

York Town Board Meeting
June 28, 2012

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

Absent: Frank Rose Jr.

Others: George Worden Jr. (Highway Superintendent), Cindy Dieter, Alice Barrett and Millie Worden (York Towne Quilt Guild), Lee Gratwick and Carl Peter (Zoning & Code Officer- arrived at 8:35 p.m.)

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 June 14th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

***7:32 p.m.** Councilman Rose arrived at this time.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

1) Cindy Dieter:

Mrs. Dieter asked to speak with the Town Board this evening to discuss a decision they made at the June 14th meeting pertaining to the Quilters use of the Town Hall. Mrs. Dieter stated she received a call from Clerk Harris informing her of that decision and wanted to explain their side and the continued need for the hall. Mrs. Dieter commented the York Towne Quilt Guild is very appreciative of the use of the Town Hall and hoped the Board would reconsider the decision made at the June 14th meeting to charge for any upcoming Saturdays needed.

Supervisor Deming stated Custodian, Mr. Peter informed the Board on more than one occasion the building has had very few members here on Saturdays, and in some cases no one at all.

Councilman Gates commented he feels the Quilters have taken advantage of the Town in the number of days requested for the building, especially if we have people who want to schedule a rental. The Board has discussed the need to cancel the quilters when others ask for the building, and Mr. Gates feels Clerk Harris has not adhered to the policy, and continues to allow them use of the Town Hall. Mr. Gates continued by saying, the building is here for residents to rent when they need it and with the ongoing use by the quilter's, many are turned away, recently the Rodger's request.

Mrs. Dieter stated we try to coordinate events in advance in order to have as many members available for the scheduled days. The Guild volunteers their time to sew quilts for many worthwhile organizations throughout our community and

the County as a whole. Service quilts for the Red Cross, Catholic Charities, Migrant Center, Focus on the Children, Chances and Changes, Elijah House (for veterans) to name a few. Christmas baskets are filled with hats, mittens and other items yearly for the York UP Church and quilt donations for Kidney Dialysis patients are ongoing. We also donate to the Valley Fest and to the York Ambulance. To date 413 quilts, 219 pillow cases, 129 gift bags, 18 Christmas food baskets and storybooks have been donated accordingly, including a donation of a microwave, coffee pot and towels to the York Town Hall after our financial donation was returned to us by the Town Board. Mrs. Dieter informed Councilman Gates in regards to the date requested by the Rodger's family, a workshop was scheduled months in advance, with roughly 60 members participating on the date they inquired. Previously anytime the office staff has contacted her to change a date for a rental, over the past 7 years they have accommodated each request, with exception to this time. Mrs. Dieter stated we have worked well with the staff to re-arrange the gatherings to make it work for all parties, this has been the only time we could not change the location because of the scheduled workshop by Linda Glantz, and didn't know she cancelled until that morning, so we did not have enough time to change our plans.

Supervisor Deming asked is there ever a Saturday when a York resident is not in attendance, because we have been told many times the hall is open for Guild members who do not reside in our township. Mrs. Dieter replied they may not have a large number of York residents present every gathering, but at least one or two are here each session. Mrs. Dieter stressed because Mr. Peter or others may not see many vehicles on a given Saturday does not mean the building is not in use, even a few women can do a great deal of work.

Councilman Gates stated once again he feels the Quilters have the building too often, and if they want to continue with Saturdays, they should have to pay like the renters do. Councilman Deuel asked over the normal course of the year, how often have you had to cancel. Mrs. Dieter replied due to health issues, more frequently recently, than in past years. Mr. Deuel stated he doesn't feel the Board has an issue with the workshop gatherings, but more so the other days requested, if members do not show to use the hall. Mrs. Dieter explained once again that the Guild had no control over Ms. Glantz canceling until the morning of the event when they arrived at the Town Hall, which was too late to notify Mr. Peter, and this was the first time they had not altered their plans to allow a rental to be scheduled. Mrs. Dieter did express her disappointment that the Board rendered a decision without speaking to her first if they had an issue with the Guild.

Supervisor Deming stated he apologized for not touching base with Mrs. Dieter before the Board took action because they had heard a different version of how often issues were taking place over the years. Councilman Rose commented he believes more communication is needed going forward. Councilwoman Parnell agreed more communication is a must and feels the work these volunteers do is very important.

Supervisor Deming stated he will speak with Mr. Peter to discuss the matter further and contact Mrs. Dieter thereafter.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Mr. Worden reported the following:

- Paved River Road and banked the area
- Still need to stripe the centerline of River Road
- Livingston County Highway Department will be repaving York Road West next week and will also be on Simpson Road for bridge replacement.
- Right to Farm sign has not yet re-appeared on Fowlerville Road

1) Tires:

Mr. Worden stated DEC is working closely on the tire issue in our township. Many photos have been taken in the locations where the tires have been discarded (Cowan, Milroy and Batzing Roads). Mr. Worden reported roughly 80 car and pickup truck tires were transported to our recycling center. Mr. Worden commented he and the DEC feel due to the number of tires being dropped off, they believe it is a repair shop and might have a lead at this point.

2) Correspondence:

Councilman Deuel stated he emailed Clerk Harris to distribute to Mr. Worden and Supervisor Deming correspondence he recently had with Jacqueline Kusnierz, Agriculture Policy Advisor with Senator Gallivan. Mr. Deuel expressed to her the problem we have had with NYSDOT not allowing us permission to place the Right to Farm signs on state highways, even if they are not in the right of way. Ms. Kusnierz responded with a few steps that must be followed. Supervisor Deming questioned why we are experiencing issues while other towns have signs already in place. Councilman Deuel stated he will continue to work with DOT in order to rectify the matter because ultimately we chose these locations for a reason and having to alter the sites would not make sense.

WATER/SEWER

Mr. Worden reported the following work completed within the last two weeks:

- Waterline on Genesee Street (Rt. 63) is now in service after all of the approvals have been met. (water quality should certainly improve).
- Pete Scondras completed the electric service for Solar Bee purposes. (Solar Bee has now been ordered)
- Completed tap of Chandler and River Road, will do road crossing shortly and restoration thereafter.
- Drying Bed has been used to rid sludge

Supervisor Deming stated after the 4th of July he will contact Rick Henry at Clark Patterson Lee to schedule a date and time to review what projects are next in line for the Town.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Caledonia Fire Department request:

Supervisor Deming read aloud a letter from the Caledonia Fire Department informing us of a convention to be held in July of next year. The department will be hosting the Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association 114th annual convention at J.W. Jones Hall from July 24th-July 27th and is requesting that the Board consider loaning them our generators for the event.

After a brief discussion the Board and Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden agreed to assist in loaning one of our two generators for the convention, but feel it necessary to keep the second one here in town in the event we should need it.

Supervisor Deming stated he will have Mrs. Barefoot prepare a letter to Caledonia Fire Department President, Stanley MacWilliams informing him of the Board's decision.

2) Tuttle Road:

Mr. Worden discussed with the Board the road work completed by DDS on Tuttle Road. They used 2 inch crusher run in areas and inquired now about placing additional 5/8 crusher run. Mr. Worden explained if we are not in need of placement at this time, does the Board feel comfortable allowing DDS to drop the material off at the Town Barns for his department to apply when needed.

The Board agreed if Mr. Worden is comfortable with application of the material, they are as well.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Proposed Moratorium:

Supervisor Deming reported the Livingston County Planning Department reviewed, and recommended approval for our zoning referral for a one year moratorium. Mr. Deming stated at this time the Board must decide if they wish to proceed with a Public Hearing to introduce this as a Local Law. The Board agreed they had the opportunity earlier in the month to review and make comment on the wording, and believe now is the time to present to the public.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the York Town Hall, to present proposed Local Law #1 of 2012, instituting a Moratorium and Prohibition within the Town of York, of Natural Gas and Petroleum Exploration and Extraction Activities, Underground Storage of Natural Gas, and Disposal of Natural Gas or Petroleum Extraction, Exploration and Production Wastes. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Gerald L. Deming	Aye
Lynn Parnell	Aye
David Deuel	Aye
Frank Rose Jr.	Aye
Norman Gates	Aye

*Clerk Harris will publish in the Town's Legal Paper, Livingston County News and post on the Town's website: www.yorkny.org .

New Business

1) Election Districts:

Supervisor Deming stated, he recently had a conversation with Clerk Harris pertaining to the existing election districts in our township. Currently the Town of York has three (3) districts, District #2 at the Retsof Fire Hall and Districts #1 and #3 at the York Town Hall, and questioned whether or not they could be reduced to two districts. If we were able to consolidate, the savings on Election Inspectors as well as a second voting machine, could be beneficial to both the Town and County. Mr. Deming stated he will approach the Board of Elections on this matter once the Presidential Election is over.

OTHER

Councilwoman Parnell informed the Board, while soliciting door prizes for the Valley Fest last week, she visited Sundance Books in Geneseo. Mrs. Parnell discussed with Fred Mingrino (owner) the local books in his shop and inquired about Arcadia Publishing which promotes local information. Mrs. Parnell stated it would be wonderful to publish our own book of this area and contacted Arcadia Publishing for details. The informational packet will be arriving next week and has already enlisted the assistance of Town Historian, Steve Gates to obtain 140-180 photographs, prior to 1970, for the book. Councilwoman Parnell stated we will try to sell 1200 books, and promoting locally (Letchworth State Park and Sundance) will be our responsibility, while Arcadia will handle the larger venues.

BILLS

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve all claims brought before the Board, with exception to the Clark Patterson Lee bill. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

• General Fund Claim	#179-191	\$ 5,598.61
• Joint Water and Sewer	#167-175	\$ 7,021.99
• Youth Fund Claim	#11-12	\$ 1,280.86
• Street Lights	#6	\$ 1,362.63
• Highway Fund Claim	#122-131	\$40,245.40

STOVE

Supervisor Deming reported last week Water and Sewer Operator, Roger McCracken was able to detect where the gas leak was in the kitchen. The leak was found in the shut off valve, and the office staff contacted Don Fox to correct the situation. Clerk Harris stated once the valve was changed Mr. Fox suggested we close the kitchen door and when we were ready to leave for the day, open it to verify that the gas smell no longer existed, which it didn't. Mr. Deming

commented even though the gas smell has ceased he still has concerns about potential future gas issues in this building. Mr. Worden stated there is a way to lock the valve that only Carl has access to, which would be a way of keeping track. Mr. Peter commented right now all renters seem to be able to work the burners with no problem, but the oven is a bit more involved. Mr. Worden asked if any gas smell has surfaced since Mr. Fox was here. Clerk Harris replied we have not smelled any odor since the correction. Councilman Deuel stated in lite of the correction, he feels we should leave the stove in house at this time.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mr. Gates to rescind the resolution of June 14th to remove the Town Hall stove and to scrap the unit for metal. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

*Town Hall Stove will remain in the building.

PLAYGROUND

Mr. Peter informed the Board of a conversation he had with Rob Donnan recently pertaining to the swings at the playground behind the Town Hall. After review of the equipment, Mr. Peter stated inside the rubber seat the metal band is exposed, so the swings must be replaced before anyone is injured.

Supervisor Deming suggested Mr. Peter contact the York- Leicester Kiwanis about the swings because in the past they have been very generous about donating equipment. If they are unable to assist, we will follow through with the replacement.

FIREWORKS

Supervisor Deming reminded the Board of the 60th Annual York-Leicester Field Days celebration (fireworks) scheduled for Sunday, July 1st.

Councilwoman Parnell stated she received permission from Bill Lubanski to pass out the Valley Fest frisbees on the grounds, in hopes of making more people aware of the July 28th festival.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until July 12th. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk

