

York Town Board Meeting
November 10, 2011

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

Absent: None

Others: Roger McCracken (Water & Sewer Operator), George Worden Jr.
(Highway Superintendent) and Ronald Cicoria (Town Attorney)

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:30 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 October 27th Budget Hearing and Regular Town Board Meeting.
Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) Roadwork:

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden reported the department completed
blacktopping at the corner of Rt. 20 and Federal Road, and will be patching other
intersections next week.

Mr. Worden also stated the Highway Department wedged River Road from Rt.
63 to Chandler Road and Dow Road as well. Beginning next week they will also
be starting shoulders.

2) DDS:

Mr. Worden commented DDS has been very busy in two locations in our
township. One crew is installing new natural gas mains and services on Main
Street and the other on Tuttle Road, Old State and Rt. 63.

Mr. Worden stated he had a bit of an issue with the Tuttle Road job this week
when he was notified by resident Debbie Cisco about the discussion on how DDS
was to restore properties as well as road shoulders. Mrs. Cisco stated one crew
member informed her husband of something different from what was agreed
upon, and wanted Mr. Worden to rectify the issue. Mr. Worden stated he made
an on-site visit and expressed to DDS how the issue was to be handled, and the
matter is now resolved.

Mr. Worden commented he also spoke with Kevin, Foreman in charge of the
Main Street project about how they are to proceed with restoration of the Town
Hall driveway as well as the sidewalk area between the Town Hall and York Road
West. The driveway end piece will be blacktopped once again and the portion of
sidewalk will be re-poured.

3) Resident Comment:

Councilman Deuel stated he recently spoke with a resident expressing concern about the equipment the Town has purchased through the Federal Surplus Program. The resident stated he feels the equipment is not in the best condition, and referred to it as “junk”.

Mr. Deuel explained to the resident we have received a great deal of valuable equipment at a minimal cost to the taxpayers, but would inform the Board of their conversation.

The Town Board responded by saying they do not feel the equipment purchased should be classified as “junk”. Our departments have continued to share this equipment and have used it frequently, which ultimately benefits us financially.

Mr. Worden commented in lite of the resident’s concern, does the Board wish to continue with this program or would they like him to cease in future purchases.

The Board agreed they fully support this program and Mr. Worden’s decision to purchase what is needed when it becomes available.

WATER/SEWER

1) Training Class:

Mr. McCracken reported along with Mr. Worden and Mr. Grant, he attended a recertification class today at the County. After the session was through the Health Department was gracious enough to assist us in outlining the required EPA report, which we were able to complete and mail out today.

2) Virginia Avenue:

Mr. McCracken stated all pipe is installed on Virginia Avenue. Once we have pressure tested and chlorinated we then should be able to obtain County Health Department approval for residential connections to the main.

* Mr. McCracken commented his department has also been busy performing stake outs for DDS.

Councilwoman Parnell asked Mr. McCracken and Mr. Worden when the water service at her residence will be fixed. Mr. Worden replied the Water Department will correct her service next week.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Tuttle Road Status:

Supervisor Deming asked Mr. McCracken if he has had the opportunity to visit the residents on Tuttle Road to discuss and document their existing systems. Mr. McCracken apologized and stated he has been very busy, but will make the time within the next two weeks.

2) Public Informational Meeting:

Supervisor Deming stated he contacted the Monastery about scheduling a meeting and wanted to verify that a representative will be able to attend the session. Mr. Deming confirmed the Abbey will have representation the night of the meeting, and now wonders if RL Jeffres will also be attending. Mr. Deming stated he left messages with Business Manager, David Staffard, but he has yet to return his calls, and questions whether or not Mr. Staffard would be the best person to present the information to the public. Supervisor Deming suggested perhaps John Noble (owner of Synergy Facilities) would be the appropriate person to outline the proposal and field questions.

The Board discussed dates available in the Town Hall calendar book to schedule the meeting. The date agreed upon for the Public Informational Meeting is Tuesday, November 29th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Clerk Harris stated in addition to the required notice in the Livingston County News, she will be mailing letters directly to residents in the area of the proposed truck route notifying them of the meeting in the event they do not see the notice in the paper. Mrs. Harris asked what area specifically does the Board want her to begin. Supervisor Deming replied letters should begin on Main Street by Retsof Road, continue North on Route 36 to Craig Road and all residents on Craig Road East. We will also include the Abbey of the Genesee and RL Jeffres.

Councilman Deuel informed the Board of an upcoming meeting next Thursday from 10-2. Synergy Facilities in Wyoming, NY is hosting a Bio Energy session which he will be attending and asked if any Board member also wishes to attend.

Mr. Deuel also stated Larsen Engineers is conducting three workshops to discuss Farm Energy Production, with Cooperative Extension providing the locations. The first will be held in Canandaigua on Monday, the 14th, in Batavia the 15th and Mt. Morris on the 17th, all sessions are to begin at 2:00 p.m.

3) Fire Contract Discussion:

The Board discussed the ongoing proposed fire contract. Councilman Deuel expressed his thoughts pertaining to the budget figures. Mr. Deuel stated he believes because the ambulance is no longer funded by the Town, the contract for the Fire Department should be \$50,000.00 less. Due to the fact the economy is struggling right now and our budget has had to be trimmed quite a bit, he feels additional funds to the Fire Department should not be given. Councilman Deuel commented he is aware the Department is planning to build a new hall, but feels it should be brought before the taxpayers by way of a referendum, not funding through our yearly budget. Supervisor Deming explained what was proposed and agreed upon with the Fire Department in earlier discussions, was a 0% increase for 2012, 1% for 2013, and 2% for 2014, which he feels comfortable with. Mr. Deuel added he understands the Fire Department's need to replace items and equipment, but the Town also has numerous things to replace and has concerns on our needs as well. Mr. Deuel stated if the ambulance is now self funded, we should not be adding funds to the fire contract.

Supervisor Deming stated he appreciates Councilman Deuel's thoughts, and asked if the Board has additional comments or questions to address, otherwise what has been proposed is 0%, 1% and 2% increases for 2012-2014. Council Members Parnell and Rose did not have any further questions, but Councilman Gates suggested a 0% increase for the next three years.

After no further comment from the Board....

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve a three year contract with the York Fire Department, with 2012 at 0% increase, 2013 at 1% and 2014 at 2%. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-1, David Deuel.

Supervisor Gerald Deming	Aye
Councilman Frank Rose Jr.	Aye
Councilwoman Lynn Parnell	Aye
Councilman David Deuel	Nay
Councilman Norman Gates	Aye

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose approving the Ambulance contract for three years (2012-2014) at a 0% increase. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Supervisor Gerald Deming	Aye
Councilman Frank Rose Jr.	Aye
Councilwoman Lynn Parnell	Aye
Councilman David Deuel	Aye
Councilman Norman Gates	Aye

OLD BUSINESS

1) 2012 Budget:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the 2012 Town of York Budget as presented. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

2) Brush Pickup:

Supervisor Deming commented we have received requests for a fall brush clean up, and asked Mr. Worden if he had available time. Mr. Worden commented the Highway and Water Departments have several upcoming projects before the end of the year, but if the Board wishes to schedule a brush clean up day, he will be happy to follow through.

After some discussion the Board agreed due to the numerous projects before us, we will not be scheduling a fall clean up day, but will be slating one in the spring.

3) Fracking issue:

Supervisor Deming reported to the Board he has been made aware of a group of citizens attending local Town Board meetings to discuss the ongoing fracking issue. The citizens are trying to encourage the Boards to pass a referendum against fracking (hydraulic fracturing or industrial gas drilling).

Town Attorney, Mr. Cicoria commented asking Boards to take action at this point is premature, the state has yet to pass any legislation, and hearings are still being conducted.

OTHER

1) Appointments:

Supervisor Deming stated we have positions on the Board of Assessment Review, Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board that will be expiring at the end of the year, and must be advertised for. Mr. Deming added we hope the current members of the respective Boards will re-apply, but as per Town Policy, will be seeking all interested applicants. The following persons term will be expiring December 31, 2011:

Planning Board	David Russo & Robert Susz
Zoning Board of Appeals	Richard Ellis & Gerald Ayers
Board of Assessment Review	William Korth

Clerk Harris stated the notice will be placed in the Livingston County News next week, with all applicants submitting their letter of interest to the Board on or before Monday, November 28th.

2) County Budget:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board that the Livingston County Budget after much deliberation, will be a 0% increase for 2012. The Board of Supervisors has worked very hard on the upcoming year's budget and feel positive of what has been accomplished.

BILLS

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

• General Funds	#330-340	\$ 7,759.83
• Joint Water and Sewer	#300-315	\$ 139,883.75
• Highway Fund Claim	#226-235	\$ 4,231.02

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Deuel to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until November 22nd. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Christine M. Harris, Clerk

