

York Town Board Meeting
April 14, 2011

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

Absent: Norman Gates

Others: George R. Worden Jr. (Highway Supt.) and Roger McCracken (Water& Sewer Operator)

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

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the minutes of the March 24th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) Maintenance:

Mr. Worden reported that the Town has been working for the County recently and finishing some routine painting projects. Mr. Worden added we removed wings from the trucks, but commented if need be we can always quickly reattach if snow returns.

2) Surgery:

Mr. Worden stated Highway employee, Louie Price will be out in the middle of May for roughly six weeks. Mr. Price will be having surgery on his foot and carpal tunnel surgery on his hand. Mr. Worden explained to Mr. Price before he is able to return to work he must obtain a Doctor's release.

3) Applications:

Mr. Worden reported we have received a large number of applications for the Part-time Highway/ Water & Sewer position. Mr. Worden commented he has not yet reviewed all submittals.

WATER/SEWER

1) Evans Avenue:

Mr. McCracken stated we received a quote today from Steve Morsch regarding the upcoming Evans Avenue project. Mr. Morsch quoted \$ 1,300.00 per day and estimated completion within three days, for a total of \$ 3,900.00. Mr. McCracken stated he feels this quote is very reasonable and we will have the added benefit of his laser equipment. If the Town was to rent this type of equipment it could be costly not to mention a bit foreign to us since we do not work with this equipment on a daily basis, so having Mr. Morsch's knowledge along with his equipment will certainly expedite the process.

Mr. Deming commented after speaking with Clark Patterson Lee, the Town expects to have SEQRE and Bond Counsel paperwork ready for the April 28th Town Board Meeting.

** Public Works Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 20th at 1:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Any Town Board Member able to attend is welcome to do so. The Committee will be discussing any and all upcoming projects.

2) Tank modifications:

Mr. McCracken informed the Board we received written verification from the Livingston County Health Department pertaining to our scheduled plans for modifications and improvements to the Tuttle Road east tank. The County reviewed and approved the plans, and have since returned all documents to Clark Patterson Lee. The improvements must be completed in accordance with New York State Sanitary Code Subpart 5-1 and other applicable regulations or permit requirements.

3) Alarm system:

Mr. McCracken discussed with the Board the possibility of purchasing one more line for additional alarm protection at the Piffard pump house/sewer pump station. With one connection it would take care of both segments, and serve as a safeguard for any future pressure issues. Mr. McCracken stated Pete Scondras would be able to make the connection for roughly \$ 1,000.00.

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Deuel authorizing Pete Scondras permission to connect an additional alarm line for protection to the sewer pump station/water pump house in Piffard, at a cost not to exceed \$ 1,000.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

4) Vacation:

Mr. McCracken informed the Board the Water & Sewer Department will be one person short next week due to the vacation of Operator, Jim Hodges.

OTHER

1) Caledonia Diesel:

Mr. Worden reported we received the steel from Caledonia Diesel last week. Mr. Raymond quoted us \$ 400.00 for it, but we have yet to receive the bill. Mr. Worden also commented he spoke with Mr. Raymond's sons about previous discussions for municipal water and inquired on the status. John Raymond conveyed his father's continued interest in Town water, but stated he and his brother Gary really don't see the need for it, so Caledonia Diesel is still up in the air at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Farmland Preservation:

Councilman Deuel reported the Farmland Preservation Committee met on Thursday, April 7th to discuss the upcoming presentation to the Planning Board. Mr. Deuel stated

Dave Nagel agreed to make the presentation on behalf of the committee, and added their sole purpose is to suggest designation areas for the Board to consider.

Mr. Deuel also informed the Board the committee will not be scheduling any further meetings through the summer months.

Councilman Deuel stated Lee Gratwick and Heather Grant will be working on the Right to Farm signs for the Town Hall location.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan:

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

WHEREAS, the Town of York desires to submit an application to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for financial assistance to assist the Town of York in developing and preparing an Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is evident that the revision and update of the Town's zoning code and comprehensive plan are critical components of farmland protection and preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Town of York intends to update its Comprehensive Plan, revise the Zoning Code and adopt any other land use regulations necessary for farmland protection and preservation in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan prepared for the Town of York will address the changes needed to the Town's comprehensive plan, zoning code, and land use regulations in order to maximize protection and preservation of farmland; and

WHEREAS, funding solicited through this program will be used for the purposes of preparing an Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan and for developing specific recommendations as part of that plan as to changes required in the Town's zoning code, comprehensive plan, and development of other land use regulations if needed to protect and preserve farmland; and

WHEREAS, the Town is soliciting grant monies from the State in the amount not to exceed \$ 25,000.00 (75% of the total project cost) and the Town will commit an additional \$ 8,334.00 (25% of the total project cost), \$ 3,500.00 of which will be provided in cash from a dedicated fund established as part of this action through the establishment of a budget item for this purpose and \$ 2,334.00 of in-kind services from the Town and \$ 2,500.00 of in-kind services from Livingston County; and

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of York directs the Town Supervisor to sign this Resolution and to make application to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets; and, let it further be

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to act on behalf of the Town of York in all matters related to the 2011 funding application and related components under the Department of Agriculture and Markets program.

Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Councilman Deuel commented, of the 1,042 Towns throughout New York State, 14 Towns have already approved an Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan and 68 more are awaiting approval.

2) Village of Geneseo:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board of a letter he received from the Village of Geneseo stating their intentions to increase the water rates by \$.15 per 100 cubic foot. Water Operator, Roger McCracken commented the increase will roughly be less than \$.10 per 1,000 gallons of water, which is minimal, so we should not have to adjust our current rates. The rate increase will take effect in August.

3) Roof Bids:

Supervisor Deming stated the Town received a total of four bids for the Town Hall Roof reconstruction project. The bids are as follows:

Elmer W. Davis	\$ 148,677.00
Leo J. Roth Corp.	\$ 127,820.00
Ontario Exteriors	\$ 116,700.00
AW Farrell & Sons, Inc.	\$ 82,198.00

Mr. Deming expressed our Engineers initial estimate for the work prior to the actual field survey to be in the neighborhood of \$ 55,000.00. Unfortunately we discovered during the field review deteriorated conditions at the roof edge, as well as conditions related to the condensing unit and clock tower, which would add substantial cost to the project. Clark Patterson Lee estimated these conditions to add approximately \$20,000.00 to the bid. Finally, an eagle was also added to replace the current weather vane at the top of the clock tower, cost to furnish and install the eagle would be \$ 5,000.00.

Supervisor Deming stated Clark Patterson reviewed and verified all bids submitted, and recommends that the Board accept the bid submitted by AW Farrell in the amount of \$ 82, 198.00.

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to accept the bid submitted by AW Farrell and Sons, Inc. for the Town Hall Roof reconstruction Project, for the Base Bid amount of \$ 82, 198.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

4) Retirement System letter:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board of a letter he received from the New York State Retirement System regarding Court Clerk, Norma Geary. The letter stated Mrs.

Geary officially retired effective April 8, 2011, but this is the first he or the Board has heard of her intentions.

Mr. Deming stated he will be speaking with Mrs. Geary for clarification.

BILLS

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

General Fund Claim	# 98-121	\$ 12,156.07
Joint Water & Sewer	# 96-119	\$ 18,994.91
Youth Fund Claim	# 3-4	\$ 1,553.15
Street Lights	# 3	\$ 1,726.06
Highway Fund Claim	# 65-81	\$ 9,176.03

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until April 28th. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk