

York Town Board Meeting  
June 10, 2010

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

Absent: None

Others: George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt.), Norman Barrett (Senior Water & Sewer Treatment Plant Operator) and Ronald Cicoria (Town Attorney)

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the pledge of the flag.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve the minutes of the May 27<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) Highway School:

Mr. Worden informed the Board of two matters discussed at the Highway Superintendent training school held earlier this week. A great deal of discussion took place about road signs and their necessary reflecting ability. Mr. Worden added, mandates will require the towns to purchase larger size signs for the benefit of the senior drivers.

Mr. Worden shared with the Board the determination of the State to fund the CHIPS program. We are very relieved the funding was finally approved.

2) Road repair:

Mr. Worden reported the oil and stoning projects scheduled for this week were rained out, but have been re-scheduled for Monday of next week.

Mr. Worden stated now that we are certain we will be receiving CHIPS funding, our road projects can be underway shortly. We should be receiving \$ 103,000 this year, which was the same amount as last year.

Council Member Parnell asked Mr. Worden if he has any contacts at the State in order to inquire about mowing state roadsides. Mr. Worden replied he believes DOT will be doing their roads within the next few weeks, but in the meantime he has instructed his crew to mow our roads and all intersections including the State locations for better visibility.

WATER/SEWER

1) Meters:

Mr. Barrett reported the Water Department will begin reading meters next week for the July billing cycle.

2) Jim Hodges:

Mr. Barrett informed the Board after speaking with Mr. Hodges he hopes to be able to return to work the second week of July if his Doctor releases him. Mr. Hodges is anxious to return and feels ready to do so, but must wait for the Doctor's decision.

Supervisor Deming stated before Mr. Hodges can return to work he must submit the proper paperwork from his Doctor.

3) Hydrants:

Mr. Barrett stated as with the lift stations, the fire hydrants will also be on a schedule as well for flushing purposes. It will be easier to keep track of the maintenance issues with the new log.

4) Tanks:

Mr. Barrett stated he is still waiting for the Livingston County Water & Sewer Authority to return our books on the two water tanks. He will contact them once again next week to inquire.

5) Personnel:

Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Barrett if the Water/Sewer Department crew has been able to keep up on the mowing and weed eating. Mr. Barrett stated Mr. Grant has been off for a few days, but Mr. McCracken has made time to weed eat around the hydrants and lift stations. Mr. Deming suggested that Mr. Barrett have part-time employee, Mark Sharpe handle those duties, in order to have the full-time guys available for day to day responsibilities. Mr. Barrett stated he will work out a schedule with Mr. Worden regarding Mr. Sharpe's availability.

6) Water meter:

Mr. Barrett reported the water meter located at the Highway Department continues to be used heavily and has been in good working condition, as long as users do not force Canadian coins into it. Water & Sewer Operator, Mr. Grant read an article recently about the newest meters on the market, accepting credit cards rather than cash, unfortunately it is a very expensive method (\$9,000). The Board and Mr. Barrett agreed because of the cost we will keep our existing water meter.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Retirement resolution:

Clerk Harris informed the Board that each Town will be required to adopt a Standard Work Day resolution for elected and appointed officials participating in the New York State Retirement System. We had planned on making this resolution this evening but is unable to because we are still waiting for one more piece of information from the Accounting Firm. We hope to have all documentation by the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

2) Town of Groveland Ag Plan:

Councilman Deuel presented to the Board copies of the Town of Groveland Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan. Mr. Deuel asked the members to read and

make comments and/or recommendations before the next meeting, in order to perhaps implement ideas here in the Town of York. Mr. Deuel added, Groveland is quite similar in the fact that both are very strong agricultural communities.

Councilman Deuel commented the York Farmland Preservation Committee will be meeting at the Town Hall, the second Wednesday of each month if any Town Board Member wishes to attend, all are welcome.

3) Surveys:

Councilman Deuel reported the survey results have been tabulated and copies are available for review. We anticipate the results to be put on the Town website within the next week.

4) County website:

Council Member Parnell inquired why the Livingston County website and the Town of York website have not been linked. Mrs. Parnell recently visited the County site where she noticed many other towns were connected but York was not. Supervisor Deming suggested Town Clerk, Mrs. Harris contact Information and Technology Services Director, Dale Nieswiadomy about the procedures necessary to link the Town of York to the County website.

5) YCS Budget:

The Town Board discussed briefly the 15% increase residents will incur for their school taxes. Councilman Rose asked if the School Board still has authority to alter the increase even after the vote has taken place. Supervisor Deming stated he believes the school has until August to decide what the actual percentage increase will be and whether or not they are willing to use more of their fund balance to offset such increase. Mr. Rose suggested perhaps it would be appropriate to have the Board prepare a letter to the School Board expressing our concerns and the hopes they re-evaluate the final numbers. Supervisor Deming and Councilman Rose agreed if the school moves forward with the 15% increase and then residents receive their tax bill, the community will be outraged, and the Town will be blamed as well. Mr. Deming added we have worked very diligently over the years to keep the Town increases at a minimum, but because of the proposed school tax increase, we will have to make additional sacrifices to keep our rates as low as possible. Mr. Rose commented he believes a 15% increase is unacceptable especially when York Central has the largest fund balance in the County.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Training:

a- Roger McCracken:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell authorizing Roger McCracken permission to attend a Water & Sewer training seminar at the Genesee River Restaurant on Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, at a cost of \$ 35.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

2) Zoning/Code Officer:

Supervisor Deming stated he recently spoke with Geneseo Supervisor, Will Wadsworth about the possibility of allowing the Town of York and Geneseo Zoning Officers to fill in for one another if needed. Mr. Deming added while he and Mr. Wadsworth discussed the issue, additional towns (Caledonia, Leicester and Avon) also believed this to be a benefit. Town Attorney, Mr. Cicoria will prepare an Intermunicipal Agreement for the five towns. Mr. Deming commented the State is pushing to have each County as a central location for Zoning & Code purposes, which we are uncomfortable with.

3) Office Quote:

Supervisor Deming reported we received a quote from Melissa Brock to paint the Town Clerk’s office as well as the Supervisor’s office. The quote is as follows:

Main office	\$	900.00
Supervisor’s office	\$	<u>450.00</u>
	\$	1,350.00

After a brief discussion the Board agreed to paint the main office only, knowing we will need to install new panels and new lights once the painting is completed.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the quote submitted by Melissa Brock in the amount of \$ 900.00 to re-paint the Town Clerk’s office. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

4) Computer updates:

Councilman Deuel discussed with the Board a computer issue the office staff has experienced. Due to the fact we currently run older programs (Microsoft Tools, Excel, Outlook and Word- Version 2003) they are unable to open documents sent to them in current versions.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr.Deuel and seconded by Mrs. Parnell authorizing the Town Clerk permission to contact Hurricane Technologies to upgrade the computer programs for the office staff.

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 Districts	# 84-90	\$ 121,409.12
Consolidated Water	# 113-125	\$ 5,491.15
General Fund Claim	# 185-202	\$ 11,624.89
Youth Fund Claim	# 7	\$ 100.00
Street Lights	# 5	\$ 1,359.43
Highway Fund Claim	# 97-105	\$ 4,747.37

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mr. Gates to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until June 24<sup>th</sup>. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk