

York Town Board Meeting  
August 7, 2014

Present: Supervisor Gerald L. Deming, Councilmen: Norman Gates, David Deuel  
and Frank Rose Jr.

Absent: Lynn Parnell  
Others: Patricia Gardner

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. and invited Councilman Gates to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the minutes of the July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Supervisor Deming stated at the July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, he asked Mr. Ayers if Clerk Harris could obtain a copy of what he and Mrs. Ayers had discussed with the Board, to insert into the official minutes. Mr. Ayers replied he would submit a copy for the record, but has since decided to allow Clerk Harris' prepared minutes to stand as is.

\*\*With the absence of Mr. Worden no report will be given for the Highway or Water/ Sewer Departments this evening.

Supervisor Deming stated while Mr. Worden is on vacation employee in charge, Ron Copeland has been very busy this week with additional visits to flooded areas. Batzing Road was blocked off once again Saturday night for a short time until the water drained.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1) Assessments:

Councilman Deuel asked if assessments have been finalized, which Supervisor Deming replied he believes it has, but has yet to see the official numbers.

Mr. Deming informed the Board he will begin next week preparing figures for the 2015 budget.

2) Bond Anticipation Note:

Supervisor Deming reported we received an email today from Alex Neubert of Harris Beach reminding us of a 2013 BAN coming due on September 5<sup>th</sup>. The BAN was issued in the amount of \$1,500,000 and provided original financing to increase and improve the Consolidated Water District. Supervisor Deming stated he will be meeting with Jeff Smith, Financial Advisor for Municipal Solutions next week to review water district information and to verify what may be consolidated further. Mr. Deming added, he also

spoke with Tom Baldwin about the upcoming BAN, and Mr. Baldwin suggested paying just the interest prior to September 5<sup>th</sup>, with no principal payment this year.

3) McVean Road:

Mr. Deming informed the Board that McVean Road water project is moving forward. Once Clark Patterson Engineer, Eric Wies completes the Map, Plan and Report, Attorney Campbell can finish the petition process.

4) Leicester Water:

The Board discussed at great length how they wish to proceed with the Town of Leicester for water purposes. Supervisor Deming reminded the Board of the 3% increase to our customers beginning with the October billing cycle. With the Town of Leicester coming online shortly we need to put in place a dollar amount per thousand in order to charge them accordingly. Mr. Deming stated with the upcoming rate increase, the minimum charge to our district customers will go from \$ 4.73 to \$ 4.87 per thousand, and suggests perhaps using the same rate for Leicester. Mr. Deming stated \$ 4.87 will be the constant rate, we will not reduce the rate for additional consumption as we do in our Consolidated Water District. Supervisor Deming added in our contract we will also document that the Town of Leicester will not be allowed to sell water to other agencies, only their own customers. With this proposed rate all of our O & M will be covered and they will be maintaining the lines themselves.

**RESOLUTION** offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to document in the contract with the Town of Leicester the rate per thousand for water, at \$ 4.87, pending verification from Mr. Worden and Engineer, Mr. Wies. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Supervisor Deming also addressed the seven (7) existing out of district customers in the Town of York. Currently they pay \$ 7.75 for minimum of 10,000 gallons and with the upcoming 3% increase, the new rate would go to \$7.98 per thousand, and questioned any possible changes to consider. Mr. Deming added the seven accounts pay a higher rate throughout the year in their quarterly bills, but do not pay a debt service on the yearly County/Town tax bill, and feel the current charge may be excessive. Councilmen Gates and Deuel outlined the fact although those customers pay higher quarterly bills they do not contribute to the O & M of our system and feel we need to evaluate whether or not to reduce the per thousand charge that dramatically.

After a great deal of discussion and calculations the Board concluded with the higher rate and no O & M charge, the out of district customers are still paying less per year than the customers in the existing district.

( out of district customers are required to maintain their own line(s) )

Supervisor Deming asked the Board after the lengthy rate discussions held, are they still comfortable with the per thousand charge proposed for the Town of Leicester. The Board agreed \$4.87 will be the rate once it is verified by Mr. Worden and Mr. Wies.

5) Livingston County Planning:

The Board reviewed a letter from the Livingston County Planning Board regarding the Town of York's Zoning Referral. Supervisor Deming stated the County has made several suggestions, which the Town Board wishes to discuss further. Mr. Deming proposed meeting with Attorney Campbell before the next regular meeting to address such suggestions. Mr. Deming stated he will contact Mr. Campbell in the morning to verify his availability for 6:30 p.m. on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1) Muriel Bucci request:

Supervisor Deming reported the Board received a request from Muriel Bucci pertaining to property she owns at 2708 Main Street, York. Currently the property is charged for four (4) units of water and sewer on the yearly tax bill as well as four units quarterly. Mrs. Bucci is requesting that the Board consider reducing units due to the fact that two apartments have been used solely for storage purposes for a number of years.

Clerk Harris presented meter consumption documentation to the Board for the two accounts in order to substantiate the request. Mrs. Harris added, Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden has reviewed this request as well and stated if the Board approves such, he will authorize the Water Department removal of those two meters inside the structure.

**RESOLUTION** offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel approving removal of two (2) water & sewer unit charges to property located at 2708 Main Street York, owned by Muriel Bucci. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

\*Account #25-3655 (meter #2) and Account #25-3657 (meter #4) will now be inactive, but will remain in the system if Mrs. Bucci should desire to reinstate the apartments for residential use.

(Acct. #25-3651 (meter #1) is in use for residential purposes and Acct. #25-3655 (meter #3) is being used for Swede's Special Effects.

\*\* Clerk Harris will also notify Assessor Sapienza of the Board's decision this evening.

2) Bid Opening:

Supervisor Deming stated the Route 36 Water main Replacement project Bid Opening took place on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. The Town received four bids for the proposed project, they are as follows:

	<b><u>Base Bid A</u></b>	<b><u>Base Bid B</u></b>
CCS Pipeline	\$ 536,270.60	\$ 618,148.30
Villager Construction Inc.	\$ 606,865.00	\$ 660,610.00
Keeler Construction Co. Inc.	\$ 461,250.00	\$ 530,310.00
Pilon Construction Co. Inc.	\$ 520,431.00	\$ 594,180.00

- \*\* Bid A is for 8 inch water main pipe**
- \*\* Bid B is for 12 inch water main pipe**

Supervisor Deming commented the lowest bid came in roughly \$ 60,000.00 higher than we had anticipated, and added all bids will now be referred to the Public Works committee for review and determination. Mr. Deming commented he along with Mr. Worden and Mr. Wies will be meeting next Wednesday afternoon to further discuss current and upcoming water projects.

**BILLS**

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

General Fund Claim	# 249-261	\$ 8,061.29
Joint Water & Sewer	# 186-202	\$ 129,587.24
Youth Fund Claim	# 14-17	\$ 1,499.99
Street Lights	# 8	\$ 1,492.09
Highway Fund Claim	# 146-155	\$ 7,116.16

**ADJOURNMENT**

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until August 21<sup>st</sup>. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk