

York Town Board Meeting
October 13, 2011

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

Absent: None

Others: Dortha Prine, Roger McCracken (Water/Sewer Operator), Scott &
Jason Canaan and Carl Peter (Zoning & Code Officer)

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 Mrs. Parnell to approve
the minutes of the September 22nd Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved,
Yes-5, No-0.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

1) Jason Canaan:

Jason Canaan asked to speak with the Board this evening to discuss his plans
and hopeful approval of his Eagle Scout Project. Jason informed the Board of his
intentions to plant 10 additional Red Maple trees and to replace wood chips
under the slide and swings at the Piffard playground. Jason stated the
York/Leicester Kiwanis have already planted a number of trees on site and he
hopes to complete what they started.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

1) Supervisor Deming: "What will the estimated cost of the trees be?"

Response: Jason stated the trees will roughly be \$95.00 per tree.

2) Councilman Deuel: "How large are the trees?"

Response: Jason stated the trees will be 6 to 8 feet in size.

3) Councilman Deuel: "When will you be planting the trees?"

Response: Jason stated he hopes to plant in early spring.

Response: Mr. Deuel commented if you wait until spring to plant the trees,
you will also have to consider the need for watering each tree on a regular basis.
You might want to consider the fall time frame for planting purposes.

4) Supervisor Deming: "Have you begun any fundraising for the cost of the
trees? You will not need to worry about the wood chips, we can obtain them for
you and deliver them to the site."

Response: Jason replied some money has been obtained and hopes to gather
more from local businesses and Kiwanis. Mr. Canaan stated he has been

collecting soda cans at work, and believes to have collected \$300.00 thus far for the project.

5) Councilman Deuel: “Are you digging the holes by hand”?

Response: Jason stated he has already secured a person to dig the holes with a backhoe.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mr. Rose approving and supporting Jason Canaan’s Eagle Scout Project to plant trees and replacement of wood chips at the Piffard playground. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

WATER/SEWER

1) Virginia Avenue:

Water Operator, Roger McCracken reported to the Board two weeks ago the Department made the connection at the corner of Rt. 36 and Virginia Avenue for the upcoming replacement project. Piping has already arrived, and we should be starting the installation by next week if Health Department approval is obtained.

OTHER

1) Water Tap Application:

Lawnel Farms:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve the Water Tap Application submitted by Lawrence Smith of Lawnel Farms for property located at 2413 Craig Road, in the amount of \$1,500.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

**** This is a second tap for that location.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Tuttle Road letter:

Supervisor Deming discussed with the Board once again the issue of water pressure on Tuttle Road and the need to inform the residents of the Board’s decision regarding a replacement pump and tank if needed. The Board discussed previously sending a letter to the homeowners, outlining the Town’s and homeowner’s responsibility. After additional thought on the subject, Supervisor Deming suggested that the Board visit the residents on Tuttle Road to view what currently exists and see what we may be dealing with and responsible for, at a potential future date. The Board agreed by going door to door it will give us the opportunity to explain to the residents more thoroughly the necessary steps in the event of a pump or tank replacement.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Property Tax Cap:

Clerk Harris discussed with the Board the ongoing issue with the Property Tax Cap and the need to decide whether or not to proceed forward with a Public Hearing to adopt a Local Law to override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law § 3-C. Clerk Harris stated pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-C, it authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit, for the purposes of special or improvement districts, fire projection districts or town purposes.

Supervisor Deming stated we will table this discussion until the October 27th meeting in order to confer with our Accountant, Tom Baldwin of Baldwin Business Services.

2) Dortha Prine:

Mrs. Prine brought to the Board's attention an issue she has been experiencing the past several months. Mrs. Prine stated she has noticed that her area has been overrun with cats and has had to use the have a heart animal traps to secure and remove them from her premises and taken to Lollypop Farm. Mrs. Prine informed the Board that feline aids is becoming more prevalent, especially in stray cats, and once they come in contact with others, can infect that population as well.

Supervisor Deming commented he will contact Joan Ellison, Director of Livingston County Department of Health in the morning to discuss the matter with her for further information.

Mrs. Prine also suggested to the Board to offer on the Town website, residents the opportunity to visit a site to reduce unwanted junk mail and catalogs. Mrs. Prine stated she has already taken steps to eliminate the excess mail and wanted others to have the proper information to do the same. Site is **catalogchoice.org**.

Supervisor Deming thanked Mrs. Prine for the information this evening and commented we will be following through with both issues.

3) 2012 Budget Hearing:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to schedule the 2012 Budget Hearing for Thursday, **October 27th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** at the York Town Hall. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

4) Seminar:

Supervisor Deming reported about an upcoming seminar scheduled for Monday, October 24th in Binghamton, New York. He stated the issue to be discussed is protection of our roadways in relation to water fracking.

Mr. Deming stated unfortunately he is unable to attend the session, but thinks we should have a representative for the Town attend due to the great deal of information we could obtain. Mr. Deming added we certainly need to protect our roads and this seminar could be very helpful.

BILLS

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

• General Fund Claim	#292-317	\$ 7,880.57
• Joint Water & Sewer	#267-288	\$91,634.83
• Street Lights	#9	\$ 1,573.63
• Highway Fund Claim	#209-218	\$19,874.84
• Youth Fund Claim	# 17-18	\$ 254.00

OTHER

1) Copier Quote:

Clerk Harris reported she met with Michael Freeman, Senior Account Executive for Konica Minolta to discuss a proposal to upgrade and add additional features for the office copier. Mrs. Harris informed the Board that Mr. Freeman visited the office three weeks ago to introduce himself and to review our current copier needs in hopes of submitting a proposal for an upgrade. Mrs. Harris explained to Mr. Freeman the Town of York has roughly two years left on our lease, but would review and evaluate his proposal when prepared.

Council Members Parnell and Deuel reviewed Mr. Freeman's proposal and agreed although it would be a slight upgrade from what we currently have, we do not need the additional Desk Record Software package, so they recommend staying with our existing system. Supervisor Deming added to date we have been very happy with Usherwood's services and believes staying with our current copier until the lease expires would be best. The Town Board agreed to remain with the existing lease.

2) Lagoon update:

Mr. Cicoria asked the Board if any discussions have taken place recently pertaining to the lagoon request on Abbey of the Genesee property. Supervisor Deming informed Attorney Cicoria the Board met last meeting (September 22nd) with representatives from RL Jeffres and Sons to discuss their intentions and obtain clarification on their upcoming plans. The Board agreed the meeting was very educational and was able to dispel rumors that were circulating throughout the community. Supervisor Deming suggests the Board hold an Informational Meeting before potential approval is given by the Abbey, in order to make the residents aware of the upcoming process. Mr. Deming added some residents will be unhappy with such approval, but once they realize due to the number of acres and agricultural distinction, the Town is unable to stop the process even if they wanted to. Councilman Deuel commented the lagoon will not be the issue with the residents, the constant flow of trucks to and from will be.

3) Off-site backup system:

Clerk Harris reported she received a visit two weeks ago from Robert "Rob" Jones of Advanced Technical Networks (ATN) of Warsaw, New York to discuss

the benefits of off-site backup and to offer his company's services. Mrs. Harris stated the brochure he submitted outlined off-site backup service as well as other features, such as upgrades, maintenance to the computers or a complete system management package. Mrs. Harris explained to Mr. Jones we currently contract with Hurricane Technologies for our day to day computer needs but would accept and submit his proposal for Town Board review. Mrs. Harris stressed that she would contact Hurricane for a quote as well, which she received.

The Board briefly discussed both proposals for off-site backup services, with the quotes virtually identical to one another. The Board agreed we have been very satisfied with the services provided by Hurricane Technologies, and if they feel the off-site backup of files is necessary, we will be working with them.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until October 27th. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk