

York Town Board Meeting
August 23, 2007

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

Absent: David Sliker

Others: George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt.), Norman Barrett (Senior Water & Sewage Treatment Plant Operator), Frank Rose Jr. and David Deuel

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the minutes of the August 9th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) Roadwork:

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden reported that the Highway Department has been quite busy re-doing the roadside shoulders and crossovers on Craig Road. Mr. Worden stated he and the men will be wedging the road, then blacktopping next week, and then waiting a year before continuing further work in that area in order to allow the road to settle. Mr. Worden added when he prepares his paperwork for upcoming CHIPS funding, he hopes to receive additional funds to use toward this project.

2) Piffard:

Mr. Worden reported that the roadside shoulder work in Piffard will begin very shortly and added all driveways involved in the upcoming process will be restored back to the original form prior to the project.

3) County:

Mr. Worden stated that the Livingston County Highway Department has had a great deal of work for the Town of York over the past month and looks forward to that continuing in order to obtain additional funds for our own upcoming projects.

4) Parking lot:

Mr. Worden informed the Board that he has tentatively scheduled the drainage work for the church parking lot, for mid to late September. Mr. Deming stated even though the York U.P. Church owns the lot, they have graciously allowed the Town of York and our renters to use the area for functions, so we feel it is appropriate that we maintain the parking lot when need arises.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Cemetery update:

The Board asked Mr. Worden if he had any updated information pertaining to the Wadsworth cemetery upgrades to be completed by Boy Scout Member, Adam Canaan .

Mr. Worden and Council Member Parnell reported that action has stalled in the cemetery renovation process, to date no one has heard from Adam.

NEW BUSINESS

1) 2008 Budget:

Supervisor Deming stated that all 2008 budget requests from Department Heads must be submitted by tomorrow (Friday, August 24th). Mr. Deming will be meeting with Tom Baldwin of St. John and Baldwin within the next few weeks to begin the budget process.

2) Youth Board:

a- Re-appointment:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Hasler to re-appoint Sharon Deming to the Livingston County Youth Board for a term of two (2) years. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

3) Youth issues:

Supervisor Deming reported that the Town office received two accident reports from Pete Robinson for the York/Leicester Youth program. The first accident occurred actually after the program was concluded for the day, when Walker Major had a mini goal post fall onto and sever his front 2 permanent teeth. Mr. Robinson indicated to Mr. Deming that the parents insurance has covered all claims thus far but wanted the Board to be aware of the situation and any possible future claims. The second accident occurred at the playground when Michael Schultheis climbed the swing set and fell onto his back, resulting in back spasms. Supervisor Deming stated that Michael's mother Linda stopped into the office yesterday to discuss the matter and to inform us that her insurance was covering the medical bills, but was requesting that the Town of York reimburse her for the office co-pay visits (\$60.00).

After a brief discussion the Board concluded regarding both incidents, lack of supervisor played a major role in both accidents and will be addressed at the next York/Leicester Youth program meeting.

** The \$60.00 claim will be put on this weeks abstract for payment.

WATER/SEWER

1) Training Seminar:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Hasler and seconded by Mrs. Parnell authorizing Senior Water and Sewage Treatment Plant Operator, Mr. Barrett permission to attend a Training Seminar for drainage issues on Wednesday, September 12th, 2007 in Syracuse, at a cost of \$ 100.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

2) Gates Water:

Mr. Barrett reported at previous Town Board Meetings a request for water to the Gates Farm was discussed at great length. Mr. Barrett stated after he completed preliminary tests, a 2 inch line will not be sufficient up to the farm, a 4,6 or 8 inch line would be more appropriate. Mr. Barrett added, with larger pipe there will be much less friction and pressures will be much better with a 6 or 8 inch line.

Supervisor Deming stated that the Town would not allow anything less than a 6 inch line for several reasons but especially for fire protection purposes. Mr. Barrett stated if the Town Board wishes to proceed he would like to be the one to prepare the specifications and have the Engineer review the finished product.

The Board discussed the need to schedule a meeting with the owners of Gates Farms once again to decipher what method to proceed with. The Board wants to discuss with the men the possibility of re-thinking the idea of a “temporary/emergency line” and work toward a more permanent solution.

** The Town will schedule a Public Works Committee Meeting with Gates Farms, Supervisor Deming and Mr. Barrett within the next week to discuss upcoming water issues.

3) Lowden property:

Mr. Deming informed the Board that an issue has arisen once again on the Chandler Road property owned by Barbara Martin and Robert Lowden. Mr. Deming stated that the property (47.68 acres) has been recently split between the two parties, with Ms. Martin retaining 42.68 acres and Mr. Lowden with 5 acres. Mr. Lowden has been constructing a single family residence for the past several months and is now inquiring about a Certificate of Occupancy, but Zoning Officer, Mr. Peter has numerous issues to discuss with the Board before approval can be obtained.

After some discussion Supervisor Deming stated that a meeting will be scheduled to further review the issues to include: Zoning Officer, Carl Peter, Water & Sewage Treatment Plant Operator, Norm Barrett, Town Attorney, Ronald Cicoria and Town Supervisor, Jerry Deming. Once the meeting has taken place and all matters outlined, the next session will include Ms. Martin and Mr. Lowden.

** Mr. Barrett informed the Board that a video review of the River Crossing project will take place at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall the night of the next Town Board Meeting (September 13th). All Board Members are urged to attend.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

4) BAS upgrade:

Town Clerk, Mrs. Harris informed the Board of a recent conversation she had with Kelly of BAS (Business Automation Services) regarding upgrades to the Town Clerk software program. Currently, the computer Mrs. Geary is using is quite outdated and unable to receive the upgrades, and Mrs. Harris' computer is below the minimum for memory, which can be corrected. Mrs. Harris is asking the Board to consider purchasing a new computer for her, in order to allow Mrs. Geary to have a capable computer for herself.

After a brief discussion Supervisor Deming stated that he must review the budget before allowing Mrs. Harris to place an order, but stated the importance of upgrading the office equipment.

5) Court Clerk Conference:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Hasler and seconded by Mr. Gates authorizing Court Clerk, Norma Geary permission to attend a court seminar in Tarrytown, New York from September 30th-October 3rd. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

6) Zoning Board Hearing:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board of the upcoming Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing that has been scheduled. The hearing is requested by Gary Wall for property he owns at the corner of Route 36 and 63, and is slated for Thursday, August 30th at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of said hearing is to discuss a proposed use variance by Mr. Wall.

7) Zoning revisions Meeting:

Council Member Parnell reported that the next meeting for the zoning revisions has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the York Town Hall. All Town Board Members are urged to attend.

BILLS

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

Retsof Sewer District	# 86-90	\$ 1,900.69
Retsof Sewer District	# 91-93	\$ 1,067.65
York Sewer District #1	# 35-36	\$ 544.29
York Sewer District #1	# 37-38	\$ 1,016.50
Consolidated Water	# 170-187	\$ 100,114.56
Consolidated Water	# 188-189	\$ 2,594.09
General Fund Claim	# 263-273	\$ 4,239.63
General Fund Claim	# 274-276	\$ 1,032.69
Street Lights	# 9	\$ 1,449.91
Youth Fund Claim	# 20-28	\$ 250.00
Highway Fund Claim	# 129-142	\$ 7,446.95

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Hasler to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until September 13th. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk