

York Town Board Meeting
March 10, 2011

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

Absent: None

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

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 24th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

1) Steve Gates:

Mr. Gates came this evening to bring the Board up to date on the upcoming countywide bell ring slated for Tuesday, April 12th. Mr. Gates reported at current count 50 bells have been secured throughout the county including two in the Town of York (York Town Hall and York Baptist Church). Mr. Gates stated as discussed previously, at exactly 10:00 a.m. for two minutes the bells will chime, after such time, Supervisor Jerry Deming will read the resolution recognizing the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War, and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have agreed to participate by reading the 65 names of the soldiers in our community that served in the war. Mr. Gates added the York VFW will have a representative play TAPS for the ceremony and then light refreshments, courtesy of the Town of York, will be available.

CIVIL WAR RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the following resolution:

Township of York

Hamlets: Fowlerville, Greigsville, Linwood, Piffard, Retsof, Wadsworth & York

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL WAR 2011-2015

WHEREAS, April 12, 2011 marks the 150th anniversary of the attack on Fort Sumter and the beginning of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, the sesquicentennial of this event is cause for commemoration and reflection in an appropriate manner befitting this hallmark event in American History; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,000 men from Livingston County, 65 plus from the Township of York, left their families and work behind to answer the call for duty for the preservation of the Union between 1861-1865; and

WHEREAS, many soldiers lost their lives or returned to this area suffering the effects of the war and its aftermath having served courageously for the Union cause; and

WHEREAS, men, women and children on the home front also endured tremendous hardship and contributed generously to benefit their communities and the Union cause; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that in observance of the four year 150th anniversary of the Civil War, Township of York, in patriotic tradition, recognizes the importance of honoring all those from Livingston County who served in battle and on the home front during this war and acknowledges the immeasurable sacrifices that helped to preserve freedom.

Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

OTHER

1) York Valley Fest:

Council Member Parnell reminded the Board of the date of this year's Valley Fest celebration, Saturday July 30th. Mrs. Parnell expressed how excited the committee is to confirm through Cindy Dieter and Ed Orman, the 3 on 3 basketball tournament throughout the Valley Fest, having additional people will certainly be a benefit to the craft and food vendors. An additional insurance rider will be added. Mrs. Parnell commented the York Fire Department has also agreed to cook chicken once again, this year bumping the total up to 600 halves. Mrs. Parnell stated the committee has held several meetings since last year's festival, and the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. for anyone interested.

HIGHWAY

1) Truck Issue:

Mr. Worden informed the Board of a recent mishap with the new highway truck. Due to the rough surface of York Road West (County Road) the truck was jarred so much on the number of trips to and from, the windshield cracked, ultimately requiring us to have it replaced. Mr. Worden stated Kenworth had glass available at a cost of \$56.00, plus installation of \$124.00, totaling \$180.00 for replacement.

2) York Road West:

Supervisor Deming commented in addition to the incident with the Town truck, many residents have complained about the extreme rough surface of York Road West. Mr. Deming stated he spoke with County Highway Superintendent, Don Higgins about the matter and was informed that the County has scheduled this road to be re-surfaced this year, which Mr. Worden commented can not happen soon enough.

3) Plasma Cutter:

Mr. Worden informed the Board of a piece of equipment he has considered purchasing for the Highway and Water/Sewer Departments. Mr. Worden stated a plasma cutter could be very handy for fabrication purposes at both shops, especially for the upcoming water and sewer projects in the near future. The cutter would allow smoother and cleaner cuts of metal, which would be quite useful. Mr. Worden stated the plasma cutter would mainly be used at the Highway Department, but would certainly be available any time for the Water and Sewer Department.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve purchase of a plasma cutter from Rochester Welding Supplies, in the amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

4) CHIPS:

Mr. Worden stated he returned from Albany earlier this week after he and fellow Highway Superintendents attended sessions with our representatives, inquiring as to the status of CHIPS funding for 2011. Mr. Worden reported he is pleased to inform the Board that the funding has been secured for this year.

WATER/SEWER

1) Water Tank:

Mr. McCracken reported the Department has purchased the necessary supplies for the upcoming tank restoration on Tuttle Road, the project will begin shortly.

2) Class:

Mr. McCracken informed the Board of a refresher class he attended today for water and sewer certification. Mr. McCracken stated he was fortunate to be able to obtain both sets of credit hours in one day.

Mr. McCracken also discussed with the Board paperwork he received pertaining to a possible agreement for mutual aid and assistance for water/wastewater provided through New York State. The agreement is entered into by the public and private water and wastewater utilities, with the intent to participate in an Intrastate Program for Mutual Aid and or assistance.

The purpose of such agreement is due to the fact incidents occur which may impact health or safety and may require aid or assistance in the form of personnel, equipment and supplies from outside the area of impact, this agreement establishes an Intrastate Program for mutual aid and assistance. Through this program, members coordinate

response activities and share resources during incidents. Mr. McCracken recommends the Board review the packet of information in order to determine if we wish to participate, which he feels would be a tremendous benefit to the Town. The cost for membership is free.

3) Paul Raymond:

Supervisor Deming stated he has tried several times to coordinate a date to discuss with Paul Raymond his plans for a water line to the business (Caledonia Diesel), but schedules have not cooperated. Mr. Deming stated he has now asked Mr. Worden and Mr. McCracken to try and schedule a date, to include Eric Wies of Clark Patterson Lee, in order to gather Mr. Raymond's thoughts, so we can schedule another Informational Meeting with the Anderson Road residents with the possible water line results.

4) Reed Bed:

Mr. McCracken commented that he and Mr. Worden have had numerous conversations with Mr. Wies about what specific format we will need for a reed bed system in the Town of York. Mr. Deming stated in addition to the actual bed system, we certainly need to address additional truck quotes for hauling purposes. Mr. Worden added land spreading is another issue we need to discuss as well.

ZONING/CODE

1) York Road East:

Mr. Peter updated the Board on the status of Mr. Dragani's request for a building permit to revamp his tenant property at 2751 York Road East. To date, the architect has not submitted the additional plans Mr. Peter had required, but Mr. Dragani has made great strides in cleaning of the area. Mr. Peter stated the Health Department has given Mr. Dragani a deadline to have all excess garbage and debris removed, but due to the fact the piles were so large, he has already requested an extension, which they will probably agree to as long as he continues to make progress. Mr. Peter stated the additional information he is still waiting for pertains to the electric, furnace and plumbing.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Ambulance:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board as of a week ago the County run ambulance is now underway. To date they have only had one call, but we are sure before too long calls will increase.

2) Green Grant:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the following resolution:

Town Supervisor authorization for Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) 2010 Grant Funding application for the Retsof Sewer District Collection System Rehabilitation Project:

WHEREAS, the Town of York has identified the need for improvements to the combined sewer system in the Retsof Road sewer district, including installing a new sanitary sewer collection system and using the existing sewer system to collect and discharge storm water flows to a new constructed wetland,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of York has been authorized to submit an application for grant funding under the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation's GIGP 2010 on behalf of the Town of York.

Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

3) Farmland Preservation:

Councilman Deuel discussed information he received from Bernie Thoma, Thoma Development Consultants, for work his company prepared for the Town of Geneseo, regarding protection of land or areas throughout their community. Mr. Deuel commented what was prepared could be used as a guide for what we would like to see in our township as well. Councilman Deuel asked the Board to review the "scope of work/work plan" in its basic format in order to make suggestions, to ultimately construct an outline for our use. Mr. Deuel commented this will be a very involved process, one that will take several years to complete.

Mr. Deuel addressed with the Board future development in the township, and our continued encouragement of municipal water lines throughout. Mr. Deuel stated he has concerns on whether or not we might be creating potentially more strip development in agricultural areas when we place additional lines throughout the Town. Mr. Deuel added we do not have a solution to this question at this time, it ultimately depends on what the Town of York residents want for their community in the future.

4) Cemetery Restoration:

Council Member Parnell discussed with the Board upcoming cemetery restoration for 2011. The Board suggested the abandoned cemetery on Telephone Road (Route 20) behind Tom Seifert's property and asked Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden to schedule a date/time with Joe Snyder, of Snyder Brothers to review the site. Mr. Worden stated he will contact Mr. Snyder.

NEW BUSINESS

1) County Program:

Supervisor Deming reported the Department of Social Services Work Program will be officially done in the Town of York, effective April 1st for Rich Wozniak. David Peck stated in order for Mr. Wozniak to reapply for the program he is required to perform 30 hours of community service, so Mr. Peck asked if the Town of York would be willing to keep Mr. Wozniak, at no charge to the town, for the necessary hours in order for him to complete the requirement.

After little discussion the Board and Mr. Worden agreed we still have jobs that need attention, so Mr. Wozniak can certainly complete his hours in our community.

2) Disability Insurance:

Supervisor Deming addressed a request made by Baldwin Business Services to view a new policy in place and potential additional coverage for existing policy holders. Our disability carrier, First Rehab Life offers to all policy holders the opportunity to add an Accidental Death and Dismemberment rider to their Disability Policy. The Town may now cover each employee with up to \$50,000 of Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage, at a cost of \$2.00 per individual per month, if we decide to do so.

After a brief discussion the Board concluded if the employees wish to participate in additional coverage they are welcome to, but the Town Board will not be paying for such coverage. The Board agreed to inform the employees of the additional coverage, but state they will have to agree or disagree as a unit, no single individual can participate, and it will be all employees or none.

3) Request:

Supervisor Deming stated we received a written request from Town resident, Rene Tilly-Lyness asking the Board to consider a proclamation recognizing the week of April 25th-May 1st as Federation of New York Insurance Professionals week.

After some discussion....

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mr. Gates

WHEREAS, the Federation of New York Insurance Professionals, Inc. was formed in 1942 to provide opportunities for increasing the knowledge of insurance, stimulate and encourage members in the insurance industry and assist them in securing advancement and recognition, and

WHEREAS, the work of insurance professionals requires advanced knowledge and expertise in communications, technology, organization and customer service, and

WHEREAS, the Federation of New York Insurance Professionals Week is observed annually to recognize the efforts and achievements of its members, and

WHEREAS, the Federation of New York Insurance Professionals annual convention will be held in Syracuse, New York from April 25 to May 1, 2011, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Gerald L. Deming, Supervisor of the Town of York, hereby proclaim the week of April 25- May 1, 2011 as Federation of New York Insurance Professionals Week, and call on all employers in the insurance industry to support the continued training and development of insurance professionals.

Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

BILLS

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

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| ❖ General Fund Claim | #68-85 | \$ 11,291.56 |
| ❖ Joint Water and Sewer | #64-84 | \$ 15,291.84 |
| ❖ Street Lights | #2 | \$ 1,806.40 |
| ❖ Highway Fund Claim | #46-60 | \$ 25,392.14 |

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to adjourn the Town Board meeting until March 24th. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk