

York Town Board Meeting
April 12, 2007

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

Absent: None

Others: Stephen Gates (Town Historian), George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt.), Norman
Barrett (Senior Water & Sewage Tr. Pl. Op.), Scott and Adam Canaan

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the
minutes of the March 22nd Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

1) Steve Gates:

Mr. Gates came this evening to introduce Adam Canaan, an Eagle Scout candidate, to the
Town Board. Mr. Gates stated that Adam has several suggestions to discuss with the Board about
upgrading/restoring the Oakview Cemetery which is located in the hamlet of Wadsworth on
Main Street. Adam stated that the first process would be to document the existing stones in order
to prepare a more detailed and permanent record for the Town of York and Historical Society.
Adam suggested replacing the fence in the front of the cemetery, with a split rail spanning 89
feet from the left side fence to the driveway and 83 feet from the right side of the driveway to the
right end of the cemetery. Adam stated that the entire troop would be actively involved in all
aspects of the restoration, with Adam leading the group.

Supervisor Deming asked Adam if he has a time table in place, and if assistance is needed
from the Town of York for materials. Adam stated that he still must meet with the Troop
Committee on Monday about his proposed Eagle Project, and once again later in the month, after
such time he should have a time table in place by early May. The actual start date of the project
will be sometime over the summer.

The Board agreed that the concept outlined tonight is a wonderful idea and they support
Adam in whatever he may need in order to bring it to completion.

Mr. Deming added that he believes the York VFW and resident, Roger McCracken might be
interested in donating to the project, along with the Town of York. Mr. McCracken spoke with
the Board last year about improvements to the Oakview Cemetery and suggested a new fence be
added, but to date has not updated the Board on his final thoughts of what kind of fencing. The
Board and Mr. Gates stated that iron fencing would be beautiful for the cemetery, but noted the
price involved with such work. Council Member Parnell stated perhaps the type of project may
be something BOCES might be interested in assisting us with, which would definitely help us
cost wise on the fencing.

The Board also discussed the need to restore the existing headstones in the cemetery, and
Council Member Parnell reported that she will be meeting with Snyder Brothers within the next
two weeks to obtain a quote for the work.

Supervisor Deming stated to Adam to contact Town Clerk, Mrs. Harris at the Town Hall once he is aware of his time table and the list of materials needed, in order to get the project underway. Mr. Deming added Adam should then touch base with Mrs. Parnell to discuss what Snyder Brothers will do to aid in the process.

HIGHWAY

1) Road Widener:

Mr. Worden reported that the Highway Superintendents have scheduled a meeting for Monday, April 16th in Avon to discuss the road widener issue. Mr. Worden added that an agreement must be in place between the towns, which Mr. Deming replied that the Town of Leicester is taking care of, as Lead Agent.

2) Dow Road:

Mr. Worden updated the Board on a recent fix that the Highway Department handled after the heavy rainfall. Last week the side driveway of Glenda & Don Ladley that butts to Dow Road, was washed away and a new driveway pipe had to be installed. Mr. Worden stated that the Highway Department corrected the matter quickly because part of Dow Road itself was washed out as well and had to be attended to.

3) Gravel Pit:

Mr. Worden stated that he received a letter from Joe Bucci Jr. of DEC informing us that a sign must be posted, under State law, at the Town's Gravel Pit . Mr. Worden informed the Board that he and the men have taken care of the issue and a sign is now in place.

4) Employee Handbook:

Mr. Worden asked the Board what the status is for the Town's Employee Handbook.

Supervisor Deming replied that he has left numerous messages for Town Attorney, Mark Boylan to verify the wording before we can distribute them, but Mr. Boylan has yet to respond. Mr. Deming will once again touch base with Mr. Boylan.

5) Clean up day:

Mr. Worden discussed with the Board the possibility of sponsoring clean up days for the Town of York. The time table would be mid to end of May in order to allow the residents the opportunity to rake up their leaves and brush. Mr. Worden stated that he and the Highway men will be using the Town equipment to collect the materials in order to deliver the excess to the recycling center.

After a brief discussion the Board agreed that a townwide cleanup day(s) was a wonderful idea. The Board stated once Mr. Worden irons out the details, Town Clerk, Mrs. Harris will place an advertisement in the Genesee Valley PennySaver informing the residents.

6) Recycling Center:

Mr. Worden reported that the Highway Department has been very busy at the recycling center, and added before the scheduled townwide cleanup days, the brush pile must be moved back in order to make room for the new piles to come.

7) Driveway Pipe:

Mr. Worden reported that the Highway Department recently installed the driveway pipe in Piffard at the newest Habitat for Humanity house. Mr. Worden stated that the installation process was a smooth one.

WATER/SEWER

1) River Crossing:

Mr. Barrett reported that the river crossing project is back underway. Because Burrows Brothers have had so many drilling problems, they hired a gentleman from Ohio who has had 15 years experience with this type of equipment, to try to complete the drilling phase. Mr. Barrett stated once the gentleman started everyone could see that he knew what he was doing and at approximately noon today the rods came out on the York side and registered exactly where they needed to be, and now they can proceed with the next phase of the project. Mr. Barrett stated barring no additional issues, the project could be completed in less than two weeks. Mr. Barrett added that he is extremely pleased that the very important first step of boring is finished, and hope that the rest of the project will go much more smoothly.

2) South Wadsworth:

Mr. Barrett discussed with the Board the south Wadsworth area and the suggestions made at the Public Works Committee Meeting. Mr. Barrett stated that Supervisor Deming and Councilman Hasler attended the meeting and the recommendations were to authorize the Water Department when updating the homes in the area, anywhere there is galvanized pipe, remove it and replace it with a curb box (at the right-of-way) in order to alleviate the liability. If the homeowner has additional work to be done to their line outside of the right-of-way, it will be their responsibility.

Mr. Barrett and the Board further discussed the properties located at 4108 Main Street, owned by Rick Smith and 4112 Main Street, owned by Eugene Binnert and concluded that a \$ 1,500 tap fee will be required by each residence to connect to the system. Mr. Barrett also reported that Robert Spezzano (4196 Main Street) is currently tied to his neighbors (Bonnie Myers; 4186 Main Street) waterline and once the line has been separated, if Mr. Spezzano needs updates to his line outside of the right-of-way, he will be responsible for all costs.

3) Used Backhoe:

Mr. Barrett stated that we have been quite fortunate over the past few years that Ralph Flynn has allowed us to use one his backhoes at the sewer plant whenever we needed it, and only charged us a minimal amount, while he did all maintenance. Mr. Barrett added if the Board wishes to continue on this basis with Mr. Flynn we should have a written lease agreement in place in order to cover it on our insurance policy.

Mr. Barrett and Mr. Worden outlined to the Board a used backhoe that the Village of Caledonia is accepting bids on. Mr. Barrett stated that the backhoe is a 2003 580 M and is in excellent shape after he had the opportunity to inspect it, and hope the Town Board might consider submitting a bid on it to be shared by the Highway Department and the Water & Sewer Department.

After some discussion the Board agreed that we've talked about the possibility of purchasing a backhoe for the past few years and this sounds like a great investment.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Sliker and seconded by Mrs. Parnell authorizing Senior Water & Sewage Treatment Plant Operator, Mr. Barrett permission to submit a bid to the Village of Caledonia for the 2003 580 M backhoe, before the May 1st deadline, pending verification of funds first with St. John & Baldwin. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

4) Bill Vitale property:

The Board discussed with Mr. Barrett the acreage Mr. Vitale owns in the hamlet of Piffard. Mr. Vitale approached Supervisor Deming months ago to inquire if the Town of York would be interested in purchasing 1 or both parcels, and has now discussed the issue once again with Mr. Barrett. Mr. Vitale has a 5 acre parcel and is asking \$ 125,000 for it, and a 20 acre parcel with a building located on it, for \$ 150,000.

After a short discussion the Board, Mr. Barrett and Mr. Worden agreed that the building would be an asset for storage purposes, but can not justify the purchase at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Inner City Slickers:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board that a meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m. at York Central School in the High School Library with Shawn Pies and speaker, Michael McMeel as Program Director of Inner City Slickers, to discuss and present their program and the possibility of expansion in Livingston County.

2) Fire Contract:

Supervisor Deming stated that the York Fire Department will have their budgeted check issued to them on Monday, but the actual written contract will not be ready until Wednesday. Because of the additional paperwork involved and ongoing delays with their Attorney, the Fire Department was unable to receive their yearly check from the Town for fire and ambulance service until the contract was finally approved.

3) Industrial Appraisal Company:

Councilman Sliker reported that he recently spoke with John LoBello of Industrial Appraisal regarding preparation of detailed fixed asset records for the Town of York. Mr. LoBello stated they would update our records but need the latest information and/or purchases in 2006 in order to have the most accurate appraisal for the Town. Mr. Sliker requested that Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden and Water/Sewer Treatment Plant Op., Mr. Barrett gather their information within the next week to submit to Supervisor's Clerk, Mrs. Barefoot in order to send in to Mr. LoBello.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Water Shut-off request:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Hasler to approve the Water Service Shut-off request submitted by Gary & Shirley Cox for property located at 3054 Main Street (cottage in rear of property). Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

2) Forklift:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Hasler and seconded by Mrs. Parnell authorizing Highway Supt.,

Mr. Worden permission to take the recycling center forklift to the Palmyra auction in May of this year. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

3) Court Grant Funding:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Sliker and seconded by Mr. Hasler authorizing Town Justice, Thomas Porter permission to prepare the necessary paperwork to apply to the Justice Court Assistance Program for Grant Funding for the York Town Court. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

4) Davies Nagel request:

Supervisor Deming reported that he received a letter today from Co-Historian, Davies Nagel asking if the Town Board would consider making him an unpaid assistant to Stephen Gates and have the money go directly to him.

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Hasler to make Stephen Gates the sole paid Historian for the Town of York, as per request of Co-Historian Davies Nagel. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

5) Myron Rodger:

Mr. Deming stated that he met yesterday with Pat Rountree (Livingston County Economic Development Director) and Heather Ferraro of the Livingston County Planning Department to discuss Myron Rodger's property. Mr. Rodger needs to decide if he wants to keep his property in the Ag District or re-zone it Industrial for the purpose of attracting business through the Empire Zone designation. Mr. Deming stated he will contact Mr. Rodger once again within the next week to see if he has made a decision.

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	# 36-44	\$ 3,376.88
York Sewer District #1	# 13-14	\$ 3,088.46
Consolidated Water	# 76-90	\$ 8,615.56
General Fund Claim	# 107-128	\$ 160,438.96
Street Lights	# 4	\$ 1,713.37
Highway Fund Claim	# 54-68	\$ 8,969.02

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Hasler and seconded by Mr. Sliker to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until April 26th. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk