

York Town Board Meeting
April 12, 2012

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

Absent: None

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

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 March 22nd Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) Maintenance:

Mr. Worden stated the Highway Department continues to ditch roadsides throughout the township, which has kept them very busy.

Mr. Worden reported he was able to post one "Right to Farm Community" sign, but will need to obtain permission for the others.

Mr. Worden stated the department has mowed once this year thus far, and while doing so noticed an upcoming project. In the Telephone Road (Rt. 20) cemetery an oak tree is in dire need to be cut down and removed. While we were on site the nearest neighbor expressed interest in obtaining the wood once the tree was cut down, which we will gladly give to him.

Mr. Worden also wanted the Board to be aware of a broken stone in the Old Scotch Cemetery behind the Town Hall. Supervisor Deming stated when Snyder Brothers come to do their repairs to this year's scheduled cemetery, they need to address this repair as well.

WATER/SEWER

1) Meeting:

Mr. McCracken stated he attended a county sponsored water class today in Mt. Morris. The topic pertained to Town's preparing a Standard Operations Procedure Manual. At this time it is not a requirement, just a suggestion, but was discussed before too long it will be mandatory. Mr. McCracken commented regardless when it becomes a requirement, we should have a manual in place before that.

2) Joint Meeting:

Mr. McCracken informed the Board of the next scheduled joint meeting with the Towns of York and Geneseo and Village of Geneseo to further discuss the ongoing water issues. The meeting is slated for Tuesday, April 17th at 9:00 a.m. at the old Skilled Nursing Facility Building.

3) Transmission Bid opening:

Mr. McCracken commented we received four bids for pipe and fittings for the Transmission Main projects. The bid opening took place on Tuesday of this week at 2:00 p.m. The Board will discuss the bids further in New Business.

4) Tank inspection:

Mr. McCracken reported tomorrow at 2:00 p.m., Eric Wies from Clark Patterson, will be out for the inspection on the water tank. Mr. Worden and Mr. McCracken will be present as well.

NEW BUSINESS

1) York/Leicester Youth Meeting:

Supervisor Deming reported he received a letter from Dr. Dan Murray regarding the Youth program and suggested that the Town of York attend a meeting at York Central in June to discuss upcoming summer recreation programs. The meeting will be with the Youth Coordinator, staff at YCS and Mrs. Parnell and Mr. Deming.

2) Fracking Sessions:

a- Pennsylvania Tour:

Supervisor Deming reported that Livingston County Board of Supervisors Clerk, Virginia Amico has made arrangements for any County elected official wanting to participate in one of the two informational tours with Chesapeake Energy Corporation in Pennsylvania. The two available dates are Monday, April 30th and Tuesday, May 22nd. Any Town Board member wishing to attend, please notify the office staff and they will reserve a spot. The tour includes a visit to an operating rig, a finished drill site, compressor station, metering station and renovations after installing transmission lines.

* Currently the April 30th tour will include from York: Councilmen Gates and Deuel and Mrs. Cecilia Deuel.

b- Town of Livonia:

Supervisor Deming also informed the Board of a second meeting to be held, sponsored by the Town of Livonia. The meeting will be held on Sunday, April 15th at 1:30 p.m. at the Jack Evans Community Center, Main Street (Rt. 15A) in Hemlock. The Town has invited David Slottje to speak about Zoning and Road Use issues as it pertains to Hydro-Fracking. The meeting is for all boards (Town, Planning and Zoning), Zoning officials and Highway Superintendents.

* Currently reserved for the April 15th meeting: Planning Board member Davies Nagel, Zoning Board of Appeals member, Paul Schneider and Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden.

3) Recycling Center:

Supervisor Deming discussed with the Board the continual requests to use the recycling center other than the scheduled Saturday hours. Mr. Deming stated he has concerns with bags of garbage brought to the site without actually knowing what is inside, and feels it would be better to adhere to the Saturday hours. If any residents have requests about unloading brush, we are able to accommodate them, but otherwise anything for the dumpster or inside the building will have to wait until Saturday.

4) Transmission Bid Results:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to accept the bids for the Transmission Main projects as follows:

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| A-1: Blair Supply Corp. | (4,600 linear feet of 12" pipe) | \$88,090.00 |
| A-2: HD Supply | (fittings for A1) | \$ 7,461.00 |
| B-1: HD Supply | (4,100 linear feet of 8" pipe) | \$37,843.00 |
| B-2: HD Supply | (fittings for B-1) | \$19,996.00 |

Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

5) Tank Mixing (THM Removal System):

Supervisor Deming stated at the March 22nd Town Board Meeting the Board authorized Clark Patterson to prepare the specifications and notice to bid to furnish and install a tank mixing/THM removal system. The bid opening took place on Thursday, April 5th at 2:00 p.m., with only one submittal.

Approvals

a- RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to accept the bid submitted by Solar Bee, Inc. in the amount of \$46,130.00 to furnish and install a tank mixing/THM removal system in one of the 750,000 gallon ground level water storage tanks. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

b-RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve Change Order #1 reflecting a reduction of the contract price by \$11,805.00, resulting in a revised contract price of **\$34,325.00**. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

6) Agricultural letters:

Councilman Deuel discussed the recent agricultural letter he received from Assessor, Anne Sapienza. Mr. Deuel stated Mrs. Sapienza did schedule an informational meeting at the end of last year for all persons owning agricultural property, which was not well attended. She did explain in great detail to the people who were in attendance the increased value of AG land and how they

would be affected in the update. Councilman Deuel stated in total his 411 acres was increased by 200,000. Mr. Deuel noted from 2008, to 2012 his agricultural value has continually increased 10% each year, totaling now at 40%. Mr. Deuel stated although he believes his property is worth more than Mrs. Sapienza has it assessed for, he believes others may not have the same view on the increase.

Supervisor Deming stated before he or any Town Board Member tries to discuss with residents the increase, it would be appropriate to fully understand the values and the increases associated with it.

Councilman Deuel commented he feels Mrs. Sapienza is justified in her values on agricultural lands because properties have been selling extremely well. Mr. Deuel added if someone was to offer him what he is assessed for, he wouldn't sell it for that amount.

Supervisor Deming stated he will contact Mrs. Sapienza about the Boards discussion this evening.

OTHER

1) County EMS:

Supervisor Deming stated he attended a meeting yesterday with the County EMS Coordinator to discuss the County run ambulance, which has been in circulation for 1 year now. To date they are running \$24,000 in deficit, but still have \$70,000.00 of outstanding insurance claims yet to be paid. Mr. Deming commented several other towns in the county are looking at participating as well, Groveland, Sparta, West Sparta and Springwater.

Mr. Deming expressed concern when calls first came to dispatch. With any call in York, Caledonia ALS is the first to be dispatched, and questioned why they are not using the County run ambulance. Mr. Peter, as a volunteer for the York Ambulance, stated in the past it was always the dispatcher's discretion on whom to send. Mr. Deming replied he didn't believe that was the case, it is set up already at Dispatch when the first call comes in, Caledonia ALS is slated to respond, and wanted to know how we can change that to the County Ambulance.

Councilman Deuel asked what the response report shows for the evening hours when the County ambulance does not cover the area. Mr. Deming stated according to the print out for 2011, our ambulance missed 22% of the calls. Mr. Peter clarified, the 22% of missed calls was before the County ambulance was in service, and the daytime calls were most difficult to make because of personnel being at work. Supervisor Deming did state last quarter's response rate was excellent.

2) Attorney:

Supervisor Deming stated he continues to speak with local Attorneys in replacement of Mr. Cicoria as Town of York Attorney. After Mr. Cicoria's appointment to the Livingston County District Attorney's Office, it was necessary to resign his position with the Town and we have yet to make an appointment for the position. Supervisor Deming stated he has spoken a few times with Jim Campbell of Kruk & Campbell, and asked him to attend last night's Fracking

meeting, which he did. Their firm specializes in municipal work, so we can be confident in the issues they might encounter.

3) Union contract:

Supervisor Deming commented when we spoke in July/August about preparing for the upcoming contract, the Union Representative stated he wished to wait until October to begin negotiations, which Mr. Deming informed him that it would be a bit late, because the Budget would be almost complete by that point. We gave our final offer in January to Union representatives regarding the Union Contract and have heard nothing since.

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.

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| • General Fund Claim | #89-112 | \$ 9,376.53 |
| • Joint Water & Sewer | #82-102 | \$14,685.56 |
| • Youth Fund Claim | #4-7 | \$ 2,871.86 |
| • Highway Fund Claim | #65-81 | \$18,675.87 |
| • Light District | #3 | \$ 1,779.70 |

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until April 26th. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk