

York Town Board Meeting
August 20, 2015

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

Absent: Norman Gates

Others: George Worden Jr. (Highway Superintendent), Patricia Gardner, Kirk Richenberg, Carl Peter (Zoning and Code Officer) and David Russo

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:30 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 August 6th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Mr. Worden reported the following for the Highway Department:

- Department has been ditching roadside on Wallace, Old State and Barber Roads. Had trouble with flooding earlier in the year, ditching helps the situation.
- We have worked with the County Highway Department on Fowlerville Road and Groveland Hill Road.
- We continue mowing, roughly 61 hours have been logged thus far
- The report is not ready yet regarding shoulder repairs previously requested, but hope to have it completed by our next meeting.
- Employees have been on vacation over the past few weeks.

Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Worden to clarify his response regarding the request for information pertaining to County road repairs. It was his understanding that we would obtain the records from the County for Mr. Richenberg, and offered to contact Don Higgins directly. Mr. Richenberg also commented he would be willing to contact Mr. Higgins if necessary.

Mr. Worden stated he did suggest at the previous meeting to contact Mr. Higgins directly at the County Highway Department in order to receive the documentation requested. It will be much quicker without Mr. Worden having to be involved, due to his work load and upcoming projects.

Supervisor Deming stated he will give Mr. Richenberg the telephone number for Don Higgins in order to coordinate with him directly.

WATER/SEWER REPORT

Mr. Worden reported the following for the Water and Sewer Department:

- Water main pipe for the Route 36 project is now on site. Randsco is still working in Leicester and will be there for another 3-4 weeks before starting here. A pre-construction meeting has been scheduled for Monday morning (August 24th).
- The notice has been prepared by Clark Patterson for bids for appurtenances for the McVean and Telephone Road water project. Clerk Harris submitted the notice to the Livingston County News and the bid opening will take place on Tuesday, September 8th at 2:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.
- The piping for the Tenth Street project is now in and will be installed shortly.
- The phone system at the treatment plant has finally been corrected.
- Request pertaining to Route 36 project: An inquiry came from Wadsworth residents (Marv and Maxine Shimmel) as to when the project will begin and what section of town they will start at. The Shimmels have plans to re-do their driveway, but want to wait until project completion. Mr. Worden commented he will know more on Monday after the pre-construction meeting, and inform the Shimmel's directly.

NEW BUSINESS

1) 2015 Ag Tour:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board of the upcoming Livingston County Agricultural Tour. The tour has been slated for Friday, September 18th from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., sponsored by the Genesee Valley Conservancy. Anyone interested in participating contact Mrs. Harris or Mrs. Barefoot to reserve a spot.

2) Scheduled Zoning Public Hearing:

Supervisor Deming reported at the August 6th meeting the Board scheduled a Public Hearing date for Thursday, August 27th to discuss a possible zoning change in the Greigsville area at the corner of Route 36/63 to Virginia Ave. After speaking with Attorney Campbell he stated that the hearing notice must be received by the Board 10 days prior to advertising the hearing itself and felt it did not leave us enough time to properly schedule. Supervisor Deming stated the board must re-schedule such hearing.

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Deuel to schedule a Public Hearing date for Thursday, September 24th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of

discussing a zoning change from Commercial to Hamlet Commercial at the corner of Route 36/63 to Virginia Avenue. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

3) Water discussion:

Supervisor Deming discussed with the Board he was recently approached by the Livingston County Water Authority regarding four (4) homes on Lowry Road in the Town of Caledonia in need of water. The Water Authority asked perhaps through the McVean and Telephone Water project, it might be feasible to include those homes. Supervisor Deming stated they asked if the Town would be willing to conduct the operation and maintenance (O & M) of the line, with no cost incurred by us. Councilman Deuel asked if the request was solely for the first four residences, which Supervisor Deming replied it was. Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden expressed the need to have safety features installed in a potential contract if approved, and added the Town would be making money selling water, which would be able to be put back into this district. Mr. Deming commented we would not be billing those residents directly, we would bill/contract with the County, and they would seek payment from the residents in that area. Councilman Deuel asked if there will be possible further requests. Supervisor Deming and Mr. Worden replied we can always stipulate details in a contract whether or not we wish to expand. Mr. Deming stated it is his understanding that this area has had water issues for years, but once the official costs have been prepared, it may not be affordable to those homes. Councilman Deuel reported Middle Road residents were also having water problems a few years ago, and would probably be interested as well. Mr. Deming commented those areas seem to experience a great deal of sulfur, which Mr. Worden added the Caledonia Highway barns have also had to purchase bottled water due to poor quality.

Mr. Richenberg stated he recalls conversations with the McVean and Telephone Road water projects about not allowing additional taps to the district. Supervisor Deming clarified, discussion was held if development was to occur, they would have to upgrade the line if a large number of taps were requested, but not for just a few.

OTHER

Mr. Deuel suggested in regards to the upcoming Ag Tour, perhaps informing the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals members to see if anyone may be interested in attending. Clerk Harris stated she will email Secretary, Donna Falkner of the event information in order to disseminate to her boards.

SIGNAGE

Council Member Parnell discussed with the Board a request for "Children at Play" signs on Dow Road due to the number of small children that now reside in the area, from Federal to Federal.

Mr. Worden reported much discussion has taken place over the years at Highway school about posting of these signs. It was suggested that the signs not be posted and any already existing signs taken down, due to liability. Mr. Worden added the County has adopted a policy not to post such signage. Mrs. Parnell expressed once again the large number of children in this stretch of road. Mr. Worden stated that the Town of

Leicester has already taken down their signs, but the Village has kept theirs up. Supervisor Deming agreed that the reasoning not to post such signs must be for liability purposes. Mr. Worden stated he will contact Highway representatives to verify their logic behind the recommendation.

Mr. Worden also informed the Board that the Livingston County Traffic Safety Board does not reconvene for two more months so we are unable to bring a request before them until that time. Supervisor Deming stated we will continue to research, but will put together a request letter for them in the meantime.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Resident Patricia Gardner, member of the Impact Research Group provided the Board with the latest informational update.

Mrs. Gardner asked if the board had received the minutes from the June 20th and July 11th Impact Research Group meetings. Supervisor Deming and the Board responded that they had yet to receive the latest minutes. Mrs. Gardner stated she will contact Anne Roth-Blizzard to email the meeting minutes to the office.

8-15-2015:

Regular meeting of IRG, 8 people attended. Discussed the future and progress with presentations from the sub-committees.

Supervisor Deming suggested if the group is seeking public participation they may want to schedule a meeting during the weekday, due to the fact weekends may be spoken for. Mrs. Gardner commented she will mention such suggestion at the next meeting, but added we are quickly running out of time leading up to the expiration of the moratorium. Mrs. Gardner asked if the Board had any comments or questions at this time. Supervisor Deming questioned, on average how many people have been attending the I.R.G. work sessions. Mrs. Gardner and Councilman Deuel replied anywhere between 5-8 people usually attend the meetings. Councilwoman Parnell asked what comments were received with their attendance at the Valley Fest. Mrs. Gardner stated according to Lee Gratwick and Anne Roth-Blizzard roughly 30 people approached the booth to ask questions about the group's purpose and received handouts. In Mrs. Gardner's opinion, if they weren't interested they wouldn't have stopped at the booth, which is an indication people are still wanting to educate themselves. Mrs. Gardner stated as it was expressed to her, the people who stopped to inquire were generally local residents.

Upcoming dates:

September 12th – the next scheduled meeting at the Town Hall 10:30 to 12:00

October 3rd - "Public Invited" meeting

October 10th - Regularly scheduled meeting

October 22nd - Presentation of findings to the Town Board

November 5th - Will be present at Town Board Meeting for any follow up questions

OTHER

1) Union Negotiations:

Supervisor Deming reported that he and Councilman Rose will begin Union Negotiations for the Town with the employees on Tuesday, August 25th at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

BILLS

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

• General Fund Claim	#256-266	\$8,162.52
• Joint Water/Sewer	#194-207	\$7,305.99
• Highway Fund Claim	#153-157	\$4,190.22

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until September 10th. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk