

York Town Board Meeting
February 23, 2012

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

Absent: Norman Gates

Others: Roger McCracken (Water and Sewer Operator) 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. Deuel and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the minutes of the February 9th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

HIGHWAY

Councilman Rose reported while Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden is on vacation, he has been distributing the duties each day to the Highway Department employees.

Monday through Wednesday of this week ditching took place on Mt. Pleasant Road as well as a culvert pipe replacement. Today the men were asked to clean the shop and their trucks, which they did. Mr. Rose stated everything has run smoothly thus far and hope the weather cooperates until Mr. Worden's return.

WATER/SEWER

1) Vault Project:

Mr. McCracken reported we have finally proceeded to the chlorine portion of the vault project in Geneseo. After the leaks were located and corrected we were able to pressure test and chlorinate the line. The line was flushed Wednesday and the second sample results should be available early next week.

2) Water Discussions:

Mr. McCracken stated he attended a meeting this week in Geneseo, with the Town and Village representatives to further discuss ongoing THM problems all have experienced. Mr. McCracken commented the meeting was helpful and quite productive, and have another one scheduled for April 17th at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. McCracken also informed the Board of a conversation he recently had with Flats Road resident James Callan. Mr. McCracken expressed the Water Departments desire to obtain an easement from Mr. Callan for upcoming water

improvements in the Piffard area. Mr. Callan stated he would sell the area needed to the Town for the price it is assessed for, which is 13,000. Mr. McCracken commented we are looking at a small area of his property,(total lot size 100 x 200), so the amount he is requesting is out of the question, and asked Supervisor Deming for assistance. Mr. Deming stated he knows Mr. Callan well and will be happy to contact him to discuss a hopeful resolve to the easement issue.

*Reminder: Bid Openings

Friday, March 2nd, 2012 2:00 p.m. – Water Storage Tank Improvements
2:30 p.m. – Back Lots Transmission Main

3) Pickup Truck:

Mr. McCracken informed the Board that his pickup truck was at the shop again recently due to mechanical issues, and feel we are on borrowed time. The Board discussed last year options in purchasing a new vehicle for the Water and Sewer Department and asked how they wanted him to proceed.

Supervisor Deming stated the Board did place money in the budget this year for such purchase and asked Mr. McCracken along with Mr. Worden to prepare some specification sheets for the type of vehicle they need, in order to follow through with the bid process or purchase from the state bid contract.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Natural Gas Report:

Councilman Deuel informed the Board of a manual he was made aware of in regards to Natural Gas Exploration and Development. The reference manual was prepared by (TING) Tioga Investigates Natural Gas as a guide for local officials to coordinate and manage municipal activities associated with gas industry operations. Mr. Deuel stated the information is quite detailed and recommends all Board members visit the site (www.tiogacountyny.com) to view what has been documented. Clerk Harris has already copied the report and placed it on the main counter for public review.

Councilman Deuel stated a Central Point of Contact (**CPOC**) should be established as the focal point and coordinator between the gas companies and the county and municipal departments and a Natural Gas Coordination Team (**NGC Team**) should be in place to coordinate the various county and municipal activities. The Chapters outline numerous topics that have public sector impact as well as other useful information, each town need only turn to the appropriate chapter of interest. The binder gives a step by step process to follow before horizontal drilling can begin:

- Meet & greet meeting between the company and the NGC team
- Permit application meeting (once a permit to drill has been granted by DEC, the County CPOC will arrange this meeting)
- Construction and Drilling Meeting
- Production Meeting (this takes place after the well has been drilled & is now in production)

- Plugging and abandonment

Councilman Deuel added specific chapters discuss in great detail what zoning can do (Land Use), water quality, environmental issues, impacts on roadways, workforce anticipation (jobs), public safety and public sector impacts, which is everything we need to be aware of and educated on. The Board agreed they will visit this site and suggested we contact Angela Ellis of the Livingston County Planning Department to assist us in proceeding with our future steps for zoning updates.

Supervisor Deming added, at the January 12th meeting, Mr. Nagel suggested the Board contact an Attorney from Ithaca who has been speaking on the hydro-fracking issue. Mr. Deming asked Mr. Nagel to touch base with Mr. Slottje, Esq. to inquire as to his schedule and then have him contact Mr. Deming directly, which unfortunately he has yet to hear from.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Spill Plan Discussion:

Supervisor Deming stated he recently had conversations with Rob Donnan of Donnan Farms and Larry Smith of Lawnel Farms regarding ongoing issues associated with manure and silage trucks throughout the community. Mr. Deming reminded the Board of the resolution approved at a previous Town Board meeting (October 21, 2010) recognizing the Town's need to be prepared in the event an actual spill does occur. The Spill Plan empowers the Town to act in an emergency situation and receive any reimbursement by the responsible party, but we are still lacking the actual step by step written plan of action.

The Board agreed further discussion will take place once Highway Superintendent Worden returns from vacation.

2) Industrial Appraisal Company:

Supervisor Deming reported to the Board the Industrial Appraisal report for date ending December 31, 2011, has been completed and is in the office for review by any Board Member or Department head.

Clerk Harris stated the report is a detailed account of property covered, but asked if it was necessary, if our current insurance coverage does the same evaluation. Ms. Harris stated in order to properly conduct the appraisal, we rely on Mr. Worden, Mr. Peter and Mr. McCracken to supply us with updated information to send on to Industrial Appraisal, why not submit that information directly to our Agent. The Board briefly discussed the report and Supervisor Deming stated he will contact our agent David Boyce to further review the matter and ask for his opinion.

3) Meeting:

Councilman Deuel informed the Board of an upcoming meeting on Monday in Batavia. Cornell Cooperative Extension is sponsoring and hosting a BIOGAS meeting from 9:00am-3:00pm, which he is planning on attending if anyone else is interested.

BILLS

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve all claims brought before the Board. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

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| • General Fund Claim | #53-62 | \$ 6,840.07 |
| • Joint Water & Sewer | #45-57 | \$11,977.14 |
| • Highway Fund Claim | #42-49 | \$13,029.74 |

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Deuel to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until March 8th. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk