

York Town Board Meeting
November 19, 2009

Present: Deputy Supervisor, Lynn Parnell, Councilmen: Frank Rose Jr. & Norman Gates

Absent: Gerald L. Deming and David Deuel

Others: Carl Peter (Zoning & Code Officer) and Norman Barrett (Senior Water & Sewer Treatment Plant Operator)

Mrs. Parnell opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the minutes of the October 22nd Budget Hearing and regular Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) Truck specifications:

Councilman Rose informed the Board that he has met several times with Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden to discuss and prepare the necessary specifications for a 2010 tandem axle cab & chassis for the Town of York.

Mr. Rose stated they have reviewed all detail aspects and feel comfortable that we are ready to proceed with the bid process.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Gates authorizing Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden permission to bid for (1) 2010 tandem axle cab and chassis. Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0.

2) Debra Farruggia request:

Town Clerk, Mrs. Harris reported that a request was received by Mrs. Barefoot earlier last week regarding posting of Retsof Ave & Retsof Road. Mrs. Farruggia stated over the past few weeks intended trucks to the salt mine have been misdirected to Retsof Ave. which is a dead end street and very challenging to turn around on or back down from. Mrs. Farruggia stated the drivers indicated that the GPS system automatically sent them in this direction, and she is asking that the Town post this area prohibiting future large trucks from entering. Mrs. Barefoot contacted Supervisor Deming to make him aware of the situation, which he then suggested Mrs. Barefoot contact the salt mine informing them of the incorrect directions. Mr. Deming also asked that Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden be aware of the issue in order to post the area.

WATER/SEWER

1) Personnel:

Mr. Barrett reported to the Board that Roger McCracken is home recuperating from hip surgery, which is now going on 3 ½ weeks. Rob Grant also had time off as well due to unexpected surgery for his wife Mindy. Mr. Grant had been off from last Wednesday to this Wednesday, and returned today.

2) Water meters:

Mr. Barrett stated the Water Department discussed the possibility of starting the water reads for the January billing cycle a week earlier than usual, due to the limited staff on hand.

3) THM report:

Mr. Barrett expressed to the Board the probability of having to publish the THM report in January due to the ongoing violations we continue to incur.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Karen Weaver letter:

Mrs. Parnell read aloud a letter the Board received from Karen Weaver, resident of Piffard, regarding a continued water issue at her residence. Ms. Weaver stated she spoke with Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden several times about the matter because the problem escalated after roadwork had been completed on Piffard Circle, but no resolve has taken place.

The Board briefly discussed the need to speak with Mr. Worden about the situation and to have him contact Ms. Weaver about a potential correction to the issue.

2) Dow Road bridge:

Mrs. Parnell stated we received an email from John Gibbs, Regional Forester for the New York State DEC. Forester Gibbs explained that DEC budgeted money to rehabilitate the Dow Road bridge, and after past conversations with the Town Board, it was pointed out that the Town would like to see deck rehab only, while DEC was thinking more along the lines of a complete removal. Mr. Gibbs is asking the Board once again to decide what avenue they feel comfortable proceeding with.

After a brief discussion the Board agreed with the determination of Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden's assessment of the bridge, and ask that DEC repair the deck portion only of the Dow Road bridge, not complete removal, and to email the Board's decision to Mr. Gibbs.

3) Leash Law/Dog Ordinance:

Deputy Supervisor, Mrs. Parnell brought before the Board discussion of a potential leash law or Town Dog Ordinance for the Town of York. Mrs. Parnell stated comments have been made and telephone calls received asking that the Board consider adopting some form of policy pertaining to dog control. Mrs. Parnell added, comments have been made of the fact that dogs have been allowed in the Town Hall and suggested that we curb that in the future. Councilman Rose stated due to the liability issue, dogs and other animals should not be brought into the building because it would only take one incident and the Town would be involved in a lawsuit.

Mr. Peter stated over the years he has brought his dog to the hall for company, but did not understand the Board's decision this evening and will abide by it. The Town Hall rental agreement will now include, "No Pets".

Mrs. Parnell stated as far as a leash law or future ordinance, the Board agreed once Supervisor Deming has the opportunity to review the existing County policy for further Board discussion, we will table this issue until then.

4) Applicants:

Mrs. Parnell reported we received numerous applications for the two upcoming appointments in December (one for Planning Board and one for Zoning Board of Appeals). The following applicants submitted a letter of interest for the Planning Board: Frank Rose Sr. (current member), Gary Wall, Heather Grant, Joe McIlroy and Jerry Sturm. The following applied for Zoning Board: Paul Schneider (current member) and Gary Wall. The interview committee will consist of two Town Board Members, Councilman Norman Gates and Council Member Lynn Parnell. The interviews have been scheduled for Wednesday, December 2nd beginning at 6:00 p.m. (each will be ½ hour intervals).

5) Association of Towns:

Mrs. Parnell reported she spoke with Supervisor Deming about the annual dues for membership to the Association of Towns. The dues are currently \$1,000.00 per year and questioned whether or not to continue if we are not obtaining any information or benefits from them.

After some discussion the Board agreed due to the fact that Town members have not attended the yearly training session in New York City for several years and we have yet to use the Association for verification purposes on issues, the Board believes we should contemplate deleting our membership to the Association. Councilman Gates suggested we table this vote until the December 10th regular meeting in order to include the entire Board in this 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-3, No-0.

Sewer Fund Claim	# 179-191	\$ 8,998.79
Consolidated Water	# 250-269	\$ 99,707.23
General Fund Claim	# 364-386	\$ 9,237.98
Street Lights	# 11	\$ 1,543.31
Highway Fund Claim	# 174-187	\$ 9,890.59

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to adjourn the Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk