

York Town Board Meeting
September 22, 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.),
John Noble, James Jeffres and David Stafford (RL Jeffres & Sons, Inc.)

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve the minutes of the September 8th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

1) RL Jeffres:

David Stafford, Business Manager for RL Jeffres & Sons, stated his intentions to clarify any rumors the Board may have heard pertaining to their upcoming plans on the Monastery property. Mr. Stafford commented Jeffres as well as the Abbey of the Genesee, are good neighbors of the community and are conscious of the concerns of the residents. Mr. Stafford stated their plans in no way will hinder what already exists.

Mr. Stafford outlined he has dual roles, he coordinates orders for Synergy Facilities and Jeffres, so he certainly is able to answer any questions the Board may have pertaining to the process.

Currently Jeffres spread in several lands around Synergy, which Mr. Stafford states meets all state regulations and guidelines. Mr. Stafford commented the reason for selecting the Abbey property is simple, it's perfect soil for what they wish to use it for, as well as location. The proposed area would be 1,000 feet off of Craig Road, which is quite remote and benefits residents concerned with any odor issues. Due to the distance of the lagoon from the roadway, odor will not be a problem because of the number of trees throughout the Monastery property, blocking any excess smell. Mr. Stafford also discussed a concern the Abbey addressed. They made it quite clear that no raw food waste will be in the proposed lagoon, which Jeffres was happy to agree to.

Mr. Noble stated there is an advantage to creating smaller lagoons in areas, for the basic reason of equipment. Many farms have very large pieces of machinery, so it is not always easy to maneuver it in certain areas.

Mr. Stafford stressed again the site location is so remote, it is an ideal area for the lagoon, smell should not be a factor. The proposed plan for trucking to the lagoon area is Route 63 (Genesee Street) to Rt. 36 (Main Street) then onto Craig Road. Mr. Stafford stated many trucks will be run in short periods of time to fill the lagoon, which they have

found to be much more cost effective rather than trucking a few trucks over a longer period. Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden asked about the possibility of notifying the Town prior to dispatching the trucks in order to be ready for the much anticipated telephone calls from the residents in that area, which Mr. Stafford responded he would gladly do. Mr. Stafford added, if the Town has any questions regarding any part of this process, issues with his drivers or necessary clean up of roadways, he will be the contact person and to feel free to call him any time.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

1) Council Member Parnell: “How many trucks can we expect?”

*Mr. Stafford stated on average 5-6 trucks will be used continuously, and each would normally make 10 trips.

2) Councilman Rose: “Who would get the calls from complainants?”

*Mr. Stafford answered he has no control on the number of calls or whom they direct the questions to. The Town will certainly receive calls and he will also answer any that contact him as well.

3) Highway Superintendent Worden: “Will a driveway be put in?”

*Mr. Stafford stated what is existing is not sufficient, they will definitely be putting in a driveway.

4) Councilman Gates: “How close will the lagoon be to the existing pond on site?”

*Mr. Stafford stated they have proposed the lagoon to be placed roughly half way to the pond, but will be verifying with the Engineer before any decision is made.

5) Supervisor Deming: “The York Sportsman’s Club has numerous functions, will there be any issues that could create any friction?”

*Mr. Stafford commented due to the distance and remote location of the lagoon, there should not be any problems for their functions.

6) Highway Superintendent Worden: “Will you be crossing the creek?”

*Mr. Stafford stated if we drag line in that area, yes we would be crossing the creek.

Supervisor Deming thanked the gentlemen for attending tonight’s meeting and stated the session was very informative and asked to keep the Board current when additional details become available.

HIGHWAY

1) York Central School:

Mr. Worden stated the projects at York Central School are close to completion. A bit more stone is needed in some areas, which their staff will spread once we deliver it to them. Overall everything went very well and the school seems pleased with our efforts.

2) Roadwork:

Mr. Worden stated the Department has been wedging Ellicott and Federal Roads, and recently began on Dow Road. Federal Road was also in need of repairs due to pot holes, which we were able to patch.

3) Gravel:

Mr. Worden commented the Town of Leicester is underway with a piping project on New Road and was in need of gravel, which we were happy to sell to them.

OTHER

1) Building purchase:

Mr. Worden discussed with the Board a building he recently viewed on the Federal Surplus site we could purchase if the Board feels it is necessary. Mr. Worden stated the shelter is a 36 x 90 coverall building, for \$1,000.00, and is located at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Mr. Worden commented according to the pictures he viewed, the structure has been taken down and materials separated into piles and looks as if the pieces are all originals. Supervisor Deming asked if we decide to purchase the building and Mr. Worden goes to retrieve it, only to realize numerous pieces are missing, are we required to still take it. Mr. Worden replied if we are not satisfied with the building, we do not have to take it. Mr. Worden added we will need to purchase concrete blocks, which costs \$50.00 per block. He anticipates needing roughly 180, which would be a total of \$9,000.00. Mr. Worden stated the blocks will be very easy to connect and should be able to complete rather quickly. Mr. Worden commented he would probably have two guys working on the connection, which would take approximately two weeks.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell authorizing Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden permission to purchase from the Federal Surplus Program, (1) 36 x 90 building in the amount of \$1,000.00. Voted on and approved, Yes,-5, No-0.

*building must be utilized within 18 months of the purchase.

WATER/SEWER

1) Water reads:

Mr. McCracken reported the department completed all water reads for the upcoming October billing cycle. Mrs. Messana is now reviewing and verifying all documentation for preparation of the bills. Bills will be mailed out by the end of the month.

Mr. McCracken added now that the reads have been completed the men have stayed busy with mowing and other routine maintenance.

2) Virginia Avenue:

Mr. McCracken stated he has obtained price quotes for the Virginia Avenue water replacement project. The project involves replacement of approximately 1,100 linear feet of 4 inch and 6 inch water main, valves, hydrants and appurtenances. We received the following quotes for piping:

EJP	-	\$ 8,600.00
MJ Supply	-	\$ 7,759.85
Blair Supply	-	\$ 7,550.83
Vellano Brothers	-	\$ 7,559.05

Mr. McCracken commented in addition to piping we anticipate all other material to total roughly \$10,650.00, not including any miscellaneous items, but all of which will be under the original budget for this project.

Mr. Worden stated he spoke with Contractor #1 regarding his cost to dig the project. He anticipated \$6.00 per foot, using a 42" bucket. Contractor #2 stated he would be using a backhoe, and questioned why the Town would hire someone when they have the same equipment and could do the job. Mr. Worden explained, the Board asked him to receive quotes and review all information in order to decide which method to proceed with. Mr. Worden expressed to the Board if they want his department to dig they would certainly do so. Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Worden and Mr. McCracken due to the ongoing projects before the Highway and Water Department, do they feel comfortable with time restraints. Mr. Worden and Mr. McCracken replied they are confident they will be able to proceed with all work if the Board approves. Mr. Worden added we can do all the necessary prep work and digging while we wait for Health Department approval.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell authorizing Water/Sewer Operator, Roger McCracken permission to purchase 4" and 6" piping from Blair Supply in the amount of \$7,550.83 and other miscellaneous material, for a total not to exceed \$ 11,000.00 for the Virginia Avenue water main replacement project.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Farmland Open Space update:

Councilman Deuel informed the Board that the Farmland Open Space Committee met last Tuesday evening (13th) with the Planning Board to present their thoughts and suggestions pertaining to scenic view shed areas throughout our township. Mr. Deuel

stated he recently spoke with Heather Ferrero of the Livingston County Planning Department about the information and she stressed the need once the designated areas have been determined to present the information to the Town Board and public for comment. Mr. Deuel stated one major objective is to discuss and outline environmentally sensitive sites, which may include historic or archeological significance in our Zoning Code. Such areas may include: Little Italy, Warren House/Orwin Arboretum, Linwood Gardens, Hillcrest, Abbey of the Genesee, Genesee Valley Greenway and Groveland Extension.

NEW BUSINESS

1) RG&E:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board of a recent letter we received as a customer of RG&E. Effective September 26-October 31st, they will be installing new natural gas mains and services on Main Street. For the first phase of the project, DDS/ Rochester Utilities Contractors, Inc. (RG&E's Contractor), will be doing the installation. There may be temporary inconveniences, but expressed their desire to work to ensure a timely correction. The second phase of the project will include RG&E putting the new mains in service and installing new natural gas service lines from the mains to homes and businesses. In the last phase, DDS will return to complete all restoration.

2) Youth Board:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose reappointing Sharon Deming to the Livingston County Youth Board for a term of two years. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

3) Water Tap:

a- 3496 Batzing Road:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve the Water Tap application submitted by Karen and James Kennedy for property located at 3496 Batzing Road, in the amount of \$ 1,500.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

4) Bid Opening:

Supervisor Deming stated we received one bid for the vacant land parcel on York Road West previously occupied by the water tower. The bid opening took place on Tuesday, the 20th at 4:00 p.m. The sole bid was submitted by Lawrence Smith of York Land and Cattle Co., in the amount of \$ 1,001.00.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to accept the bid submitted by Lawrence Smith in the amount of \$ 1,001.00, for the vacant land parcel owned by the Town of York, Tax Map Number: 51.5-1-2. Mr. Smith will be responsible for all filing fees associated with this transfer of ownership, which he is aware of. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

5) Valley Fest:

Council Member Parnell discussed with the Board concerns expressed by the York Valley Fest Committee members at their last meeting. The committee wants to verify their existing coverage and review possible rider coverage in hopes of adding more options to the one day event each year. Mrs. Parnell stated questions arose pertaining to coverage of our members in the event an accident occurs while in preparation of or the actual day of the Valley Fest. Members asked whether or not we had enough for the Ag display equipment as well as the bounce house.

After a brief discussion the Board agreed to have Council Member Parnell contact our agent, David Boyce with Tompkins Insurance, asking to attend a meeting with the Board earlier in the evening of October 13th, before the regular Town Board Meeting.

8:55 P.M.

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel issues, to include Town Board, Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

9:35 P.M

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

Supervisor Deming reported no action was taken in Executive Session.

BILLS

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

General Fund Claim	# 284-291	\$ 9,614.04
Joint Water & Sewer	# 258-266	\$ 4,649.27
Youth Fund Claim	# 16	\$ 115.00
Highway Fund Claim	# 199-208	\$ 143,214.72

OTHER

1) Brad McClain:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board of a verbal request made by York/Leicester Youth Baseball Coordinator, Brad McClain, regarding offering an additional program for elementary students. Mr. McClain stated perhaps a K-2 program for basketball should be considered, and asked the Board for assistance.

After a brief discussion the Board suggested Mr. McClain contact Tom Sherwood and Ed Orman at the school to speak with them directly on whether or not the need is there because the gentlemen have already coordinated a program for the younger students called "Little Dribblers".

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until October 13th. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk