

PUBLIC HEARING  
January 13, 2011  
7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Others: None

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

PURPOSE

Mr. Deming commented this hearing is the first of two required Public Hearings in order to make application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal, for funding under the Federal Small Cities Community Development Program. The Town, through Thoma Development Consultants, will be submitting an application with an anticipated maximum funding request of \$600,000.00, for possible improvements to the Retsof Sewer District. The hearings are held as part of the process to solicit public input.

Supervisor Deming stated he will keep the Public Hearing open for 20 minutes in the event any residents wish to attend and comment on the upcoming application.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to close the Public Hearing at 7:28 p.m. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk

## REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2011

7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Others: Roger McCracken (Water/Sewer Operator), George Worden Jr. (Highway Superintendent) and Ronald Cicoria (Town Attorney)

Supervisor Deming opened the regular Town Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

### MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve the minutes of the Year End Board Meeting on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 Organizational Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

### HIGHWAY

#### 1) Maintenance:

Mr. Worden stated the men have been busy plowing and salting the roadways on a regular basis.

Mr. Worden informed the Board Employee Rich Wozniak repainted the break room and installed a new sink and counter as well and commented that he did a great job.

Mr. Worden stated now that the break room is finished perhaps we should consider having Mr. Wozniak paint the shop area as well. Supervisor Deming asked what the rough estimate would be to repaint. Mr. Worden replied roughly \$500.00-\$600.00. The Board agreed to authorize Mr. Worden permission to proceed in repainting the shop area of the Highway Department if the schedule allows.

#### 2) Government Purchases:

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden reported he recently bid additional items on the Federal Surplus site, two skid loaders, a trencher and a hydraulic jack. We were able to get the jack for \$100.00(highway), the trencher and the skid loaders for \$1,400.00, which will be split 3 ways, (highway, water & sewer).

## WATER/SEWER

### 1) Lift Stations:

Water and Sewer Operator, Mr. McCracken reported the Chandler Road lift station level indicator failed, not allowing the pump and light to come on, which then triggered three other lift stations as well, on Main Street in Wadsworth (by Gary McKeown), Main St. Greigsville (across from Davies Nagel) and York Central School. Once the Department re-booted the stations, they began to work well once again. Mr. McCracken stated two of the four stations have the newly installed alarm system on them, and suggested to the Board we invest in additional alarms on the remaining seven lift stations. Mr. McCracken stated the alarms will roughly cost \$1,800.00 each plus the monthly phone line charge, and commented if we could install three at this time, we could re-evaluate our finances at the end of the year for the remaining 4 stations.

The Board agreed to allow Mr. McCracken permission to proceed with the alarm system on three more lift stations.

### 2) Upcoming Projects:

Mr. McCracken stated he and Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden spoke today with Eric Wies of Clark Patterson Lee about our plans for future projects. Discussion of the east tank was reviewed and a suggestion made and agreed upon to proceed with cleaning of the tank in April in order to have it completed before the June inspection by the Livingston County Health Department.

Mr. McCracken informed the Board of an upcoming meeting with the Village of Geneseo next Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. to review with them the plans for their upcoming water project on Lower Court Street. Mr. McCracken stated we asked to be part of the discussion in order to be sure when the Village connects to our pit, they will be installing 12 inch pipe, which is an upgrade from the existing 8 inch. Mr. Worden stated he asked CPL Engineer, Eric Wies to spec the project two ways, one with an 8 inch replacement and one with a 12 inch.

Mr. McCracken, Mr. Worden and Supervisor Deming stated they will all be in attendance at the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### 3) Easements:

Mr. McCracken stated we currently have 15 easements that need to be filed with the Livingston County Clerk's Office, and asked the Board how they wish to handle the matter.

Supervisor Deming asked Town Attorney, Mr. Cicoria to handle the easement filings for the Town, which he agreed to do.

### 4) Paul Raymond:

Councilman Deuel asked if any new information has surfaced or has anyone spoken with Paul Raymond about what direction he plans to proceed with regarding possible Town Water to his business, Caledonia Diesel located on Simpson Road. Supervisor Deming stated we have not received any new information or spoken with Mr. Raymond recently, which we need to do, in order to schedule a second informational meeting for the Anderson Road residents regarding town water.

5) Treatment Plant:

Mr. McCracken reported in addition to the work completed at the Highway Department, Mr. Wozniak also painted at the treatment plant. Mr. Wozniak painted the office area, bathroom and break room. Mr. McCracken stated he did a nice job and encouraged the Board to stop anytime to view it.

Old Business:

1) Jon Norris:

Councilman Deuel informed the Board he will be meeting with Jon Norris of Clark Patterson Lee at the Town Hall on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. to review the concept plans prepared for possible Town Hall renovations. Mr. Deuel invited any Town Board members able to attend to please do so, and asked Clerk Harris to inform Judges, Purtell and Porter of the meeting as well.

2) County Ambulance:

Supervisor Deming commented the newly organized Livingston County run ambulance had delays in their startup date, and will begin service on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The delay was due to issues in obtaining supplies in a timely fashion, but feel confident in the February date. Mr. Deming stated the Town of Caledonia also wanted to participate, but now have a few members uncertain of the change, and the Village does not want to participate at this point. Mr. Deming added currently 30% of the calls are not being made, so if they don't think seriously about joining the County program, they will be using mutual aid continuously.

3) Website:

Council Member Parnell encouraged the Board to review the mock up version of the Town's new website prepared by Genesee Valley Web Designs, after the meeting. Mrs. Parnell stated changes/ additions will be required of course, but wanted the Board to see what has been prepared thus far in order to make suggestions and/or recommendations.

New Business:

1) Open Space Meeting:

Councilman Deuel informed the Board the next scheduled meeting of the Open Space Committee will be held on Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00p.m. at the Town Hall.

Mr. Deuel stated a little over a year ago he, Lee Gratwick and Davies Nagel toured the township viewing potential views shed areas. The committee hopes in the near future to recommend to the Planning Board and then to the Town Board, a number of potential sites for approval. Mr. Deuel commented anyone wishing to make a suggestion please do so before the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in order to submit their thoughts to the committee, unless they will be attending the meeting to voice their suggestion(s) themselves.

2) Retsof Sewer List:

Supervisor Deming stated he received word this week from Bernie Thoma of Thoma Development Consultants pertaining to the survey sent to the Retsof Sewer District

customers in October of last year. Many residents have submitted their completed survey, but at this point we will need at least 24 more responses to have valid results to submit for the grant funding application.

The Board reviewed the list of names Mr. Thoma sent us whom he has yet to receive a survey from, and asked the Board for assistance at this time. Each of the members will visit a few names on the list to ask the residents for assistance in completing the necessary survey.

3) Water Adjustment Request:

A - Gail Laursen:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell approving the Water Adjustment request submitted by Gail Laursen for property located at 3855 Tuttle Road. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

(Original bill : \$226.56, with Town Board adjustment (\$24.72)...new bill: \$201.84)

4) Water Adjustment Policy:

The Board discussed at great length whether or not to continue with the existing Water Adjustment Policy. For years previous Boards have granted adjustments to water district customers when warranted, but now question if we should continue.

The Board agreed the policy has been very helpful for the large water break issues, but smaller breaks usually have minimal benefit, and ultimately the Town must pay for all water received from the Village of Geneseo.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mr. Gates to eliminate the existing Town of York Water Adjustment Policy effective immediately. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

5) Inter Municipal Agreement:

Supervisor Deming and Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden stated they reviewed the prepared Inter Municipal Agreement with York Central School, and now wish to have Town Attorney, Mr. Cicoria review it as well. The verbiage in the agreement is relatively routine, but Mr. Worden pointed out he may have to go back to the school to discuss the original fuel price quoted, which could alter the original bid a bit.

Mr. Worden added the school has expressed to him their desire to do the blacktopping project once school lets out in June, so he wants to have all issues ironed out long before that.

6) Liv. Co. Personnel:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board of a letter he received from Livingston County Personnel Officer, Tish Lynn regarding Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer, Carl Peter. Ms. Lynn's letter states Mr. Peter is not certified for his current position, which the Town Board questions why because he was fully qualified for the Zoning &

Code job several years ago, and now seems not to be. Ms. Lynn states all of the paperwork the Town submitted to the County over the years for Mr. Peter is no longer in his file.

The Board agreed because the County cannot locate Carl's original paperwork does not mean he is not qualified for his position. Mr. Deming stated we will work with the County to resubmit the paperwork needed to resolve the matter.

7) Teen Recognition:

Mr. Deming stated we received a letter from the Livingston County Youth Bureau asking for the Board's assistance in recognizing a teen in our community worthy of the Teen Recognition Award. All names must be submitted to the Youth Bureau by Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

8) Association of Towns:

Clerk Harris informed the Board of the yearly packet she received from the Association of Towns containing the material for the Annual Conference in New York City and the yearly dues if we wish to participate.

After a brief discussion the Board agreed we will not be attending the conference or submitting any funds for Association dues.

9) Reimbursement:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Gates to reimburse Roger McCracken 31.5 days for sick time used instead of filing for disability after his recent injury on the job. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

10) Planning Board Meeting:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board of the next Planning Board Meeting. The meeting is slated for Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The subject matter will be a request from a resident to open a tattoo parlor in the hamlet of Retsof. Any and all Town Board members are welcome to attend.

11) A.D. Call & City of Canandaigua:

Supervisor Deming commented the billing matter has been an ongoing issue for several months, but now seems to be corrected. The main focus should be where the Town of York goes from here. Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden stated the trucking bills have been the biggest expense and suggested we seriously consider purchasing a truck to haul the sludge ourselves. Mr. Worden stated he has been visiting the Federal Surplus website regularly, viewing what is available and asked the Board their thoughts. Supervisor Deming inquired if any trucks were available at this time, which Mr. Worden replied there was one he looked at for \$ 2,700.00, but we would need to put money into it in order to make it work for our purposes.

Mr. Worden stated another option was discussed with Mr. McCracken and Mr. Wies (of Clark Patterson Lee). A suggestion was made to put in a Reed Bed Sewage Treatment System. A Modern Reed Bed Sewage System can successfully treat sewage/sludge to the required standards. It usually comprises of a settlement tank to remove gross solids, followed by either vertical or horizontal flow, specially prepared reed beds of specifically

reared reeds. These selected reeds have the capability to transfer oxygen from the stems to the roots where biological action purifies the sewage/sludge.

Mr. McCracken and Mr. Worden stated if the Town were to proceed with this method we would need roughly a 20 x 200 bed. The one drawback would be that the Reed Bed would not be used during the winter months, sludge will have to be hauled to the City of Canandaigua during that period.

The Board agreed the Reed Bed System is a viable option, but commented we still need to review all aspects and costs involved. The Board also stated if we were to proceed in this manner we stand a very good chance of obtaining Green Grant Funding for a project of this nature.

12) Meetings:

Supervisor Deming stated in order to maintain the condition of the office we will require any upcoming meetings to be scheduled in the hall area rather than the office. Mr. Deming added due to the fact several groups use the Town Clerk's office in addition to the main hall, we should have them schedule their meetings early in order not to double book the rental of the building.

13) Grant meeting:

Councilman Deuel informed the Board of an upcoming meeting on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> with Angela Ellis of the Livingston County Planning Department. The meeting has been scheduled to discuss possible grant funding. It will begin at 9:30 a.m. and all are welcome to attend.

BILLS

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve all claims brought before the Board, with correction to the York Historical Society budgeted amount, which should be \$ 2,000.00 for 2011 and with exception of the Pavilion and Wadsworth Library budgeted amounts of \$ 350.00 each, which will not be dispersed. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

General Fund Claim (2010) #1-7	\$ 754.63
General Fund Claim (2011) #8-22	\$ 9,766.95
Highway Fund Claim (2010) #1-7	\$ 15,158.03
Highway Fund Claim (2011) # 8-17	\$ 15,224.25
Joint Water/Sewer (2010) #1-8	\$ 8,838.34
Joint Water/Sewer (2011) #9-24	\$ 15,824.90
Youth Fund Claim (2011) #1	\$ 1,260.72

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until February 10<sup>th</sup>. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk