

York Town Board Meeting  
August 21, 2014

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

Absent: None

Others: Henry S. Fuller, Kirk Richenberg, Barbara & Gerald Ayers, George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt.) and James Campbell (Town Attorney)

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

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the minutes of the August 7<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

1) Barbara & Gerald Ayers:

Mrs. Ayers read aloud a prepared statement:

“We have come here tonight to apologize to Mrs. Harris. In our opinion at the previous meeting, we did not make it clear that we were unhappy with the whole process of the Board minutes, not necessarily Mrs. Harris. This should have included corrections of the minutes by the Board.

Also, excuse our frustrations of having to attend three Board meetings in order to get the answer to our question as to why the Town Board would not put up our daughter’s sign. That answer did not appear in the Board minutes.

We still have unanswered questions. Thank you”.

Signed: Barbara and Jerry Ayers

HIGHWAY

Mr. Worden reported the highway crew has been busy changing out corrosive piping, which unfortunately we found quite a bit of. At this point we have now caught up on pipe work correction, and will now be working on Fowlerville Road for the County. Mr. Worden stated effective Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> our crew with the assistance of surrounding towns, will be milling and conducting shoulder replacement on Fowlerville Road. Mr. Worden commented as stated previously the Town was asked to help with this project because the County Highway Department has been short of help throughout the summer months. Councilman Deuel asked what the time table will be for the first stage of this process. Mr. Worden replied the crews should be able to mill out & restore

shoulders in roughly four days. Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Worden how the milling machine has been working. Mr. Worden commented the machine works quite well when it's working, but when issues arise, it is a bit challenging to correct. Mr. Worden added he has coordinated one large dump site area for drop off of material.

#### WATER/SEWER

Mr. Worden reported he has attended several additional FEMA meetings recently pertaining to storm sewer issues. A recommendation was made to use a camera to survey and evaluate our system. Mr. Worden added, it was expressed to us from the date of kick off meeting, we will then have 60 days to proceed.

Mr. Worden reported the meeting with the Livingston County Health Department for water related matters, went very well. A great deal of discussion took place with review and recommendations for our system. Mr. Worden stated the men have not been using the large lawnmower this summer, the smaller mower has been getting us through thus far.

Mr. Worden updated the Board on the meeting he had with Town Engineer, Eric Wies regarding the Route 36 watermain replacement project bids. As discussed at our last meeting, the bids submitted were higher than expected. Mr. Wies offered to contact each of the contractors to inquire if they were willing to reduce their quote if allowed additional time to complete the project and assistance from our departments. Supervisor Deming added if we have another harsh winter like last year, water breaks will occur on that line once again without this replacement. Mr. Worden commented if we are able to proceed at some point with the replacement, we hope to begin prior to the winter weather. Installation of plastic piping in the winter months may be more susceptible to cracking.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### 1) Workplace Violence Policy:

Mr. Worden stated he previously submitted a sample Workplace Violence Prevention Policy statement for the Town Board to read in order to render a decision at a future meeting and asked the Board if they have had sufficient time to review.

The Board stated they have had ample time to read through the document and asked Attorney Campbell if he had any concerns with the proposed policy, which he did not.

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Deuel to adopt the Town of York Workplace Violence Prevention Policy as presented. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

**\*\*This policy is designed to meet the requirements of New York State Labor Law Article 2§ 27-b.**

##### 2) Turning the Town Teal:

Supervisor Deming reminded the Board that the Town of York has agreed to "Turn the Town teal" for the month of September, for awareness of ovarian cancer. The actual event at the York Town Hall will take place on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

3) Industrial Appraisal:

Councilman Deuel discussed with the Board recent correspondence from Industrial Appraisal inquiring about conducting an update, costing roughly \$ 500.00. We have not had an onsite inspection since 2006, and asked if we want to schedule at this time.

Mr. Worden stated although we have not had an onsite from Industrial Appraisal in 8 years, we did have an inspection two years ago from our Insurance Company, which is relatively current.

After a brief discussion the Board agreed we will not be scheduling an onsite inspection at this time with Industrial Appraisal.

4) Leicester Water Rate:

Supervisor Deming stated at the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting the Board discussed the upcoming water rate charge to the Town of Leicester. After some discussion a resolution was made that the rate per thousand would be \$ 4.87, pending verification from Mr. Worden and Engineer, Mr. Wies. A meeting took place to review the calculations, with Mr. Worden recommending increasing the rate to \$ 5.20 per thousand.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve the water rate contract charge of \$5.20 per thousand with the Town of Leicester. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

5) York Valley Fest:

Councilwoman Parnell reported the Valley Fest was once again very successful. With the addition of the 5K run/walk, over \$1,000.00 was raised for "Going to the Dogs rescue". Mrs. Parnell stated our hope is to continue to grow, and stated the committee truly enjoyed the number of people who were able to remain until the very end of the festival. Two new members have also been added to the committee, Jane & Tom Towne.

6) BAN Renewal:

Supervisor Deming reminded the Board of an upcoming BAN renewal on September 5<sup>th</sup>. The 2013 Bond Anticipation Note was in the amount of \$ 1,500,000 and provided original financing to increase and improve the Consolidated Water District. Attorney Campbell stated we will proceed with the principal payment of \$ 13,500 plus interest, as Public Finance Law requires.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Bonnie Boyd letter:

Supervisor Deming reported he received a letter from York Road East resident, Bonnie Boyd regarding the condition of the Dragani property located next to her. Ms. Boyd stated the property has not been maintained for years and is quite frustrated with the lack of attention to the area.

After some discussion, Supervisor Deming stated he will contact Zoning & Code Officer, Mr. Peter to further discuss the letter and potential action.

2) Proposed Local Law #1 of 2014:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to schedule a Public Hearing proposing Local Law #1 of 2014, to amend and supersede as applicable the zoning map of the Town of York as officially adopted and The Zoning Ordinance of the Town of York, Livingston County, New York to modify various definitions and substantive sections throughout the entirety of The Zoning Ordinance of the Town of York. Said Hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the York Town Hall. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

7:50 P.M.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, to include Town Board and Town Clerk. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

8:00P.M.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to end Executive Session. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Supervisor Deming reported no action took place in Executive Session.

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.

General Fund Claim	# 262-275	\$ 9,655.81
Joint Water & Sewer	# 203-218	\$ 25,918.59
Highway Fund Claim	# 156-160	\$ 3,455.81

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until September 11<sup>th</sup>. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk