

York Town Board Meeting
February 24, 2011

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

Absent: None

Others: Carl Peter (Zoning & Code Officer), Roger McCracken (Water & Sewer Operator), Ronald Cicoria (Town Attorney) and George Worden Jr. (Highway Superintendent)

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

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the minutes of the February 10th Town Board Meeting, with one minor correction. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

WATER/SEWER

1) Duties:

Mr. McCracken reported the men have been busy with routine maintenance and when needed, assisting the Highway Department with snow plowing. Mr. McCracken stated they are also getting materials ready for the upcoming tank cleaning project as well.

2) Reed Bed System:

Mr. McCracken commented Eric Wies of Clark Patterson Lee was in Town today to discuss upcoming projects, including the prospect of a Reed Bed System. Mr. Wies suggested we go forward with the existing drying beds we have, in order to verify if we can handle it ourselves before proceeding further in order to cut down on the cost.

Mr. Worden stated a Reed Bed System roughly takes one year to complete and we need to designate a proper location in order for DEC to approve the project. Two possible sites were discussed, one behind the shop and the second across the creek, where the excess dirt has been situated. Mr. Worden commented the later choice might be a more viable location. Mr. McCracken stated the best way to handle this project is to have Clark Patterson Lee design us a system that fits our needs, which would be a 2,000 square foot bed (20x100).

3) Evans Avenue:

Mr. McCracken and Mr. Worden informed the Board of an ongoing issue on Evans Avenue. The current sewer line is an undersized 6 inch line which must be replaced with 8 inch plastic in order to handle the flow. Over the years much infiltration and roots have taken over the old line, and replacement of pipe plus a new manhole would certainly rectify the issue. Mr. McCracken stated in order to tie the new lines together properly we would core bore the manhole on Retsof Road and replace the line on Evans Avenue, which is roughly 300 feet.

HIGHWAY

1) DDS Engineers:

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden stated he recently spoke with DDS Engineers once again about their upcoming project to install a new 12" gas main in the Town of York. After a lengthy discussion, they were able to agree upon a location, back fill procedures and even submitted a set of plans to us. Mr. Worden stated although he feels more comfortable with the upcoming job, he suggested that the Town Board have them sign two year agreement, making them responsible for any subsidence that may occur near the roadway, so we will not have to incur any repair expense due to their project.

Supervisor Deming asked if DDS has conveyed a start date to us, which Mr. Worden replied they are waiting on Town Board approval and they recently borrowed our water plans to review as well. Mr. Deming suggested that Mr. Worden and Town Attorney, Mr. Cicoria meet to review what specific stipulations should be listed in the agreement with DDS in order to complete the process.

2) Weather:

Mr. Worden stated the Highway Department has been busy with snow removal lately, and anticipate another large storm tomorrow. Mr. Worden commented once storms have actually passed, he and the men have been pushing the snow further from the roadside, trying to alleviate the large amounts of snow blowing back into the path of the vehicles courtesy of high winds.

3) Right to Farm Signs:

Mr. Worden asked Councilman Deuel his thoughts on the exact wording of the Town of York Right to Farm Signs. Mr. Deuel suggested the signs read, "Right to Farm Community" which the Town Board agreed as well. Mr. Worden stated he will convey the wording to the County Highway crew for preparation of the signs.

4) Newer Backhoe:

Mr. Worden informed the Board that he retrieved the newer backhoe we purchased for \$1,500.0 through the Federal Surplus Program on Wednesday. The New Holland backhoe is seven years newer than our current one, has 3082 hours on it, it is two wheel drive and includes buckets.

5) Quarterly Report:

Mr. Worden and Councilman Rose commented that they discussed the idea of placing a quarterly Highway report on the Town website. The report could outline upcoming projects, recent purchases and other information that could educate the public on our day to day activities.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Library Letters:

Supervisor Deming reported the letters were mailed out to the Wadsworth and Pavilion Libraries informing them of the Board's decision not to submit funds for 2011. Mr. Deming stated he spoke with Dan Murray, YCS Superintendent about coordinating efforts to offer educational services within our own district. Further discussion will follow.

2) Town Hall Roof:

Supervisor Deming stated when we first began discussions pertaining to roof repairs to the Town Hall, we had a figure of \$50,000.00 in mind. After a recent review of the roof by Clark Patterson Lee representatives, the repairs itself would run approximately \$46,000.00, but unfortunately that does not include the additional steps needed to complete the project. The heating units currently located on the building will need to be taken down and returned once the job is complete but rot is occurring in areas and sheet metal issues also exist. Correction of these issues will run an additional \$15,000.00, making the project closer to \$70,000.00.

The Board discussed at previous meetings the possibility of a metal roof, but now realize due to the costs involved it is no longer an option. Supervisor Deming commented unfortunately we do not have a choice, we need to properly maintain the structure of the Town Hall building, so we must follow through.

3) Town Website:

Councilman Deuel stated he reviewed the newest version of the Town of York website. Mr. Deuel commented the site looks great, but did question when Genesee Valley Web Marketing will be adding the e-mail addresses to the site.

Council Member Parnell replied she has already spoken with them about the issue and we should expect the addition shortly.

4) Retsof Sewer Letter:

Mr. Deming informed the Board that a letter was prepared for the Retsof Sewer District customers whom have yet to submit their survey to Thoma Development for possible grant funding. Supervisor Deming stated we hope the second letter will encourage those residents to complete and return the survey in a timely manner, if we have any chance for grant assistance.

5) Farmland Preservation:

Councilman Deuel reported the Farmland Preservation Committee has been discussing view sheds throughout the township. Mr. Deuel commented that some people have a misconception as to the reason for designating view shed areas, but ultimately they are not to prohibit development, but to give us some direction when future development is before us.

Mr. Deuel stated the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m.

OTHER

1) Discussion:

Mr. Worden commented he recently spoke with Paul Raymond and confirmed he is interested in selling the Town metal from the building at Caledonia Diesel, whenever we are ready.

Mr. Worden informed the Board that the Rt. 63 (Genesee Street) overpass is becoming an even larger problem than in previous years. Traffic issues are occurring more frequently, with semi's all over the place, causing damage to the roadside and signage in the area. Supervisor Deming stated "actual height" signs should be posted on the overpass in order for drivers to gauge whether or not their vehicles will be able to continue under the bridge. Mr. Worden replied we do not own the bridge and must be cautious on what we post in order for us not to be liable in future incidents. Mr. Deming stated he believes the G & W Railroad still owns the overpass, and if "actual height" signs were to replace "bridge ahead" signs, it may curb the issues we have been facing. Supervisor Deming added we should also post "weight limit" signs near Pascuzzo Lane as well due to the fact trucks are straying from Rt. 63 and proceeding down the Lane and onto Virginia Avenue, creating major traffic backups and lawn damage.

Mr. Worden stated he will contact Dwayne Aycok of the New York State Department of Transportation for verification.

NEW BUSINESS

1) CHIPS Funding:

Mr. Deming informed the Board we did receive confirmation that the Chips Funding for 2011 is still intact at this time, and hope it will remain when we are ready to begin our projects.

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden commented he and numerous other Highway Superintendents will be headed to Albany, on Tuesday, March 8th- Wednesday, the 9th, to express to our representatives the importance of CHIPS funding as well as other policies.

2) Solicitor's Permit:

Supervisor Deming brought before the Board a question of whether or not the Town of York should require a solicitor's permit. Recently a group of individuals representing an Independent Energy Service visited our township, causing residents to be concerned, and even some contacting the Livingston County Sheriff's Department. Clerk Harris stated, the Sheriff's Department instructed the contact person, Peter Ferrante to visit the Town Clerk's office to obtain a solicitor's permit, where she informed him that a permit was not required in the Town, but did ask him to submit copies of each of his team members driver's license information, should a question arise at a later date, which he gladly agreed to.

The Board agreed we have had several different organizations in our township over the years selling their product(s), and question if we need to take a further step with an actual permit.

After a brief discussion the Board concluded they will not take any action at this time on a solicitor's permit.

3) Personnel Issue:

Supervisor Deming briefly informed the Board of a personnel issue that took place last week with two members of the Water Department. Each of the men has submitted a written statement of the incident and the issue is now resolved.

4) Town Clerk Request:

Clerk Harris informed the Board of the upcoming Annual Conference of the New York State Town Clerk’s Association, May 1st-4th, 2011 in Buffalo and asked the Board for permission to attend. Mrs. Harris reminded the Board of the \$250.00 scholarship she received at the last year’s conference that will be used if the Board approves her request.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose approving Town Clerk, Christine Harris permission to attend the Town Clerk’s conference in Buffalo from May 1st-4th. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

5) Youth:

Mr. Deming reported he was recently informed that no Youth funding will be available from the State for 2011. In the early 90’s funding was strong, \$8,000.00, but has dropped dramatically the last 20 years, with \$2,200.00 received in 2010 and now nothing.

6) York Road East:

Zoning and Code Officer, Carl Peter updated the Board on a recent conversation he had with Town resident, Mario Dragani pertaining to his rental property located on York Road East. Mr. Dragani submitted a set of plans for the structure at 2751, but they were not complete. The plans did not address heating, water/sewer or insulation issues, but did confirm the structural stability of the residence. Mr. Peter stated he constructed a letter to Mr. Dragani outlining what the plans are lacking, in addition to the outstanding pile of garbage that remains behind the residence. Mr. Peter expressed he will not issue a C of O until the pile is removed.

Supervisor Deming stated the garbage pile has been on site for quite some time without any action from Mr. Dragani, if the pile is not removed by the end of next week he will be notifying the Livingston County Health Department for an onsite visit.

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.

General Fund Claim	#52-67	\$ 8,682.58
Joint Water & Sewer	#52-63	\$ 7,072.95
Youth Fund Claim	#2	\$ 90.29
Highway Fund Claim	#35-45	\$41,817.25

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until March 10th. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting Closed at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk