

York Town Board Meeting
March 8th, 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 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

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

WATER/SEWER

1) River Crossing update:

Mr. Barrett reported that Burrows Brothers have finally begun the drilling portion of the river crossing project. The drilling started today and when they finished this evening on the edge of the bank, they were at a depth of 37 feet, into very hard shale. Mr. Barrett added once the contractor is at the middle of the river, the shale should cease, but he is very happy with the progress made thus far and stated that they should have the rods in place on the York side by tomorrow.

2) Treatment Plant:

Mr. Barrett reported at the February 22nd meeting that the Water & Sewer Department have been experiencing some issues with the re-circulating system and now have even more to contend with. Mr. Barrett stated that the only working re-circulating pump has now stopped working at the treatment plant. The last time the equipment had been inspected was in 2004 by Bob Drew of Vertical Solutions. After his visit this week he determined that we will need at least a new seal on the pump in order to make it operational once again. Mr. Barrett discussed with Mr. Drew the possibility of moving instrumentation within the plant to make this process work more efficiently, which Mr. Drew agreed with.

The Board asked Mr. Barrett to prepare a break down of the proposed changes and the costs involved, to review at the next meeting.

3) Hose cleanup:

Mr. Barrett informed the Board that he coordinated with John Morgan of the York Fire Department, the cleanup process of the temporary hose borrowed from the Mt. Morris Fire Department. The cleanup date is scheduled for Saturday, March 17th at the Retsof Hose Company because York has already slated a function at their hall for that day. Mr. Barrett added that the Sheriff's Department has authorized the weekend work

release people to assist the town water department in the dismantling, washing and rolling of the piping, in order for its return to Mt. Morris.

4) David Klein:

Mr. Barrett reported that a new water tap is on the Board agenda this evening for the property located at 3953 River Road owned by David Klein (previous owners: Ruth & William Balderston). The Klein's would like to abandon their existing line that currently runs through the back of their property down to Piffard Circle, in order to make a new tap onto River Road, which is much less piping throughout their property. Mr. Barrett stated that David Fanaro, Contractor for the Kleins, outlined their plans to him. They propose a 2 inch line from the main on River Road to the cottage house, then a 1 inch line to the barn and then either a 1 or 2 inch from the barn on to the main house. Mr. Barrett added that he did express to Mr. Fanaro the need for a backflow preventor once the lines are in place.

The Board briefly discussed the request and stated they will make a decision later in the meeting.

5) South Wadsworth:

Mr. Barrett reported to the Board that Water & Sewer Operator, Roger McCracken has been busy completing the mapping portion of the easements prepared by Town Clerk, Mrs. Harris. One question that the Board must address before Mr. McCracken visits each homeowner in the south Wadsworth area for their signature, is who will be paying for the new piping that will be needed. Mr. Barrett estimates that a meter pit will roughly cost \$ 425.00 but is the homeowner liable or is that now the responsibility of the Water District.

After a brief discussion, Supervisor Deming suggested that Mr. Barrett prepare a written estimate of the materials needed and the costs involved for this area, and then schedule a committee meeting with Mr. Deming and Mr. Hasler to review the information to decide how to proceed.

7:56 P.M.

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

8:10 P.M.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates 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.

HIGHWAY

1) Duties:

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden reported that while on vacation Deputy Highway Supt., Mr. Nevin was in charge and did an outstanding job along with the

Highway men. Mr. Worden prepared a list of jobs to be completed and noted that only one project was unable to be finished, which makes him quite happy with the way things were handled. Mr. Worden added, the weather also cooperated in his absence, which meant the highway overtime hours were kept under control.

2) Storm:

Mr. Worden reported to the Board on the most recent storm we encountered on Monday, March 5th. Mr. Worden stated that the snow fall was minimal but the wind and visibility were the main issues. Many vehicles were involved in accidents. Mr. Worden stated that he contacted York Central School earlier in the day to inquire about early dismissal and offered assistance but was informed that they were going to continue the day as usual and dismiss the kids at their normal time. The brunt of the storm came about shortly before school was to let out and once the buses were on their route they realized how difficult the situation was and then asked for assistance. Mr. Worden offered to the school an escort from our Town plows, which a couple of bus drivers accepted after a bus accident was reported.

Mr. Worden expressed to the Board his overall view of how everything was handled on Monday. Mr. Worden stated how pleased he was with his crew and how they proceeded, but was very disappointed on how it was handled by the school.

8:16 P.M.

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

8:40 P.M.

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

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

3) Salt:

Mr. Worden reported to the Board that 200 ton of salt is all that remains of our pile. Mr. Worden discussed the possibility of purchasing more, but decided to hold off and hope that this amount will be enough to get us through the rest of the winter season.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Vault upgrade:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Sliker and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the Final Payment Application submitted by Patrick DioGuardi for improvements to the Town of York Records vault, in the amount of \$ 9,243.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Water Service Shut-off:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Sliker to approve the Water Service Shut-off request submitted by Rick Losey for property located at 2656 Main Street, York. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

2) Water Tap Application:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Hasler to approve the Water Tap Application request submitted by David Klein for property located at 3953 River Road, pending their submittal of the required \$ 1,500.00 fee. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

OTHER

1) Dieter issue:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board that he has spoken several times recently with Attorney, Ronald Ciccoria about outstanding legal matters for the Town of York. One of the issues discussed was the request for reimbursement to the Dieters and the Board's decision regarding the issue. Mr. Ciccoria suggested to Mr. Deming that the Town Board re-evaluate their decision to reimburse the Dieters for the 2nd unit of water and sewer charged. Mr. Ciccoria stated if the issue is pressed, and we have to go to small claims court, he firmly believes the Town will lose and ultimately have to reimburse the charges, so they may want to discuss the matter again.

After a great deal of discussion the Board concluded at this time they are standing firm with their original decision not to reimburse the Dieters for the water & sewer charges.

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	# 26-32	\$ 1,850.55
York Sewer District #1	# 9-11	\$ 788.61
Consolidated Water	# 53-67	\$ 2,996.63
General Fund Claim	# 81-95	\$ 15,375.75
Street Lights	# 3	\$ 1,817.73
Highway Fund Claim	# 38-50	\$ 20,271.90

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Hasler to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until March 22nd. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk

