

York Town Board Meeting
March 24, 2011

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

Absent: None

Others: Roger McCracken (Water & Sewer Op.), Kirk Richenberg, George Worden Jr. (Highway Superintendent) and Ronald Cicoria (Town Attorney)

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:35 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 March 10th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Privileges of the Floor

1) Kirk Richenberg:

Mr. Richenberg asked to speak with the Board about the Job Wood Cemetery located on Federal Road directly abutting his property. Mr. Richenberg expressed concern on the restoration completed on several of the stones in the cemetery. The workers removed the base of the stone and put the top piece in concrete, which he feels now alters its history, and commented how disappointed he was to see it. Mr. Richenberg stated he is aware of the numerous stones that have fallen or have been tipped over, over the years but stressed that a part of history has now been removed due to the recent restoration actions and wanted the Board to be aware of it.

Supervisor Deming stated he was aware of the many larger stones in dire need of repair due to their size, but questioned the reason why the actual stone base would be removed from the site.

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden clarified the issue. Mr. Worden stated he spoke with Snyder Brothers about the work they performed in the Job Wood as well as other cemeteries, and they assured him that they did not remove the stone's base, they are still there, deeper into the ground in order to add concrete over the top to secure the two pieces together, but definitely still there.

Mr. Richenberg stated he was pleased to know the stones still remain and added in the past, several families have taken it upon themselves to correct their own family stones, why have we begun the process.

Supervisor Deming replied the reason the Town of York budgets funds each year for cemetery restoration is that the majority of the private sector does not fix the family stones and in order to maintain what we have the Town follows through. Mr. Deming added once a cemetery has been abandoned it becomes the responsibility of the municipality, so we are trying not only to keep but restore our history.

Mr. Richenberg also addressed with the Board a second issue, the York Central School Budget. Mr. Richenberg stated previously residents were allowed to comment

and ask questions on the school's budget, but now they no longer welcome verbal input and they are doing everything possible not to involve the community in the process. Mr. Richenberg added after last year's incredible increase they should be doing all they can to tow the line on expenses, but feel the need to allow a 4% wage increase.

The Board agreed they also have concerns on potential increases at the school, but stated Mr. Richenberg must address his comments or questions to the York Central School Board directly.

HIGHWAY

1) Maintenance:

Mr. Worden stated he and the men are unfortunately still plowing snow. We would certainly like to take the plows off, but Mother Nature has other ideas.

Mr. Worden stated before the last snow fall the Highway crew was able to do some roadside and yard cleanup. Issues occur when we push back excess snow from the road, altering yards as well as roadside, but several have already been repaired.

2) Part-time employee advertisement:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose authorizing the Town to advertise for one (1) Part-time employee for the Highway/ Water & Sewer Department. Applicant must have a clean driver's license. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

** Public Works Chair, Councilman Rose and Mr. Worden will conduct the interview process.

3) CAFO Meeting:

Mr. Worden informed the Board of a CAFO (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation) meeting he attended today. The meeting was very informative and they were pleased to hear that the Town of York has already prepared a "Spill Plan Policy" in the event of an emergency or hazardous spill in our township.

4) Surplus Equipment:

Mr. Worden stated we have a few items to discuss whether or not to sell, send to auction or scrap for metal purposes. The Water Department pickup truck, Highway 10-wheeler and Water/Sewer lawnmower.

After a brief discussion the Board authorized Mr. Worden to consider all options, obtain quotes for scrap metal and depending on the quote, we will then decide if we wish to send the equipment to the Palmyra Municipal Auction.

5) Mailboxes:

Mr. Worden stated we had two incidents this week with mailboxes. The first situation (Mary Schoonover on Milroy Road) was completely our fault, and we have since purchased a new mailbox and restored it. The second incident took place on Cowan Road (Herb & Lydia Curtis), which was not our fault. Mr. Worden stated as a temporary fix to the matter he located a barrel and placed their mailbox in it, in order for them to continue to receive mail, but will be stopping to speak with them. Mr. Worden stated the

Curtis' expressed to Town Clerk, Mrs. Harris that the snowplow wing hit the box, which it did not. The wing released heavy, wet snow toward their mailbox, but after inspection of it we noticed that the wood post was rotted and was not structurally sound before the incident. Mr. Worden commented when we create an issue we will take responsibility for it, but when we are not the cause a homeowner needs to take responsibility for it. Mr. Worden stated he will stop once again to speak with the Curtis'.

6) Street Lights:

Mr. Worden stated at the February 10th Town Board Meeting a request was submitted by Alex Curry Jr. and approved by the Board to add additional street lights on Main Street between Retsof Road and Dow Road. Mr. Worden stated he questions whether or not sufficient power is in that area for more lights. Supervisor Deming stated he and Mr. Worden will view the Main Street area in order to verify what needs to be done.

WATER/SEWER

1) Meters:

Mr. McCracken reported the Water Department has been reading meters the past two weeks and should be ready for Water/Sewer Billing Clerk, Mrs. Messina to prepare the April billing cycle any day.

2) Lift Stations:

Mr. McCracken stated Pete Scondras has been busy connecting power to the three new lift station alarms. Once the system is in place it will certainly be a benefit. The lift station alarms are located on Main Street by Gail Garrett and Gary McKeown's residences and on Genesee Street near Tabtronics.

3) WYCO Construction:

Mr. McCracken stated he spoke with WYCO Construction about the possibility of contracting with them for service. WYCO is out of Warsaw and they specialize in servicing/cleaning sewer stations. They are similar to Barefoot Septic, but offer a few more benefits such as a larger truck with an 8 inch suction line. All clean out service can be conducted above ground, we do not need to have a person in the manhole. Once the tank is full they are able to de-water the product which separates the water from the sewer, and then they pump the water back into the sewer system, giving us more room to work with. Mr. McCracken and Mr. Worden state we continue to experience a large amount of grease build up in the lift stations, especially on Route 63 near Tabtronics, so hopefully this clean out process will assist us with our issue.

4) Tank:

Mr. McCracken informed the Board the water tank job is slated for the first week of April.

OTHER

1) Retsof surveys:

Supervisor Deming stated Town Clerk, Mrs. Harris received an email today from Bethann Birdsall of Thoma Development informing us due to the lack of completed

surveys from the Retsof customers, the Town should postpone the required second public hearing until a later date. The hearing was scheduled to take place on April 14th, but now suggests the May 12th date.

After little discussion the Board agreed to move the second hearing to May 12th, which will be the Board's first meeting of the month. Town Clerk, Harris offered to contact Ms. Birdsall in the morning to inform her of the Board's decision and to inquire as to the remaining addresses still yet to respond. Mrs. Harris commented if we only need a handful of surveys to reach our response rate, we should do a door to door campaign to obtain them.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Grant Funding Meeting:

Councilman Deuel informed the Board of a meeting he has scheduled with Bernie Thoma to discuss grant funding for development of an Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan. Mr. Thoma will be at the Town Hall on Wednesday, April 6th, but time is yet to be determined. Mr. Deuel stated once he is able to confirm a time, he will contact Mrs. Harris to notify the Board.

Mr. Deuel stated the next Farmland Preservation Meeting has been slated for Thursday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m. to prepare for their presentation to the Planning Board.

2) YCS:

Supervisor Deming discussed with the Board a conversation he recently had with York Central School's Superintendent, Dr. Daniel Murray. Mr. Deming conveyed the Board's financial support in unison with the school for library purposes. Dr. Murray stated with the funds the Town offered, the school will have enough money to support the library program to be open during summer school hours as well as two nights per week. The school expressed their gratitude for the support and stated how excited they are to offer this to our community.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Spring cleanup:

The Board discussed the need to schedule a spring cleanup date and asked Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden his thoughts on a timetable. Mr. Worden stated he has several projects planned for the upcoming months, but would make time for the cleanup once the Board schedules a date.

Spring cleanup date is scheduled for **Monday, May 9th**.

2) Town Hall:

Supervisor Deming discussed with the Board an issue that took place this past weekend. Mr. Deming came to the Town Hall to drop off the recycling money when he noticed the building was completely unlocked, including the door to the office.

Mr. Deming commented we all have to be more careful and diligent about locking and unlocking of the building, and will pass this concern along to all employees who have keys to the Town Hall.

3) Youth:

Supervisor Deming reported we have a new Baseball Coordinator for the York/Leicester Youth Program, Brad McClain. Mr. McClain has already taken inventory of the equipment and currently has 66 kids secured for this baseball season.

4) Training:

Mr. Deming stated he recently spoke with Heather Ferrero of the Livingston County Planning Department about scheduling some training sessions for Planning Board members. In the past the Board has experienced some issues on procedural matters, so gathering additional training will assist in how to run regular meetings as well as scheduling and running public hearings. Mr. Deming stated the Planning Board was receptive to the suggestion.

5) Intermunicipal contract with YCS:

Town Clerk, Mrs. Harris stated at the request of Town Attorney, Mr. Cicoria, she emailed York Central School’s Attorney, David Lippitt today about the status of the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town and the school. Mr. Lippitt responded this afternoon and sent a draft copy of such agreement for the Board, Mr. Worden and Mr. Cicoria to review.

Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Worden and Mr. Cicoria to thoroughly review the agreement in order to verify for a signature.

BILLS

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve all claims brought before the Board, including co-pay reimbursements for Roger McCracken totaling \$ 250.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

General Fund Claim	# 86-97	\$ 178,629.74
Joint Water & Sewer	# 85-95	\$ 3,391.33
Highway Fund Claim	# 61-64	\$ 8,313.81

OTHER

1) Intermunicipal Agreement:

a- County Highway Department:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement for Machinery, Tools, Equipment and Services Sharing between the Town of York and the County of Livingston. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

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2) Meeting:

Supervisor Deming informed the members of a meeting he has scheduled with Jeff Smith a Financial Advisor with Municipal Solutions, Inc., for Wednesday morning, March 30th. Mr. Smith will be working with the Town of York to assist in verifying our finances and the feasibility of bonding for our upcoming water projects.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until April 14th. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk