. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

3) 2010 Budget:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the 2010 Town Budget as presented. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

4) Julie Falk request:

Supervisor Deming stated the office staff received a request today from York Central School teacher, Julie Falk inquiring if it was possible to use the town hall facilities to tutor a student until the end of the school year. Mrs. Falk expressed to Mrs. Harris that a neutral site must be obtained for the student (from 3:00-5:00 p.m.) and due to the fact the town does not have a local library to speak of, she asked if the hall may be used. Mrs. Harris informed her that the offices are used daily, but the main hall could be a potential site and stated she would submit this request to the Town Board for a decision.

The Board briefly discussed the matter and Supervisor Deming stated he will contact YCS Interim Superintendent, Dave DeLoria in the morning for further details on Mrs. Falk's request before the Board can render a decision.

BILLS

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

Sewer Fund Claim	# 170-178	\$ 76,793.59
Consolidated Water	# 241-249	\$ 1,096.14
General Fund Claim	# 347-363	\$ 11,258.98
Youth Fund Claim	# 26-27	\$ 1,022.34
Highway Fund Claim	# 160-173	\$ 11,470.64

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until November 19<sup>th</sup>. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk