

York Town Board Meeting
December 8, 2011

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

Absent : None

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

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 Mr. Deuel to approve the
minutes of the November 22nd Town Board Meeting and November 29th, 2011
Informational Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) Maintenance:

Mr. Worden reported all town trucks are ready for the upcoming winter
season, we are just waiting on the snow. While we wait for Health Department
approval for Virginia Avenue, the men have been busy cleaning the shop at the
Highway Department, which desperately needed it. Mr. Worden added the
containment system we discussed previously is almost finished but still needs to
be painted. Mr. Worden commented he spoke with Mr. Grasek at DEC about a
possible extension to complete the process, which he agreed to. The issues will be
corrected within the allotted two week extension.

2) Truck:

Mr. Worden updated the Board on an issue that arose with the 2004 Sterling
truck. As our fleet gets older, it is more difficult to obtain needed parts for the
vehicles because they are becoming obsolete, which we are now experiencing.
The truck's fuel tank began to leak, which we were able to contain rather quickly,
but the fact remained we still had to replace it. The problem is that Sterling uses
a 24 inch diameter fuel tank in their trucks, but to buy a brand new one it would
roughly be \$1,200.00. Mr. Worden contacted Caledonia Diesel to inquire as to
what they may have in stock and they had a 24 1/2 inch diameter tank which we
obtained. Mr. Worden stated we had to change a few things around in order to
make it work but it does, and we saved a great deal of money by doing it ourselves
and using a used tank.

3) Assistance:

Mr. Worden stated Water/Sewer Operator, Rob Grant recently expressed to him an interest in assisting the Highway Department in the winter months with snow removal. In past years the Water/Sewer Department personnel have been used in our smaller truck to clear turn arounds and tighter areas, but with the addition of our part time workers this year, we may not need the extra assistance. Mr. Worden added all part time help now have their CDL licenses, but if we should need more help during winter, he will not hesitate to use any and all employees.

WATER/SEWER

1) Water reads:

Mr. McCracken reported the Water Department will begin reading meters within the next two weeks for the January billing cycle. Other projects, such as tie-ins for Virginia Avenue will also be taking place in the same time frame, but will have reads completed before Christmas.

Mr. McCracken also commented we now have the supplies needed at the shop for lower Court Street.

2) SPDES Permit:

Mr. McCracken informed the Board that our SPDES Permit through New York State Department of Conservation will be coming due for renewal soon. Our present permit allows 120,000 gallons per day, which we have exceeded a few times. Mr. McCracken stated when we expanded the treatment plant we discussed with Clark Patterson upgrading the permit capacity to 300,000 gallons, but for some reason it did not get followed through with. Before we can apply for an increase in our permit, DEC is requiring four (4) documents:

- Asbuilt drawings of the treatment plant
- O & M (operation and maintenance) Manual
- Engineering study of the plant's "pinch points" for flow limitations
- Stream study

Mr. McCracken stated if we have a violation at the plant for three consecutive months, they will red flag us, ultimately creating additional issues.

Mr. Worden reported he recently spoke with Eric Wies about the issue and Eric will follow up with Rick Henry as to the reason for the delay, in order to proceed with the necessary paperwork for filing.

Mr. McCracken stated with the O& M Manual and Asbuilts, he believes we will have to pay Clark Patterson for these documents. Supervisor Deming questioned why should we be paying for something that should have been included in the original project. Mr. Worden commented due to the nature of the issue and the need to apply for the increased permit in a timely manner, he feels Supervisor Deming needs to be involved in this process. Mr. Worden added, even though our current permit shows we have exceeded our limits, the plant continues to

handle the flow without problems, it is simply a change in our SPDES permit capacity that needs to be addressed, and urged Mr. Deming once again to help move it along.

Mr. Worden discussed with the Board again the reason for the excess infiltration at the plant, which is the hamlet of Retsof. Mr. Worden stated we know where the water is coming from, but in order to alleviate the issue, it will be a huge and costly project.

3) Meter Equipment:

Mr. McCracken discussed quotes he received from Sensus regarding upgrades to our existing meter reading equipment. The handheld upgrade would be \$4,045.00 and the Auto gun \$919.00. The gun would be able to hold up to 100 reads, until the operator can proceed with an automatic download. The quote also includes new software and a trade-in of our existing unit. Mr. Worden stated Sensus also has a new meter out called the Iperl, which is a major upgrade from the previous metal units and has a 20 year guarantee.

Supervisor Deming asked if the new equipment would work with our existing meters, which Mr. McCracken replied it would. Councilman Rose asked roughly the age of our current system. Mr. McCracken stated the equipment was purchased when Floyd Anderson was Town Supervisor, which was approximately 25 years ago. Mr. Worden added, as the meters begin to wear it most often benefits the customer by way of slower reads, leading to lower consumption and cheaper bills. Councilman Deuel asked the length of time it takes to replace a meter. Mr. McCracken stated it takes a bit under an hour to change out a meter, we could roughly do 6 per day for one employee doing it. Mr. Worden stated our ultimate goal is to replace all meters in the system, obviously starting with the oldest. Councilman Deuel asked, on average how many do we change per quarter. Mr. McCracken replied each quarter is different and could run anywhere from 4-10 change outs. Mr. Worden and Mr. McCracken stated the more difficult areas to get to would be the best location for the new, radio reads, it would certainly benefit the water department.

Mr. Worden informed the Board that the department still conducts manual reads at the residence or business, and then enter into the gun later. With this method we have a much greater risk for operator error. Under the new system we are not physically entering numbers, once the operator is close to the main unit the read is automatically downloaded to the gun (again up to 100 reads can be secured at a time before complete download to system), which will cut down on re-reads.

Supervisor Deming asked Mr. McCracken and Mr. Worden to contact a representative from Sensus to schedule a demonstration for the Board on the new equipment and software.

4) Pipe Locator:

Mr. McCracken stated the pipe locating equipment we have for the water and sewer department is getting quite old, and should be replaced. Mr. McCracken reported he received a quote for a more precise unit. The equipment locks onto the trail of the pipe and shows in great detail the depth of it. Currently our

equipment locates the closest line in the ground, which frequently is a problem because it may be a water, sewer, gas or an electric line it focuses on. The price quoted for the new pipe locating equipment is \$3,700.00. Mr. McCracken stated he will be trying out the equipment tomorrow as a possible test run for us.

** Supervisor Deming commented he contacted the Livingston County Health Department today to speak with Jim Mazurowski, about Final Approval for Virginia Avenue water main project. Mr. Mazurowski is out of the office for a few days, but will get together with him once he returns.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Lagoon Discussion:

Councilman Deuel discussed with the Board a letter he prepared for review and comment regarding the Informational Meeting on the lagoon project. Mr. Deuel stated even though the Town is unable to render a decision in this matter, only the Abbey of the Genesee can, perhaps we can recommend possible alternatives and/or solutions to odor, environmental and traffic issues. Mr. Deuel drafted some thoughts for the Board to discuss in order to pass along to the Monastery if they deem appropriate.

Supervisor Deming stated under the environmental aspect of the letter, Mr. Deuel spoke about a well testing program. Residents would pay for testing prior to the project as well as after the installation of the lagoon. Mr. Deming commented he feels the residents should not have to pay for any well testing due to this project regardless of the minimal cost for the test (\$25-30.00). Mr. Deming continued by saying he has concerns about preparing a letter to the Abbey referencing suggestions because he does not want the community to think the Board is in favor of this project, but if we do not make suggestions we may lose the opportunity to have them fully consider our thoughts and concerns. Town Attorney, Mr. Cicoria stated the content of Councilman Deuel's letter is appropriate, but recommends refining the letter a bit by outlining that by making these suggestions the Town Board is in no way endorsing the project, but in the event the Abbey decides to proceed with the lagoon, hopefully our letter allowed us a voice in the process.

Clerk Harris distributed to the Board members a copy of a letter prepared by resident Carol Kime to Father Jerome at the Abbey of the Genesee. Mrs. Kime expressed in detail the great relationship the Kime family has had with the Monastery since 1951, and hoped they would reconsider their plans for the lagoon project.

2) Renewable Energy Information:

Councilman Deuel brought before the Board information he obtained from Larsen Engineers pertaining to renewable energy. Mr. Deuel stated Larsen is experienced in the preparation of the Anaerobic Digester Gas to Electricity Program applications and submitted contact information if the Board wishes to have a presentation of the facts. Mr. Deuel stated reviewing and discussing the

potential benefits for the Town and/or School, the community as a whole, people might be a bit more comfortable with the idea and may be more apt to reconsider.

3) Fibertech:

Highway Superintendent Mr. Worden discussed the correspondence the Town received from Fibertech seeking approval. Water and Sewer Operator, Mr. McCracken stated he has concerns with their digging plans due to the close proximity of our water and sewer lines. Supervisor Deming suggested Mr. Worden and Mr. McCracken contact the representative from Fibertech to more fully review and discuss their plans and our concerns.

4) DOT:

Supervisor Deming reported we received from the Department of Transportation (DOT) a response to their investigation of the conditions for Retsof Road between Rt. 63 (Genesee Street) and the Leicester Town Line for a lower speed limit. After their on site visit and field evaluation, they determined that a reduction was not warranted at this time.

5) Youth Budget:

Mr. Deming informed the Board he was notified that the State has cut funding for the Youth Programs once again, this time 25%. We will continue to do what we can to keep what we have, but will probably not be able to add additional programs.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Resignation:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to accept the resignation of Marjorie Fasano to the York Zoning Board of Appeals and Livingston County Planning Department. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

2) Appointments:

Supervisor Deming stated we received two letters of interest for the Zoning Board of Appeals positions, Richard Ellis and Gerald Ayers. Due to the resignation of Marjorie Fasano, we will also be appointing our alternate to fill the vacancy. We also received one application for the Board of Assessment Review, which was from William Korth.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to re-appoint Richard Ellis and Gerald Ayers to the York Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5 year term, expiring December 31, 2016. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to appoint alternate Jerry Sturm to fill the vacancy of Marjorie Fasano, term to expire December 31, 2012.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mr. Rose to re-appoint William Korth to the York Board of Assessment Review for a 5 year term, October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2016. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Supervisor Deming commented we received three applications for two available positions on the Planning Board. We will need to conduct interviews with the applicants in order to render a decision at the December 29th meeting. The Board discussed the possibility of appointing two members plus an alternate to the Planning Board.

Council Members Parnell and Gates will conduct the interviews.

** Supervisor Deming stated with Ms. Fasano's resignation to the Livingston County Planning Board, one person has expressed interest to fill that vacancy. Town resident, David Sliker recently submitted an email stating his desire to serve at the County. Mr. Deming asked if the Board had any other names to discuss otherwise he will submit Mr. Sliker's name to County Planning.

OTHER

1) Negotiations:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board that the first meeting for Union Negotiations will take place at the Town Hall on Monday, December 12th at 5:00 p.m. Councilman Rose, Town Attorney, Mr. Cicoria and Mr. Deming will be representing the Town.

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.

General Fund Claim	# 351- 381	\$ 15,026.87
Joint Water & Sewer	# 323-336	\$ 12,561.52
Street Lights	# 11	\$ 1,699.46
Highway Fund Claim	# 240- 255	\$ 25,837.15

ADJOURNMENT

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

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk