

York Town Board Meeting  
July 28, 2011

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

Absent: None

Others: George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt.) & Roger McCracken (Water & Sewer Op.)

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:45 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve the minutes of the July 14<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) Projects:

Mr. Worden stated the Highway Department men have been split into two crews, one to complete ditching on Dow Road and the other to assist with the York Central School project. The ditching is complete for now on Dow Road and the school project is coming along very well. Mr. Worden informed the Board while working at the school they recently came upon a water issue. Mr. Worden commented the water build up has been in existence for many years and once we began digging, we had to contend with the excess, ultimately tiling to rid the area of the large amounts of water.

Supervisor Deming asked if anyone from the school had been out to witness the work, which Mr. Worden replied they had. Head Custodian, Tony Gullo and a few members of his staff have stopped regularly to stay current on the status of the project and seem to be pleased with what they see.

2) Weight limit signs:

Mr. Worden stated he received the weight limit signs for Anderson, Ellicott and Federal Roads and will be posting them on Tuesday of next week.

Councilman Deuel inquired about a 20 ton weight limit sign on the Simpson Road bridge he recently viewed, and asked Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden if he had posted the new signs. Mr. Worden commented even though it is located on a Town Road, any bridge spanning 20 feet in length is a County bridge and is maintained by them, so they posted the new signs.

3) YCS Claims:

Mr. Deming informed the Board he met with Mr. Worden and Supervisor's Clerk, Mrs. Barefoot Monday afternoon to discuss and review the claims incurred for the York Central School Project. Due to the material needed, the bills have been substantial so we

will have the school pay as we go. Machinery and labor for the project will be the last items to be billed.

#### 4) Budget:

Mr. Deming commented the Board has discussed several times at their meetings the need to carefully maintain the allotted amounts in the budget for each department, especially Highway, with the addition of part-time help.

Supervisor Deming stated from January to June of last year the Highway Budget used \$ 143,897.00. For the same time frame in 2011, the total is at \$ 146,900.00. The Board agreed Mr. Worden has been mindful of the budget and has done a great job balancing the part-time help with full-time.

Mr. Worden stated he has scheduled a meeting with Shelby Bennett of Baldwin Business Services tomorrow to review potential money available for CHIPS Funding, but otherwise the budget looks right on course.

Mr. Worden informed the Board of a meeting he attended this week regarding possible FEMA reimbursement. Mr. Worden stated the only project we could potentially obtain reimbursement for would be a small portion of the River Road Culvert replacement project. Mr. Worden stated we were more than half way through the project before FEMA reimbursement was available, ultimately only able to claim \$ 500.00 worth of material. Mr. Worden stated due to our minimal reimbursement, it is not worth the effort to submit the lengthy paperwork required, which the Town Board agreed with.

#### 5) Route 63 Overpass:

Mr. Worden stated after numerous conversations with the Board and others pertaining to the Route 63 (Genesee Street) overpass, local resident and New York State Department of Transportation Construction Engineer, Art Geary was able to speak with the right agency about properly posting the overpass. The posting is now 14 1/4 feet high, which should reassure the truck traffic. Thank you Mr. Geary.

### WATER/SEWER

#### 1) Water Tank:

Mr. McCracken informed the Board that the Water tank is now full once again, one week after the Livingston County Department of Health issued a Water Conservation Notice to all residents served by the Village of Geneseo (Towns of Geneseo and York as well as the Village of Geneseo).

Mr. Worden stated conversations have taken place with Geneseo about the need to get us more water when we need it, and if they can't we will ultimately have to find another source. Mr. McCracken stated our current contract allows us 750,000 gallons per day, and we normally average roughly 375,000 gallons. During the extreme hot spell we peaked at 540,000 gallons per day, and still did not come close to our allotment. Mr. Worden added during that time period the Village of Geneseo tried to limit our consumption, knowing full well we were under our contract. Mr. Worden stated we will continue to work with them in order to supply us the water we need, but may need the Town Board's help if we encounter resistance along the way. Mr. Worden added they

really have not tapped all of their resources at this point, and may have to be pushed a bit.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### 1) Cemetery Sign:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the quote of \$ 100.00 from David DeFreze to prepare and install a sign at the Oak View Cemetery, located on Main Street in Wadsworth. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

#### 2) Coverage increase:

Supervisor Deming discussed with the Board suggestions made by Insurance Agent, David Boyce regarding increased coverage for the Town of York. Mr. Deming asked Mr. Boyce to provide a quote on \$ 50,000 Employee Theft and to increase the specified positions by one Deputy Clerk. The Board also agreed to purchase Computer Fraud and Funds Transfer coverage up to \$ 50,000. The Board agreed additional coverage is very much needed, especially with the transferring of funds we continue to do.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell authorizing Supervisor Deming permission to increase with Tompkins Insurance, the Town of York coverage as follows:

\$ 50,000- Employee Theft coverage	\$ 238.00 per year
\$ 50,000- Computer Fraud & Funds Transfer coverage	\$ 105.00 per year
\$ 2,500- Additional Deputy Clerk coverage	\$ 34.00 per year

which is a total of \$ **377.00** additional coverage.

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

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 1) Budget increases:

Clerk Harris stated to the Board she received written documentation from the Board of Elections informing us of the need to budget additional funds for 2012 due to three slated elections. Ms. Harris commented she wanted the Board to be aware of the additional costs prior to budget sessions.

#### 2) Court Conference:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose granting Norma Geary permission to attend the yearly Court Clerk Conference in Niagara Falls, New York from September 26<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

#### 3) Energy Savings Plan:

Town Clerk, Mrs. Harris reported she met today with Dan Wergen of National Grid regarding an Energy Conservation Program offered to the Town of York. After review of the Town Hall, Ms. Harris accompanied Mr. Wergen to the Highway Department and Water & Sewer Department to view our existing lighting fixtures in order to prepare a

summary estimate of the necessary scope of work. Mr. Wergen explained that this program is offered to commercial and industrial customers that have an average monthly demand less than or equal to 100 KW. Under the program the company is arranging the installation of certain energy efficiency measures at the facilities, with incentives to do so.

Ms. Harris stated she printed out for each Board Member the proposed savings plan emailed from Mr. Wergen. The Plan includes the total estimated job cost (\$ 13,795.39), minus the estimated National Grid contribution ( \$ 9,349.08), leaving the customer contribution at \$ 4,446.31. After a brief review, the Board agreed the Plan seems too good to be true and asked Ms. Harris to contact Mr. Wergen for an onsite meeting with two members of the Board to discuss the information in greater detail, which Ms. Harris agreed to do.

4) Valley Fest:

Council Member Parnell reminded the Board that the Third Annual Valley Fest is this Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, and commented she hopes to see everyone there.

5) YCS Pickup:

Mr. McCracken reported York Central School will be accepting bids shortly for a 2006 Chevy ¾ Ton pickup truck, with 30,000 miles and wanted to know if the Board might be interested in bidding on it.

After a brief discussion the Board asked Mr. McCracken to stop tomorrow at the school to speak with Head Custodian, Mr. Gullo about the vehicle.

BILLS

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve all claims brought before the Board, including the David DeFreze bill in the amount of \$ 100.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

General Fund Claim	# 223-237	\$ 36,957.35
Joint Water & Sewer	# 204-214	\$ 9,790.05
Youth Fund Claim	# 11-12	\$ 165.50
Highway Fund Claim	# 148-158	\$ 36,302.98

OTHER

1) Vacation:

Mr. Worden informed the Board he will be on vacation next week, but has outlined the duties to be completed. Our full-time employees will be working for the County and the part-time crew will be at the school.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until August 11<sup>th</sup>. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk