

York Town Board Meeting
May 10, 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.), Norman Barrett (Senior Water & Sewage Treatment Plant Operator), Kip Finley (Avery Engineering), Scott & Adam Canaan and Carl Peter (Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer)

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Hasler to approve the minutes of the April 26th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

1) Adam Canaan:

Adam came before the Board to discuss his proposed Eagle Scout Project once again. Adam stated that he has several questions to be answered by the Board, they are as follows:

1- Does the Town have a post hole digger available that can be used for the project ?
* Response: Mr. Deming & Mr. Worden replied that the Highway Dept. has the machinery available to dig the holes for Adam after the areas have been marked, it will not be necessary to use a manual digger.

2- Where would the Town Board like the sign to be placed ?
* Response: The Board will make the determination of the placement of the sign within the next few weeks. They wish to review the area once again to see if they want it on top of the arch(to be constructed), attached to the fence or placed on posts in front of the cemetery.

3- What is the start date for stone repair ?
* Response: Mrs. Parnell replied that Snyder Brothers will be repairing the cemetery stones after Memorial Day.

4- Who will be purchasing & picking up materials for the project ?
* Response: Supervisor Deming stated because the Town of York is tax exempt, it would be best if we purchase the material, but would need a detailed list from Adam first. As far as the pickup process, maybe some material can be delivered and everything else can be picked up by a town employee and stored at the Highway Barns.

The Board expressed to Adam that he can begin his map documentation at any time, he does not have to wait for Snyder Brothers to be on site, it will not interfere with their start date or work schedule.

2) Kip Finley:

Mr. Finley (Avery Engineering) came to discuss with the Board a proposed zoning change on behalf of his clients, Myron & Randy Rodger. Mr. Finley reported that he met and discussed the matter in detail with the Planning Board on Saturday, April 28th and once again earlier this evening and now wants to bring the Town Board up to date. Mr. Finley stated that the Rodgers' have two parcels on Chandler Road (70-1-6.116; 71.83 acres and 70-1-4.1; 41.90 acres).

The land is designated as a New York State Empire Zone but is classified as Agricultural zoning, which does not permit development consistent with Empire Zone goals. At this time the Rodgers' are requesting a zoning change from Agricultural to Planned Development (PD) in order to attract a mix of different potential businesses.

Mr. Finley reviewed with the Town Board the draft proposal his firm prepared outlining the background of the parcels, the actual zoning proposal, the purpose, the process involved, land regulations, basic requirements, lot sizes, building & site design criteria and environmental compliance.

The Board strongly suggested that Mr. Finley meet with the York Central School Board to outline with them the Rodgers' proposal, before he meets with the Planning Board once again. Mr. Finley stated that he will contact the school within the next week about scheduling a date, and added that he will be dropping off a package at the Town Hall on Monday, containing a formal application for the Planning Board to review at their meeting on Tuesday the 15th.

HIGHWAY

1) Backhoe bid:

Mr. Worden reported that he received word that the Town of York was not the winning bid for the used backhoe. The winning bid was submitted by a representative from Roy Teitsworth, Inc. (Professional Auctioneer) and was a mere \$ 500.00 more than our bid.

2) Maintenance:

Highway Supt., Mr. Worden reported that he and the Highway men have been busy this week assisting the Town of Mt. Morris. Mr. Worden added that Highway Supt., Ken Troglauer was very grateful for the assistance and stated that if and when the Town of York ever needs help, keep the Mt. Morris crew in mind.

3) Fowlerville Square:

Mr. Worden stated that the fence located at the Fowlerville Square property is rotted and in dire need of replacement. Mr. Worden asked the Board if they wish to replace the fence with the same structure as what is in place or if they might want something different.

After a brief discussion the Board suggested that new 4 foot posts be installed and placed 4-6 feet apart, for the purpose of trying to keep vehicles from entering the grassy area of the park.

4) Palmyra Auction Backhoe:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Sliker authorizing Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden and Water & Sewage Treatment Plant Operator, Mr. Barrett permission to bid on a 580M Case Backhoe at the Palmyra Auction, bid not to exceed \$ 30,000.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

WATER/SEWER

1) River Crossing:

Mr. Barrett reported that Burrows Brothers were on site Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week for the river crossing project, but not available today. Mr. Barrett stated that he spoke with Keith this morning about the plans they have to pull the rods out on the Geneseo side, to put the boring heads on in order to try to proceed further. Burrows Brothers have continued to encounter issues every step of the way, but regroup and proceed on.

2) Betty Grant-Restoration:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Hasler authorizing Senior Water and Sewage Treatment Plant Operator, Mr. Barrett permission to purchase one (1) 14 foot tall Crimson Maple Tree from McNair Nursery, in the amount of \$ 138.00, for Betty Grant's property. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

* The replacement tree was part of the restoration agreement during the Sewer Dist. #2 project.

3) Center Street:

Mr. Barrett reported that we have been experiencing an issue on Center Street in Piffard. We can not determine at this time whether there is a leak or if it is surface water that is pushing up through the center of the road. Mr. Barrett stated he and Highway Supt., Mr. Worden will be reviewing the area further to decipher the problem and the course of action to correct it.

4) Annual Water Report:

Mr. Barrett reported that we completed the Annual Water Supply Report for 2006. The yearly notice will appear in the Genesee Valley PennySaver the weekend of Memorial Day, which is Friday, May 25th.

5) Water projects:

Mr. Barrett discussed with the Board the proposed water projects we wish to undertake this year, and whether or not to bid out each project. The Board stated that three projects have been discussed: #1: Retsof Road/Caledonia Road ; #2: Tuttle Road and #3: North Road.

The Board concluded due to the work involved for each project, we will bid out each one separately once Mr. Barrett has prepared the specifications.

6) Hydrant issue:

Mr. Barrett stated he received a call from the town office a couple of days ago reporting that a fire hydrant on Craig Road was leaking and needed attention. After review of the area, Water & Sewer Operator, Rob Grant reported to Mr. Barrett that someone had tapped into the hydrant without permission, and the hydrant had not been turned off completely. Councilman Hasler stated that he was working at Lawnel Farms and verified that they connected a hose to the fire hydrant for washing purposes.

After a brief discussion the Board and Mr. Barrett agreed that they do not have an issue with the farms tapping into the hydrants, but they must go through the process before hand. The first step would be to request permission, with the second step having the Water Department attach a meter to the hydrant in order to calculate the gallon usage for billing purposes.

Mr. Barrett stated he will be contacting Larry Smith within a day or two to discuss this current matter.

7) Lift Stations:

Mr. Barrett stated to the Board that a problem occurred on Tuesday of this week with the lift station by the York Hardware. It was unfortunate that no one in the Chestnut Street area noticed the emergency light on and the station was off for approximately 10-12 hours. After such length of time water began flowing out of the manhole (which is 12 ft. deep), and then calls started.

The Board discussed with Mr. Barrett the possibility of putting in an alarm system of some kind, whether it be a strobe light or a sound alarm be placed on a few of the “trouble” stations. Mr. Barrett stated he would review the different options and their costs and report back to the Board with his findings.

8) Late Charge fees:

Town Clerk, Mrs. Harris requested to the Board that they consider reducing the late charge fees incurred with the water & sewer bills. Currently the charge is 10% of the bill, which can be quite substantial. Mrs. Harris added, for years water was the sole improvement we were supplying to the residents , and the late charges were minimal, but now that sewer has been added the \$ 85.00 flat rate charge has increased the bill more so which also increases the late fees for the customers.

After some discussion the Board agreed to review the suggestion.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Zoning Revision Approval:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Sliker to accept the recommendation of the York Planning Board and the Livingston County Planning Department Representative, Heather Ferraro to accept the bid submitted by Clark Patterson Associates in the amount of \$ 34,700.00 for the Town of York Zoning Revisions, pending verification of questions to be answered by Richard Henry. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

2) YorkVFW:

Supervisor Deming reported that he received a letter from Joe Vogel, Commander of the York VFW Post informing us that the Post will be hosting the Memorial Day

celebration this year on May 28th at 12:00 noon. All Town Board members are welcome to attend.

3) Inner City Slickers:

Mr. Deming reported that the informational meeting for the Inner City Slickers proposal has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, May 22nd, 2007 at York Central School in the High School Library.

4) Michael VanGelder:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Hasler and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the VanGelder Subdivision as recommended by the York Planning Board. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

5) Subdivision Moratorium Hearing:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Hasler to schedule a Public Hearing for Thursday, May 24th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of said hearing is to discuss the extension of the current subdivision moratorium for the Town of York. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

(Once approved this will be Local Law #2-2007; the current moratorium expires 6-18-07)

BILLS

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

Retsof Sewer District	# 54-57	\$ 985.49
York Sewer Dist. #1	# 17-18	\$ 1,287.24
Consolidated Water	# 99-105	\$ 79,802.78
Street Lights	# 5	\$ 1,570.75
General Fund Claim	# 138-162	\$ 7,791.16
Youth Fund Claim	# 10	\$ 970.00
Highway Fund Claim	# 74-83	\$ 5,333.51

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Sliker and seconded by Mr. Gates to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until May 24th. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk