

Town Board Meeting
December 10, 2009

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

Absent: None

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

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 Regular Town Board Meeting of November 19th and Special Town Board Meeting on November 23rd. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

WATER/SEWER

1) Meters:

Mr. Barrett informed the Board that the Water Department began reading the meters for the January billing cycle. The reads will actually be a week earlier than usual, but due to limited man power, decided to get a "head start" on the process.

2) Water leak:

Mr. Barrett reported the department was called out on Saturday, December 5th for a water leak on Piffard Circle West. Mr. Barrett received the call shortly after 7 a.m. which he then called for a stakeout. Unfortunately he had to call the Gas Co. a second time at 9:00 a.m. because they did not follow through with the stakeout request and then finally arrived at 10:00a.m. Mr. Barrett and Mr. Grant completed the repair around the noon hour. Mr. Barrett stated the department returned to the site on Tuesday to build a catch basin in that area with a steel plate on it, and believe we shouldn't have any further issues with it.

3) Bob Lowden:

Mr. Barrett stated he prepared and mailed out letters (regular and certified) to Bob Lowden on December 2nd regarding the ongoing issue of connected water lines at his residence and Barb Martins barn on Chandler Road. Mr. Barrett stated, Town Clerk Mrs. Harris confirmed with the Piffard Post Master that Mr. Lowden's regular mail had been delivered to his address, but he refused Signature of the certified letter which is still at the post office. Mr. Barrett's letter outlined the issues in need of resolve and the time table to correct them by. If Mr. Lowden does not contact Mr. Barrett to discuss the issues by Monday, December 14th, 9:00 a.m., his water to the residence will be terminated until he follows through.

4) Meeting:

Mr. Barrett reported he spoke with the Village of Geneseo Engineer, Ryan Colvin (MRB) recently about the ongoing issues in the Town of York with the ever increasing THM levels. Mr. Colvin stated the Village is also experiencing the same situation and agreed that the Towns of York and Geneseo and the Village of Geneseo with (Supervisors and Mayor and Supts. included) evaluate a possible resolve. The dates available are January 6th, 7th, 13th or 14th.

Mr. Barrett stated he will coordinate schedules in order to confirm the meeting.

Mr. Barrett presented to the Board THM reading the department has calculated at the Piffard pump house on Flats Road. The reads are as follows:

1 st Quarter:	55.37
2 nd Quarter:	53.87
3 rd Quarter:	65.92
4 th Quarter:	63.86

Mr. Barrett stressed once again the maximum level required by the State is 80, so the levels coming into Town at its earliest point leaving us with very little room for error, and unfortunately we continue to exceed it. Mr. Barrett added the most recent THM read at Tuttle Road was 115.13.

Supervisor Deming asked if it would make a difference if we empty one of the water tanks, clear the sludge out and then refill the tank with fresh water and then do the 2nd tank in the same fashion, could we see a benefit? Mr. Barrett replied we could potentially see lower reads, but before we proceed in that manner, Mr. Barrett expressed the desire to conduct a small experiment. Mr. Barrett stated he would like to do a miniature version of the tank in the shop to evaluate ways of circulating fresh water throughout the system in hopes of maintaining a proper level of THMS in the tanks.

5) Personnel: Mr. Barrett reported after speaking with Water/Sewer Operator, Roger McCracken recently, Mr. McCracken informed him that he anticipates returning to work on the 18th of January. Mr. McCracken will be returning and Mr. Hodges surgery has been slated for the same day.

HIGHWAY

1) Loader:

Mr. Worden informed the Board on Wednesday morning the loader at the Highway Department experienced transmission failure. Mr. Worden stated the need for immediate assistance due to the weather conditions, so he contacted Caledonia Diesel for a temporary replacement until our can be fixed. The initial estimate will be in the neighborhood of \$22,000.00 to repair.

The Board agreed that the timing couldn't have been worse due to the fact the cab and chassis, plow and body equipment bid opening was the same day, but realize we don't have a choice, we need the equipment. Mr. Worden informed the Board of a used loader that might be available from the Federal Surplus organization. Mr. Worden had the opportunity to view the equipment on his last visit, and stated the price was \$3,000.00, for a 7-yard bucket.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to pursue the purchase of a used loader from the Federal Surplus organization, account not to exceed \$3,500.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

2) Bid Opening:

Mr. Worden reported that the bid openings took place yesterday for a cab and chassis, plow and body equipment. The results are as follows:

Truck, plow and body	(Kenworth) -	\$178,200.00
Plow and Body	(Tenco) -	\$ 62,207.00
Body only	(Henderson Truck)	\$ 27,729.00
Body only	(Tenco)	\$27,582.00
Truck only	(Kenworth)	\$116,000.00

The Board and Mr. Worden reviewed each bid and the options available, deciding whether or not to accept individual bids or the complete bid from Kenworth. Supervisor Deming and Councilman Rose stated the Kenworth bid is equipped and ready to go, and recommend accepting it. Mr. Deming added, the Highway budget for 2009 has roughly \$180,000.00 left, with \$120,000.00 in the truck fund for 2010.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve the bid submitted by Kenworth of Buffalo, NY, Inc. in the amount of \$178,200.00 for (1) 2010 cab and chassis, with plow and body equipment. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

3) Brine:

Mr. Worden informed the Board of a new development with the desalinization plant in Cuylerville. Sweeteners plus recently bought out AKZO, and have already discussed their plans of a price increase for liquid brine.

Supervisor Deming stated he will contact Leicester Supervisor Gary Moore on Monday about the possibility of obtaining loads of brine at no charge, since the Town of Leicester is currently able to do so.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Karen Weaver:

Mr. Worden reported he spoke with Ms. Weaver recently about the need for ditching at her property on Piffard Circle. Mr. Worden stated if time and weather permit the Highway Department hope to install a catch basin before major snow fall, if not the work will have to take place in the spring.

2) Wadsworth Library:

The Board received a second request for additional funds from the Wadsworth Library. Each member expressed their desire to keep the original amount slated for the Library, \$ _____ and not to increase.

3) Fiber Tech:

Highway Supt., Mr. Worden reported that the fiber optic poles recently installed on Route 63 and Chandler Road will be removed once the State's permits are complete. The new plan is to bury the lines underground. The Board stated their displeasure that the Fiber Tech did not contact the Town before the initial installation of the poles, and only recently spoke of their removal plans.

8:40 P.M.

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Deuel to enter into Executive session to discuss litigation matters, to include Town Board, Highway Supt. And Town Clerk. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

8:50 P.M.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to end executive session. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Supervisor Deming reported no action was taken in Executive Session.

Supervisor Deming reported that a Suit has been brought against the Town of York, the York Fire Department and their Board of Directors from resident, Vince Burroughs. The case was suppose to be heard in York, but was moved to the Caledonia Court and has been slated for January 11th at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Livingston County Traffic Safety:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to re-appoint Walter Purtell to the Livingston County Traffic Safety Board, with Norman Gates as the alternate. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0, Abstain-1, Norman Gates.

2) Farmland Preservation:

Councilman Deuel discussed with the Board a meeting he attended in Geneva. An issue was brought up pertaining to zoning ordinances, and how they must be in accordance with the Towns Comprehensive Plan. If the ordinance is not in compliance it is deemed to be a violation of Town Law 272A. Mr. Deuel stated he wanted the Board to be aware of this requirement because we still have work to be done with our new zoning regulations.

3) Re-Appointments:

Supervisor Deming reported after speaking with Council member Parnell and Councilman Gates they have yet to decide on a recommendation to the Board for members to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. A decision must be made at the December 29th meeting.

BILLS

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

• Sewer Fund Claim	#192	\$
• Consolidated Water	#270	\$
• General Fund Claim	#387	\$
• Street Lights	#12	\$
• Highway Fund Claim	#188	\$

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mr. Gates to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until December 29th. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk