

York Town Board Meeting
April 24, 2014

Present: Supervisor, Gerald L. Deming, Council Members: Lynn Parnell & David Deuel

Absent: Norman Gates and Frank Rose Jr.

Others: George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt.), Patricia Gardner, Henry Fuller, Carl Peter (Zoning/Code Officer), Kirk Richenberg and Dustin Geiger

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:35 p.m. and invited Councilman Deuel to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve the minutes of the April 10th Informational Meeting and Regular Town Board Meeting and April 17th Informational Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden reported the Town Highway Department has been assisting Livingston County Highway Department with their project on Fowlerville Road. County representatives stated they should be completing the tiling portion on Monday or Tuesday of next week. Mr. Worden stated we will be conducting the shoulder work on Fowlerville Road.

Mr. Worden reminded the Board of the scheduled date for spring brush pick up. May 19th was selected and has already been posted on the Town's website and will soon be advertised in the Livingston County News and Genesee Valley PennySaver.

Mr. Worden stated all surplus equipment previously approved by the Board is now ready for auction.

Councilman Deuel asked Mr. Worden what the County is doing at this point on Fowlerville Road. Mr. Worden replied crusher run stone will be placed, then wedging the top portion of the affected roadway, ditch and then re-construction.

WATER/SEWER

Mr. Worden reported the Water Department has also assisted the County on Fowlerville Road by marking waterlines and information associated with our infrastructure. Thus far the process has been smooth.

Mr. Worden stated Route 36 (Main Street-Wadsworth) stakeouts have been called in, in anticipation of the upcoming water main replacement necessary for that area. Clark Patterson Lee Engineer, Eric Wies and Mr. Worden will be meeting next week to review in detail this project.

Mr. Worden reported he has scheduled an energy audit for the Highway barns and Water/Sewer building. The audit will consist of a review and recommendations in order

to potentially become more efficient. Supervisor Deming stated he placed additional information in Mr. Worden's mailbox pertaining to solar grants and geothermal units.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Linwood Water:

Supervisor Deming stated after the April 17th Linwood water Informational Meeting, we have continued to seek other options in addition to what was presented that evening. Mr. Deming commented the Board and Highway Superintendent Worden will review the boundaries again to further evaluate piping needs and service area.

2) Clarification:

Supervisor Deming stated at the March 27th Town Board Meeting, he made a statement pertaining to the desalinization plant in Leicester, which he wants to clarify. Mr. Deming reported at such meeting he stated brine had surfaced in two locations near the site, which was not accurate. The appearance of water was from two artesian wells. These wells had issues years ago but has not experienced problems recently. Supervisor Deming stated he had not verified the information prior to reporting to the Board on the 27th, and was made aware of the correction this week.

3) Assessment update:

Supervisor Deming informed Mr. Richenberg he did have the opportunity to speak with Assessor Sapienza on the matter discussed at the April 10th meeting. Mrs. Sapienza explained the formula used to determine assessed values. Supervisor Deming conveyed the Assessor's willingness to speak with Mr. Richenberg and others to outline the information further.

Mr. Richenberg stated the response given to Supervisor Deming was not how she expressed it to the public in either session. Mr. Richenberg commented the only way to tell if a reduction has been done is if a recent sale has taken place, with a new assessed value. Mr. Deming did state the Town of York is at 100% assessed value. Mr. Richenberg replied he is not sure if the residents in this community want growth, but feel Assessor Sapienza is not assessing evenly. Supervisor Deming stated once again the need to speak with the Assessor directly on the specifics. Mr. Richenberg commented the need to assess 100% for all properties, not a reduction based on location.

Councilman Deuel discussed the increased land values over the years. Mr. Deuel stated Farm Credit East conducted an appraisal of his property two years ago, with the results being the same as what Assessor Sapienza had on the roll for him. Mr. Richenberg stated currently farmers are paying a great deal of money for land, and should be assessed comparable to properties within our town. If they are willing to pay more than what the assessment is for the parcel, they should be assessed accordingly. Mr. Deuel stated Ag value assessments have increased 100% since 2006, which is 10% per year. Full value of a one acre piece of land went from 1152 per acre in 2006 to 2734 in 2014, which is a 137% increase. Mr. Fuller stated his records indicated more of an increase in acreage. In 2006 land went from 2200 to 4500 in 2014 per acre, but still continued to receive exemptions on the tax bills. Mr. Fuller commented this community should not state they are at 100% when we feel we are not. Mr. Richenberg asked if the

Town receives reimbursement from the State. Supervisor Deming replied we do receive \$5.00 per parcel.

Councilman Deuel stated he wished to clarify the acreage figures discussed. The numbers he presented were the average of each classification, not individual. Supervisor Deming stated again the need to speak with Assessor Sapienza about assessment values and offered to contact her to schedule a meeting for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Chipper:

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden reported he located a chipper in the Town of Weedsport that he is interested in and wishes to bid on. With our annual brush clean up, it would be beneficial to have this equipment in order to chip for our residents.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mrs. Parnell authorizing Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden permission to bid on (1) chipper, not to exceed \$ 6,500.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0.

BILLS

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve all claims brought before the Board. Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0.

General Fund Claim	# 129-143	\$ 11,906.10
Joint Water & Sewer	# 103-110	\$ 2,009.66
Youth Fund Claim	# 4	\$ 807.55
Highway Fund Claim	# 87-90	\$ 4,412.69

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Deuel to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until May 8th. Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk