

York Town Board Meeting
August 11, 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 Superintendent), Carl Peter (Zoning &
Code Officer), Christopher & Chris McLouth and Ronald Cicoria
(Town Attorney)

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:32 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 July 28th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5,
No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) YCS Project:

Mr. Worden reported to the Board the drainage issue at the school is now
controlled and all tiling has been completed. Blacktopping of the area will take
place within the next few weeks.

Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Worden if all projects at the school will be
completed before the start which is September 7th. Mr. Worden stated even
though the water issue was something we had not anticipated and took much
longer to complete, he does feel confident we will be finished before the first day
of school, which will make Mr. Gullo, Head Custodian feel much better.

2) Signs:

Mr. Worden stated the street signs for Chestnut Street have now been
replaced, and the weight limit signs for Anderson, Ellicott and Federal Roads will
be up shortly.

3) Personnel Issue:

Mr. Worden informed the Board we have a Personnel matter to review and
asked to discuss it with the Board later in the evening.

Supervisor Deming stated we will proceed with all other business first and
then enter into Executive Session to discuss the issue

4) Gravel:

Mr. Worden stated he received another call from Main Street resident Chris Terry about the need to have additional gravel at the end of his driveway due to the continual wear. Mr. Worden commented he will contact Mr. Terry to see how much he requires.

WATER/SEWER

1) Geneseo Meter Pit:

Mr. Worden reported he met recently with the Engineers to discuss the meter pit located in Geneseo. Mr. Worden stated his intentions to bypass the Village's line with ours in order to eliminate any future confusion. Mr. Worden added when the water issue occurred last Friday the men were unclear as to who owned the line leading up to the pit, the Town of Geneseo, Town of York or Bill Vitale. Mr. Worden contacted Town of Geneseo Highway Superintendent, Larry Levey late that day to assist with the water issue since he was unfortunately still unavailable. The conclusion was when the Town of York cut the 8 inch line, to replace with the 12 inch under the Genesee River, the other side was not cut, ultimately leaving us with some leaking issues. It was unclear as to who owned the line with the leak, but eventually was determined to be Mr. Vitale's line.

Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Worden, in the event we should have an issue with the existing 12 inch line, are we still able to re-connect to the previous 8 inch line. Mr. Worden responded we would be able to re-connect if need be.

2) Water Quality Issues:

Mr. Worden reported the Office staff and the Water Department continue to receive calls from residents of Virginia Ave. complaining of water quality. The residents have stated that the water has a nasty odor and taste, and the color resembles rusty water. The Department has been flushing the line every two weeks for over a month, and anticipates the issue to slow down once the activity on Conesus Lake does. Mr. Worden added, boating on the lake stirs up the seaweed and we unfortunately see the after affects.

Supervisor Deming stated Engineer, Rick Henry is preparing specification options for Virginia Avenue and we should have them shortly. He is proposing to replace the 6 inch line with a 4 inch. Mr. Worden commented he would like to see the new line looped to Rt. 63, for continual water flow, which would certainly benefit Virginia Ave., because it is currently a dead end line. Mr. Deming added, the avenue is one of the original lines in the Town and needs to be seriously reviewed.

3) Pickup:

Mr. Worden stated at the last Town Board Meeting the Board asked Mr. McCracken to follow up with Mr. Gullo at York Central School about the ¾ ton pick up truck they will be accepting bids on shortly. Mr. McCracken conveyed to Mr. Worden that the truck is in very good shape, and has only 24,000 miles on it. Along with the truck, the package includes a plow as well.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Water Tower Property:

Supervisor Deming reported he has spoken several times with Larry Smith and Danielle Lopez, the two parties interested in the Town owned water tower property, located on York Road West. Mr. Smith has expressed his desire to do whatever possible to make this work for both parties. His initial thought was to purchase the parcel and deed off roughly 20 feet of frontage to the Lopez's in order for them to have the proper footage to upgrade their residence. Mr. Deming stated after speaking with Mr. Smith, he suggested that he contact Mrs. Lopez directly to discuss potential options between them before the actual required notice appears in the official newspaper.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell authorizing the Town Attorney, Mr. Cicoria permission to prepare the "Notice of Bid" for the Town of York vacant land parcel on York Road West previously occupied by the water tower. Sealed bids must be a minimum of \$1,000.00 and winning bidder will be responsible for all closing costs. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

2) Energy Savings Plan:

Councilmen Rose and Deuel reported they met with Dan Wergen this week to discuss further the quote he prepared for an Energy Savings Plan for the Town of York.

Mr. Deuel stated after review of the quote, we concluded we might not see the exact savings he initially anticipated, but would benefit with the plan. Mr. Rose commented the program includes disposal of everything and might be the best time to upgrade from what we currently have, especially while they are contributing the substantial percentage that they are. Mr. Deuel added this program is not actually sponsored by National Grid, they contract with Lime Energy for the lighting contract. Mr. Deuel stated he does not foresee any reason why we shouldn't proceed, but feels perhaps only in the Highway and Water/Sewer Departments, not Town Hall. Due to the potential remodeling, he questions whether or not to spend any funds on new lights in the main hall if we will be moving forward with an expansion. Councilman Rose agrees the program would certainly be a benefit and suggests that the Town Board proceed.

Mr. Peter, as Town Hall Custodian suggested to the Board that they consider adding the Town Hall to the program, in order to have all lighting fixtures the

same throughout their buildings. When the time comes to remove the lights we would be able to use these fixtures in our other locations.

Mr. Worden commented to make sure the lighting fixtures for the Highway buildings are cold start lights, otherwise he will not be interested in the upgrade.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Gates to approve installation of new lighting fixtures, through the Energy Savings Plan, for the lump sum payment of \$3,779.76, pending verification of the cold start lighting system in the bay area of the Highway Department. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

** Approval for Town Hall, Highway Dept. and Water/Sewer buildings

NEW BUSINESS

1) Painting Quote:

Clerk Harris discussed with the Board a conversation she had with resident Brenda MacDonald about commissioning a painting from her of the York Town Hall. Ms. Harris stated she viewed Ms. MacDonald's work at the York Valley Fest two weeks ago and suggested she prepare a quote for the Town Board to review.

Ms. MacDonald quoted a 36" x 36' oil on canvas image for \$250.00, (a painting this size would normally cost & \$400.00-\$600.00) but realizes the financial restraints of the Board and wanted to work within our budget. Ms. MacDonald stated if the Board wishes to have the framing done themselves to feel free to do so, or she can purchase one for us with her artist's discount.

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose authorizing Ms. Harris permission to contact Brenda MacDonald to commission a painting of the York Town Hall, plus framing. Cost of painting not to exceed \$250.00 and framing \$200.00. Voted on and approved Yes-5, No-0.

2) Senator Patrick Gallivan:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board the previously scheduled date for Senator Gallivan's gathering has been changed to Monday, August 29th at 12:00 noon. As discussed at an earlier meeting, Senator Gallivan will be here to discuss local issues. Mr. Deming commented the guests will include York Central School Superintendent, Dr. Daniel Murray, Clark Patterson Lee Engineer, Rick Henry, Livingston County Sheriff, John York, Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden, Town Clerk, Ms. Harris, York Town Board and York Fire Dept. representative, Carl Peter.

3) Renovations:

Supervisor Deming stated he, Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden and Clark Patterson Lee Engineer, Rick Henry met Monday evening to discuss further possible renovations of the York Town Hall to upgrade the Court facilities. The biggest issue before us is the stage area and how to make the space work to have a

court section, but keep some portion for rentals of the Town Hall. Supervisor Deming stated he completed the paperwork today prepared by Mr. Henry, to apply for a \$300,000.00 grant for the renovations.

4) Request:

Supervisor Deming stated he received a telephone call from Wadsworth Grill owner, Karen Uhl inquiring if a “Local Traffic only” sign could be placed on Boyd Lane. Ms. Uhl stated her regular customers are well aware that it is a dead end street, but new visitors of the Grill do not, and end up going that direction after they leave the bar, which happens to be late hours. Ms. Uhl stated to Mr. Deming she feels bad that Boyd Lane neighbors have to endure the traffic that time of the night and feel if a sign is placed it might alleviate the large volume of traffic to that area. Mr. Deming added, Ms. Uhl offered to visit the neighbors to inform them of her suggestion, which the Board agreed was a good idea.

Mr. Worden agreed signs should be placed on Boyd Lane and Virginia Avenue, but believe they must be “Dead End” signs, not local traffic only.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to order two “Dead End” signs, one for Virginia Avenue and the other for Boyd Lane. Voted on and approved Yes-5, No-0.

5) Agricultural Land Exemption:

The Town Board discussed at great length the Agricultural Land Exemption being applied to the Fire District tax, and the significant impact it will have on all taxpayers.

The Board agreed a work session with Assessor, Anne Sapienza would be beneficial in order to obtain specific information on the matter. Supervisor Deming stated he will contact Ms. Sapienza before our next meeting on the 25th.

OTHER

1) Lighting District:

Supervisor Deming asked Attorney, Cicoria to review the existing Lighting District. Currently some areas of the Town are not located within the district, and the Board would like to include the entire Town. Mr. Cicoria stated he will review the information and render a recommendation shortly.

BILLS

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to pay all claims brought before the Board, including the Snyder Brothers cemetery restoration bill in the amount of \$9,940.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

General Fund Claim	#238-251	\$ 49,324.29
Joint Water & Sewer	#215-228	\$108,628.52
Youth Fund Claim	#13-14	\$ 180.00
Street Lights	#7	\$ 1,409.99
Highway Fund Claim	#159-172	\$ 16,075.66

8:40 P.M.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Deuel to enter into Executive Session for Personnel Matters, to include Town Board, Town Attorney, Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

8:55 P.M.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to end Executive Session. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Supervisor Deming reported no action was taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until August 25th. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk