

York Town Board Meeting
February 22, 2007

Present: Supervisor Gerald L. Deming, Council Members: Norman Gates, Lynn Parnell,
William Hasler and David Sliker

Absent: None

Others: George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt.) and Norman Barrett (Senior Water and
Sewage Treatment Plant Operator)

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Sliker and seconded by Mr. Hasler to approve the minutes of the February 8th Public Hearing and regular Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

WATER/SEWER

1) River Crossing:

Mr. Barrett reported that the Water Department has activated the 5 inch hose along the roadside near the Genesee River, and has water running through it at this time. Mr. Barrett added that he took a sample at 5:00 p.m. yesterday for the Health Department and received word today that the results were fine. Mr. Barrett stated that the Water Department conducted a flow test today and hope to close down the 8 inch main at various speeds, in order to verify that the line can handle the pressure. Jim Mazurowski, Kathy McPherson and Jason Neus from the Livingston County Health Department viewed the operation today and conveyed their satisfaction with what is in place. Mr. Barrett reported that he spoke with Burrows Brothers earlier in the week and they informed him that they hope to begin the drilling phase tomorrow or Monday, weather permitting.

2) Sewer Plant:

Mr. Barrett reported that an issue at the Retsof Treatment Facility needs to be addressed. The re-circulating system is in dire need of upgrades, which will be costly to the Town somewhere in the neighborhood of \$ 4,000.00.

The Board briefly discussed with Mr. Barrett the existing problems and the potential solutions to the re-circulating system, but asked Mr. Barrett to prepare a specific breakdown of the upcoming costs for the March 8th Town Board Meeting in order to decide how to proceed.

HIGHWAY

1) Salt:

Mr. Worden informed the Board on the status of the remaining salt pile. Mr. Worden stated that due to the very heavy snow fall over the past 6 weeks, we have put a major dent into our pile. Mr. Worden stated that in addition to the salt ordered we also have

used 700 ton of material produced at the Leicester desalinization plant, the product works quite well with the other salt, but must be mixed together for proper spreading purposes.

2) Wing repair:

Mr. Worden stated that the Town of Conesus kindly loaned us a spare plow wing while ours is in for repairs, after one of the part-time drivers recently caught a culvert pipe and damaged the wing. Mr. Worden stated we should have ours back sometime tomorrow.

3) State roads:

Mr. Worden informed the Board once again about his continued efforts to regain our State roads back for plowing purposes. Mr. Worden stated that he checks in with Don Higgins, Supt. of Highways for Livingston County, on a regular basis to see if any changes have occurred, to date, nothing yet.

4) Part-time help:

Mr. Worden stated that he received word today that his part-time (MEO) people must report for drug testing on Monday. He will notify the men first thing tomorrow morning.

5) 10- wheeler:

Mr. Worden reported to the Board at a previous Town Board Meeting we discussed the possibility of sending to auction or selling outright the extra 10-wheeler. Mr. Worden asked the Board to reconsider the initial thought and keep it because he and the men have been using it as a back up on a regular basis due to mishaps with the existing trucks.

After some discussion the Board agreed, if Mr. Worden feels that we should keep the 10-wheeler for precautionary reasons, we will definitely do so.

6) Accountant:

Mr. Worden reported that he, Supervisor Deming and Tom Baldwin of St. John and Baldwin, met yesterday to review the existing Highway budget to verify where we are at financially at this time. Mr. Deming stated due to the weather and the need for continuous overtime, the highway budget, specifically the payroll area, has been depleted greatly, but after meeting with Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Worden, suggestions were made on how to proceed throughout the year. Mr. Worden stated that he hopes to be able to send at least 1 person on a regular basis to the County in order to generate additional funds to work with, which will offset other projects.

7) Expending Highway Funds:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell authorizing the sum of \$ 156,000.00 to be expended for general repairs upon 54.5 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

8) Break room:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Sliker and seconded by Mr. Gates authorizing the Highway Superintendent permission to remodel the break room at the Highway barns, not to exceed \$ 3,000.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Ted Andrews:

Supervisor Deming stated that it was brought to his attention recently that during the water project on Craig Road a few years ago, we were notified by resident Theodore “Ted” Andrews that during the water main installation process, our contractor DAKKSCO Pipeline accidentally damaged a piece of farm equipment owned by Mr. Andrews. Supervisor Deming expressed to Mr. Andrews that we would deduct the amount from the contractor’s last installment and pay Mr. Andrews directly, which we thought our previous accounting firm had already done.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell authorizing the Supervisor permission to prepare a check in the amount of \$ 500.00 for Theodore Andrews for reimbursement due to damage caused during the water project. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

2) Bid Proposal:

Supervisor Deming reported to the Board once again that we received only 1 bid (Passero Associates) for revision of the Town’s Zoning Law and Subdivision Regulations. At the Town Board Meeting of February 8th, the Board turned the sole bid over to the Planning Board for review in order to make a recommendation to the Town Board, which they have done for this evening. Planning Board Secretary, Donna Falkner submitted that on Tuesday, February 20th the York Planning Board recommended to the Town Board to reject the zoning proposal submitted by Passero Associates.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Sliker and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to accept the recommendation made by the York Planning Board to reject the bid submitted by Passero Associates in the amount of \$ 42,500.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

** A letter will be prepared Friday morning notifying Passero Associates of the Town Board’s decision this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Shawn Pies proposal:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board that Shawn & Missy Pies of Greigsville Hill, met with the Planning Board recently to discuss with them the upcoming plans they have to construct a ranch on their property that would benefit children in need. The discussions are in the early stages and all programs must be certified by the State. This program is heavily funded by Los Angeles based people and their wishes are to construct two in New York State. Mr. Deming added, a gentleman from Tennessee will be coming out to our area in the near future to make a presentation on the program.

2) YCS Meeting:

Mr. Deming reported that he and Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden met today at York Central School with Tom Manko, DEC and Patricia Gardner to discuss parking issues near the Greenway trails. The one area in particular that Mrs. Gardner asked about was the “turn-around” spot on Fowlerville Road before the river bridge. It was made

clear that the County is responsible for Fowlerville Road and they would prefer to keep that turn-around as is for many reasons. Mr. Worden conveyed that our town trucks and York Central School bus drivers are quite thankful that it will remain because it is used by both agencies.

3) ARKEMA:

Supervisor Deming stated to the Board that Town Assessor, Anne Sapienza informed him that Arkema is now challenging the 2007 assessment roll. Mrs. Sapienza reviewed all documentation on the Arkema plant and sent out a proposed 10% reduction letter to them on December 5th of last year, which she has not received a response back from. After conferring with Paul Boylan, Legal Counsel, Mr. Boylan stated because no reply was received, Arkema will now be assessed the same percentage as the rest of the Town of York.

4) Clerk training:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Sliker authorizing Assessor's Clerk, Lynne Messana permission to attend a state software training session at the Genesee County Building on April 4th and 5th, and to reimburse Mrs. Messana for mileage and lunch. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

** There is no charge for the training session.

8:48 P.M.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Sliker and seconded by Mr. Gates to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters to include: Town Board, Town Clerk and Water & Sewage Treatment Plant Operator, Mr. Barrett. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

8:55 P.M.

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

Supervisor Deming reported that no action was taken in Executive Session.

9:05 P.M.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Hasler and seconded by Mr. Sliker to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters to include: Town Board, Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

9:25 P.M.

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

Supervisor Deming reported that no action was taken in Executive Session.

BILLS

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

Retsof Sewer District	# 21-25	\$ 2,181.94
York Sewer District #1	# 8	\$ 1,896.34
Consolidated Water	# 42-52	\$ 2,939.86
General Fund Claim	# 67-80	\$ 9,080.38
Youth Fund Claim	# 3	\$ 175.00
Highway Fund Claim	# 26-37	\$ 21,081.64

OTHER

1) Fire Dept. request:

Councilman Gates stated that a request was made by the Retsof Hose Company asking the Town Board if they could use the Town recycling center for garbage purposes.

The Board agreed to allow the Retsof Hose Company permission to use the recycling center.

2) Celebration:

Councilman Gates stated that the 4th of July celebration at York Central School has been scheduled for Friday, July 6th and the rain date is slated for Saturday, July 7th.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until March 8th. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk