

York Town Board Meeting
March 27, 2014

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

Absent: None

Others: Larry Lacy, Patricia Gardner, George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt.), Donna Gates and Diane Skeffington

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:33 p.m. and invited Councilman Gates to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the minutes of the March 13th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

1) Donna Gates & Diane Skeffington:

Mrs. Gates and Mrs. Skeffington inquired as to the status of the sign request made at previous meetings.

Mr. Worden reported a suggested sign size of 12 x 42, with a recommendation of aluminum backing and gold lettering to match what exists currently. Mr. Worden stated what was discussed previously was to raise the sign 3 feet in order to accommodate a maximum of three individual signs. For material cost and labor, each sign would be \$215.00 (if future dates need to be added, an additional \$35.00 would be incurred). Mr. Worden stated aluminum backing board is not normally in stock and would have to be ordered, buying it in sheet format. Mr. Worden added with the additional 3 feet, extra bracing will be necessary (4 x 4's), but essentially the size of the sign will remain as is. Mr. Worden asked what happens if additional requests come after three signs have been placed, we will not have room to add.

Councilman Deuel commented after viewing signs in other towns such as Avon & LeRoy, he feels the champion signs should be posted near the school grounds, not throughout all of the hamlets. Mrs. Gardner expressed to the Board if the Town only post the signs near the school, why bother posting at all. In Mrs. Gardner's opinion additional signs should be placed throughout the township, showing pride and accomplishment. Councilwoman Parnell agreed, signs should be posted in other locations as well as near the school, but did have concern about filling the allotted three spots on the main sign and what to do thereafter. Councilman Rose stated he has witnessed several towns listing additional dates on the original sign, due to space restrictions.

Mrs. Gates stated once again what the signs stand for, Girls soccer was able to accomplish a huge feat in 2006 and 2008 and should be recognized in the community. Mrs. Gates added she understands the space concerns if additional championships are attained and hopes that many more will come in the future, but commented how very difficult they are to achieve. Mrs. Skeffington stated she and others are very grateful to the Board for their assistance and is quite pleased with the proposed signage.

Supervisor Deming stated the Town budgeted \$800.00 this year for landscaping. If private donations and/or YCS Boosters could contribute a portion (\$400), the Town would contribute as well, and still have budgeted funds available to proceed with landscaping. Mrs. Gates and Mrs. Skeffington asked how long it would take to make one mock-up sign to view. Mr. Worden answered preparation of a sign does not take a great deal of time but we may not get a mock-up before April 10th meeting. This time of year the County Highway Department is busy making road signs damaged during the winter season, there may be a bit of a delay depending on their workload.

Supervisor Deming suggested construction of four (4) signs, pending initial verification by Mr. Worden.

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Deuel authorizing the County Highway Department permission to prepare four (4) Champion signs for Girls Soccer (years: 2006 & 2008), pending verification of such signs by Highway Superintendent, Worden. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

HIGHWAY

Mr. Worden reported the Highway Department continues to remain busy with ongoing winter weather. Unfortunately the department is without one employee. Mr. Worden informed the Board after Frank Burger injured himself in February, the Doctors had cleared him to return to work. They did not realize the extent of his shoulder pain, ultimately requiring surgery for rotator cuff. At this time Mr. Burger is out on Workman's Compensation.

Mr. Worden stated the Palmyra Auction is slated for early May and has several items to surplus in order to send to auction:

- 1996 Ford 10 wheeler
- 1995 Single axel
- 540 International
- 500 Gallon fuel tank

Supervisor Deming reported he, Councilman Rose and Mr. Worden met two weeks ago to discuss upcoming Highway projects and to review current and future procedures. Mr. Worden expressed at that time his recommendations for auction, which were agreed upon. Councilman Deuel asked if we sell the 1996 Ford will that slow the crew for projects. Mr. Worden responded our existing fleet can handle the workload.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to surplus the four items listed above in order to proceed to the Palmyra Auction on May 10th, 2014. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Mr. Worden reported of our 1700 ton allotment of salt, we currently have on hand 600 ton for the remainder of the season, which will be more than enough. The Highway crew will now begin cleaning areas where the plows disturbed and patching potholes in anticipation of blacktop at a later date. Mr. Worden commented a great deal of snow melted very quickly so we will have to work hard to stay ahead of potential flooding.

WATER/SEWER

Mr. Worden reported that the Water Department recently completed meter reads for the April billing cycle. The radio read had a few “bugs” to work out, but now has been corrected.

Mr. Worden stated the Town recently received meter certification at the treatment facility. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation requires such certification and was approved without issue.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Insurance:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board as of this morning, the Teamsters and the Town have officially agreed upon a contract for insurance. The new plan , BCBS SimplyBlue Plus Silver 3, will become effective April 1, 2014.

**** REMINDER:**

McVean Rd/ Telephone Rd. Informational Meeting: 4-10-2014 **6:30 p.m.**
Anderson/Limerick/Federal & Linwood Rds. Inform. Meeting 4-17-2014 **7:00 p.m.**

2) Agricultural information:

Councilman Deuel discussed with the Board additional agricultural information as it pertains to full value/ag value on open land parcels. Mr. Deuel stated he prepared a historical correlation worksheet, beginning in 1981 to present, showing the difference between full value and agricultural value of open land per acre. Mr. Deuel reported in 1981 open land was \$ 190.00 per acre, which made up \$ 4.75 million in town assessment. It continued to increase throughout the years now in 2014 it is \$1,300.00 per acre, which is \$32.5 million of the townwide assessment, an enormous increase to open land parcels.

Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Deuel how he wished to proceed with this information. Councilman Deuel stated he is waiting to obtain additional figures from Assessor Sapienza and will then present to the Town Board for review. If all Board members want

to proceed further after such information we will, but if not he does not feel a Public Referendum should be sought.

NEW BUSINESS

1) CCS Pipeline:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to approve payment to CCS Pipeline in the amount of \$ 79,531.35. The remaining \$ 1,000.00 will be held by the Town until final restoration items have been completed and verification obtained by Mr. Worden. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

** CCS Pipeline has until April 30th for completion.

2) Water Restoration:

a- 3755 Main Street:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the Water Restoration request submitted by Roger Christiano for property located at 3755 Main Street (Wadsworth) in the amount of \$ 200.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

** Previous owner of 3755 Main St. (Acct. #: 25-0760) was Colleen Stedman.

3) Vacation:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden will be leaving for vacation tomorrow morning and must appoint a Deputy in his absence. Mr. Worden stated with Town Board approval he would like to appoint Ron Copeland.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mr. Gates to appoint Ronald Copeland as Deputy Highway Superintendent for the time period of Friday, March 28th through Sunday, April 6th, 2014. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

OTHER

1) Desalinization Plant:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board that Tuesday of this week he along with a number of Supervisors participated in a conference call at the County with the Environmental Attorney for the State. The discussions' purpose was to verify the status of the desalinization plant in Leicester. Councilman Rose asked if any action has taken place. Mr. Deming responded he believes workers are no longer there, and no money has exchanged hands between AKZO and the State. Councilwoman Parnell asked if any issues have arisen since the pumping ceased. Supervisor Deming answered some brine has appeared above ground at two locations near the site. Mr. Deming stated he will continue to keep the Board apprised when additional details become available.

BILLS

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deming and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve all claims brought before the Board. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

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| General Fund Claim | # 95-109 | \$ 10,385.70 |
| Joint Water & Sewer | # 76-88 | \$ 83,356.86 |
| Highway Fund Claim | # 64-75 | \$ 14,302.42 |

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until April 10th. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk