

York Town Board Meeting
February 10, 2011

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

Absent: David Deuel

Others: Steve Gates (Town Historian), Roger McCracken (Water and Sewer Operator), Carl Peter (Zoning and Code Officer) and George Worden Jr. (Highway Superintendent)

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:32 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the minutes of the January 13th, 2011 Public Hearing and Regular Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

1) Steve Gates:

Mr. Gates came this evening to inform the Board of the upcoming plans to recognize the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War on April 12th this year. Mr. Gates stated Livingston County has embraced the idea of a county-wide ringing of the bells at exactly 10:00 a.m., for two minutes. Patricia MacIntyre of the York Baptist Church has agreed to ring their bell, York Central School will adhere to two minutes of silence and the York Town Hall bell will also be involved. Mr. Gates stated in addition to the bells, he will also coordinate with the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to see if they wish to participate in reading of the 65 soldier's names from our township who served in the Civil War, along with playing of TAPS from the York VFW.

The Board agreed what Mr. Gates and the County have planned will be a wonderful tribute to the men who served in the Civil War. Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Gates if he wanted the Town to supply refreshments for the occasion, which Mr. Gates replied he would appreciate it very much, and thanked the Board for their support. Mr. Gates stated once he receives more information and the county logo from Livingston County Historian, Amie Alden, he will then submit it to us for our website. Mr. Gates added the war affected not only the soldiers serving, but their families. The community embraced the families and helped them in any way possible, during the war and thereafter. Mr. Gates commented the festivities will be a great way of acknowledging the start of the Civil War, not celebrating it, but certainly paying tribute.

Mr. Gates stated the next Civil War Committee meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 2nd.

HIGHWAY

1) Winter Weather:

Mr. Worden updated the Board due to the winter weather, the highway department has been putting in long hours lately. At this point, we have roughly used half of our salt usage.

2) Truck incident:

Mr. Worden informed the Board of a recent mishap that took place this week while plowing roadside. Mr. Worden stated he had part-timer, Rich Wozniak riding with him controlling the wing, when he did not fully raise it on Main Street, ultimately clipping the mirror on Cindy Johnson's parked vehicle. Mr. Worden stated we are extremely fortunate that the mirror was the only part touched, and we have since ordered parts for a replacement. Ms. Johnson was very understanding and grateful to be notified, because she was unaware that the incident had even taken place. Mr. Worden commented, Mr. Wozniak thought the wing was up far enough, but unfortunately it was not, and added as the driver of the vehicle, he feels responsible too, and understands if the Town Board needs to put a letter in his file as well.

3) Equipment:

Mr. Worden stated he and the Water Department have been busy working on the newly acquired Bobcat. They finished the seals, hydraulic valves, new seat, fuel pump and other issues today, and hope to have it in service by next week. Mr. Worden added we are fortunate to have a Bobcat dealer (Kelly's) located in Perry Center if and when parts are needed and they seem to have a great deal in stock, which is helpful for us.

Mr. Worden stated the older backhoe we purchased previously, must remain with us for 18 months under the guidelines of the Federal Surplus program, then we will be able to sell it as surplus equipment.

WATER/SEWER

1) Maintenance:

Mr. McCracken stated the crew at the Water Department has been busy with routine maintenance of the water district and sewage treatment plant. Mr. McCracken also commented that they have been assisting the Highway Department with plowing of snow and maintenance of equipment.

2) Water/Sewer Projects:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board of a meeting he recently had with Rick Henry (Clark Patterson Lee) and Jeff Smith (Municipal Solution, Inc.) to discuss our upcoming water projects. Mr. Deming stated after a great deal of discussion he expressed the possibility of being able to bond all of the projects at once (Route 63, water tanks and pump houses). Mr. Deming added if we are able to proceed with the bonding, it will then put us in very good overall shape with our water lines.

Supervisor Deming commented we will probably not have the same results pertaining to any upcoming sewer projects. Thoma Development Consultants mailed out the informational surveys late last year, but unfortunately residents in the Retsof hamlet are not returning them in a timely fashion, so funding will not be available to us at this point.

ZONING/CODE ISSUES:

1) Meetings:

Zoning and Code Officer, Mr. Peter informed the Board of two meetings scheduled at the request of Todd Weber of Ellicott Road. Mr. Weber will be meeting with the Planning Board at 7:00 p.m. and Zoning Board of Appeals at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday March 3rd. Mr. Weber is applying for a Special Use Permit and a Zoning Variance to conduct a small business at his residence. Mr. Weaver will be the only employee on record, and his business is fabrication of metal boxes used for electronics.

Mr. Peter also brought the Board up to speed on the meeting held to discuss the request for a tattoo parlor in the Retsof hamlet. After discussion of Mr. Troisi's plans, the Planning Board did not feel his request would require a Special Use change, but did encourage Mr. Troisi to work with the existing landlord, Hafiz Ellihi Mahboob to make some necessary cosmetic updates.

Mr. Peter stated one more issue was brought before him in January of this year. Tenant, Cory Staudinger asked to speak with him and review a slide show of the apartment he and his wife rent from Quentin Llop on Fowlerville Road. The photos reflect numerous corrections that must be made, and outlines several violations. Mr. Peter stated he visited the apartment at the request of the tenant to view the situation first hand, and agreed Mr. Llop will certainly be receiving a letter explaining what needs to be corrected and the dead line in which to complete it by. Mr. Peter commented they have had individuals working in the apartment and in the basement, so when he re-visits the apartment on Monday, February 14th he hopes to see progress at that time.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Sewer Letter:

Supervisor Deming stated we briefly discussed the Retsof Sewer informational surveys earlier this evening, but suggested we attempt further correspondence with the residents in that area, explaining the importance of the survey results. The Board initially thought they would divide the list of remaining households, but now feel we should prepare a more forceful letter outlining the purpose of the survey, and the need to obtain grant funding for the upcoming projects. Without the proper number of survey results we have no chance of obtaining funds, which means necessary projects will be paid for solely by the residents, and upgrades may have to wait.

Mr. Deming stated he will prepare the letter for the Retsof sewer customers whom have not submitted their surveys to date.

2) County Ambulance:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board that the Livingston County run ambulance had delays once again and did not begin service on February 1st. Mr. Deming stated there is still an issue with Caledonia on whether or not they will participate. Initially they were interested, but now are wavering and expressed their wish to keep the service as is. Medic 77 is asking for a one year trial period, but the Town Board has yet to approve it. Mr. Deming stated whether or not Caledonia participates, York and Leicester will proceed but without confirmation from them, we will not have the final numbers.

3) Town Website:

Council Member Parnell stated the Town website is up and running and asked each of the Board Members and Department heads to view their individual pages for any corrections or

additions. Mrs. Parnell commented any changes that need to occur can be emailed directly to Genesee Valley Web Designs or to her and she will send them on.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Baldwin Resolution:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell designating Jessica Doyle, bookkeeper from Baldwin Business Services to enroll for Bank of Castile Internet Banking. She is authorized to execute internet banking enrollments, and/or other agreements that may be required for the internet banking services, on behalf of the Town of York. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

2) RG&E Gas Line:

Mr. Worden informed the Board he spoke with Brian at DDS Engineers today regarding their upcoming project for RG&E to install a new 12" gas main in the Town of York and into Leicester. Mr. Worden conveyed his concerns pertaining to new installation upon our roadways, and the need to be at least 13 ½ - 14 feet from the centerline in order for him to approve any construction. Mr. Worden stated DDS plans to run the new line down the west side of Tuttle Road to Old State, then down Clapp Road to the Leicester Town line. Mr. Worden asked to receive a copy of the asbuilt drawings once they have been prepared in order to have information available for our records in the event we should ever need to disturb the area. Mr. Worden commented we will need to prepare a Performance Bond before the project begins.

3) Street Lights:

Supervisor Deming read aloud a letter the Board received from Alex Curry Jr. regarding a request for street lights on Main Street, between Retsof Road and Dow Road. Mr. Curry expressed the need for more illumination of the neighborhood for safety purposes, and asked the Board to consider additional service.

The Board and Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden discussed the matter and feel the request is valid.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the addition of two street lights on Route 36 (Main Street), one to be located near the hedgerow by the Dubiel residence and the second one before Dow Road. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

4) Right to Farm signs:

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden asked the Board their thoughts on the wording of the proposed Town of York Right to Farm signs. Supervisor Deming commented to Mr. Worden he should contact Councilman David Deuel for assistance in the exact wording of the signs.

5) Water Request:

a- Carol & Frank Rose:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board of a water adjustment request we received today from Frank & Carol Rose of Tuttle Road. The Roses' state they were recently made aware of a water issue at their residence and hope the Board will consider an adjustment.

Clerk Harris explained to Mrs. Rose, at the January 13th regular Town Board Meeting the Board approved a resolution eliminating the existing adjustment policy, but would bring her request to the Board's attention.

After some discussion, the Board agreed due to the fact that the policy was in place at the beginning of the January billing cycle, we should grant this request, especially since their normal consumption has been averaging 8,000 gallons per quarter and this bill was calculated at 92,000 gallons.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the Water Adjustment request submitted by Carol & Frank Rose for 3765 Tuttle Road. Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0, Abstain-1, Frank Rose Jr.

BILLS

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve all claims brought before the Board. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

General Fund Claim	# 23-51	\$ 19,523.05
Joint Water & Sewer	# 25-51	\$ 127,292.19
Street Lights	# 1	\$ 1,888.59
Highway Fund Claim	# 18-34	\$ 27,227.22

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until February 24th. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk