

York Town Board Meeting  
November 22, 2011

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

Absent: None

Others: Roger McCracken (Water & Sewer Operator), Carl Peter (Zoning &  
Code Officer) and George Worden Jr. (Highway Superintendent)

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. Rose to approve the  
minutes of the November 10<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved,  
Yes-5, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) Roadwork:

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden reported last week went very smoothly  
while he was on vacation his men assisted by the Water/Sewer Department  
personnel and other towns, were able to complete wedging and shoulder work,  
and blacktop patching.

Mr. Worden stated due to the early snowfall last Thursday evening, one truck  
was out, primarily in the southwest corner of the township for salting purposes.

2) Flags:

Mr. Worden stated he and Mr. Burger removed the American flags today from  
the poles, in anticipation of placement of the holiday wreaths within the next  
week.

Mr. Worden requests at the end of the meeting this evening, a brief  
conversation with the Board in Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter.

The Town Board agreed to discuss the issue later in the meeting.

WATER/SEWER

1) Pine Trees:

Mr. McCracken informed the Board he recently spoke with Jerry Ayers (Ayers  
Tree Farm), about purchasing roughly (10) 2-3 feet high blue spruce trees to be  
planted at the treatment facility. Mr. McCracken stated the men have a bit of  
clean up to do in front of the parcel across from the Capa Lounge, but once  
completed, should be able to plant before snowfall. Mr. Ayers quoted \$15.00 for  
each tree.

The Board agreed the price quoted is very reasonable, and authorized Mr.  
McCracken to purchase the trees.

2) Assistance:

Mr. McCracken also stated his department assisted the Highway Department last week with blacktopping in Mr. Worden's absence. The men were very happy to help in any role asked.

3) Virginia Avenue:

Mr. McCracken stated we have some clean up to contend with on Virginia Avenue after the installation of the new water main. Pressure testing and chlorinating will take place next week, and if all is approved, taps will follow thereafter.

Mr. McCracken stated we could have tested this week but with the Thanksgiving holiday we did not want to run the risk of a water sample sitting longer than required, ultimately having us do it a second time, so we agreed next week would be better.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Lagoon Issue:

Supervisor Deming read aloud a letter he received from Craig Road resident, Tom Trathen on behalf of his family, expressing his opposition to the proposed manure storage site. Mr. Trathen commented he believes very little thought was put into the viability of the site, knowing of the residential zoning as well as the poor road condition.

Mr. Trathen continued by saying as a longtime resident, Mr. Deming can understand and appreciate the already strong agricultural impact on this community, but feel this proposal would take farming to a different level. Mr. Trathen urged Mr. Deming and the Board to do what they can to stop this project.

Supervisor Deming reminded the Board of the Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. Informational Meeting. John Noble, from Synergy Facilities has confirmed his attendance of the meeting, but we have yet to hear if a representative from RL Jeffres or the Monastery will be here as well. Mr. Deming stated he will follow up with the Abbey to verify whom if anyone will be attending.

Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Worden to review Highway Law pertaining to road hauling requirements. Mr. Worden stated in the event this project goes through, we should first document the structure of our existing roads in order to have proper proof of potential destruction in hopes of any financial compensation at a later date. Mr. Deming asked if River Road might be a more viable route for this proposed project. Mr. Worden responded River Road would probably be more dangerous and other options such as Federal or Craig Road West might not be able to handle the constant flow of trucks.

Councilman Deuel and Supervisor Deming stated concerns exist regarding the size and odor of the lagoon, but feel the real issue will be the number and weight of trucks to and from Craig Road. Councilman Gates stated he continues to hear comments from residents voicing their displeasure that this project would be accepting manure from other counties. Highway Superintendent Mr. Worden stated numerous local farms haul their manure to other towns, trucking to other areas is not uncommon.

Mr. Worden suggested the Board consider requiring trucks to purchase a permit to haul overweight loads on our roadways, in order to use those funds for potential road repairs.

Councilman Deuel stated he attended last Tuesday the Farm Energy Production Session in Batavia and Thursday the Bio Energy gathering at Synergy Facilities. Both sessions were very interesting and highly informative. Supervisor Deming commented he and Zoning Officer, Carl Peter will be touring the Synergy Facility on Friday morning.

8:05 P.M.

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

8:17 P.M.

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

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| • General Fund Claims | #341-350 | \$ 7,380.02  |
| • Joint Water & Sewer | #316-322 | \$ 1,259.67  |
| • Highway Fund Claims | #236-239 | \$ 35,455.03 |

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until November 29<sup>th</sup> Informational Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk

