

York Town Board Meeting
June 26, 2008

Present: Supervisor Gerald L. Deming, Council Members: Lynn Parnell, Norman Gates, David Deuel and Frank Rose Jr.

Absent: None

Others: George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt.), Norman Barrett (Senior Water & Sewage Treatment Plant Operator), Gary Wall and Anne Sapienza (Town Assessor)

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

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve the minutes of the June 12th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) Craig Road:

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden reported after widening Craig Road West from Main Street (Rt. 36) to Lawnel Farms, the Highway Department is now preparing to pave that area once again. Mr. Worden stated, that particular stretch of Craig Road was in dire need of repair due to the continuous farm machinery use, and will now be re-paved July 8th and 9th.

Mr. Worden and Mr. Barrett stated that they did encounter excess water on Craig Road and wondered whether or not the old 6 inch line on Route 36 may be leaking. Mr. Barrett stated if the Water Department determines that the old line is leaking, he will not hesitate to remove it. At this point he is unsure if that is the source of the additional water, we will know something more certain within a few days.

2) Floating Holiday:

Mr. Worden reported that the Highway Department will be taking a floating holiday on Monday, July 7th and resume regular hours on Tuesday, July 8th.

WATER/SEWER

1) Meter readings:

Mr. Barrett reported that the Water Department completed the meter reads for the July billing cycle. The bills will be mailed out on Monday, June 30th.

2) Lawnel Farms:

Mr. Barrett stated that he spoke with Larry Smith of Lawnel Farms recently about their plans to add a new structure on Craig Road East and tie into the water district. Mr. Barrett prepared a written outline for Mr. Smith's review, which he has done and approved the information by endorsing the document. Mr. Barrett stated that he and Mr. Smith are in agreement with the upcoming project.

3) Hydrant flushing:

Mr. Barrett informed the Board of his plans to flush all hydrants in the Town of York. The department has scheduled the procedure beginning Monday, July 7th and ending Friday, July 11th. Mrs. Harris will prepare the notice for the Livingston County News and the Genesee Valley Penny Saver. Mr. Barrett also stated that the County has requested we stay on the same flushing schedule with the Village of Geneseo, which we will attempt to do.

4) Pump Stations:

a- Greigsville:

Mr. Barrett informed the Board that the pump station on Main Street (Rt. 36) in Greigsville continues to experience issues by losing its prime. Mr. Barrett stated that this occurred twice within the last two weeks, and they can not decipher exactly why it's happening. The men dismantled the unit today, and was able to re-prime the pump station, but we are not sure if our "fix" truly corrected the problem.

b- Wadsworth:

Mr. Barrett stated that the ventilator on the Wadsworth pump station needed attention as well, but could not remove the piece until a replacement one had arrived in order to continue. Mr. Barrett stated to the Board that he contacted Siewert Equipment to place the order and was informed that a new ventilator would cost \$ 121.00, which we now have received. After reviewing other parts catalogs, such as Granger we located the same equipment for \$ 65.00.

Supervisor Deming asked if we could send the part back to Siewert and order one from Granger at the cheaper cost. Mr. Barrett replied that the ventilator from Siewert was already installed before we located Grangers, but will order from them in the future.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

1) Gary Wall:

Mr. Wall came this evening to ask the Board the status from the meeting two weeks ago. Mr. Wall thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak at the June 12th meeting and the committee meeting on Wednesday the 18th.

Supervisor Deming stated after each meeting both parties realized that communication is the key in order to move forward, and the need to have a plan in place before action can be taken. Mr. Deming updated the Board members of the conversation he had with Mr. Wall regarding the sign issue at his property on Genesee Street (Rt. 63) near Tabtronics. Mr. Deming suggested to Mr. Wall to obtain some pictures of the permanent sign located at York Central School as a guide to what he proposes for his property. After speaking with Mr. Wall in depth about the sign, Mr. Deming wondered if the Zoning Board of Appeals thought Mr. Wall was placing a Sam's club type of sign on site rather than his original plan for a permanent sign such as the one at the school. Perhaps a more detailed plan by Mr. Wall would have produced a different result (approval).

Mr. Wall stated that the 24 hour access sign seemed to be the main issue for Zoning & Code Officer, Mr. Peter, and has now been removed. Mr. Deming replied that the message itself was not the issue, it was the square footage combination of the two signs together that put it out of compliance, requiring it to be removed. Mr. Wall added that

other businesses in Town have numerous smaller signs throughout their property (Cook's Convenience Store) and are not required to remove them, why must he take down the signs on his property. Mr. Deming stated that Mr. Wall has numerous signs on the Geneseo/York Storage parcel, some on the structures and some free standing, there has to be a cut off point or it will appear congested. Mr. Deming added that this issue was resolved once Mr. Wall removed the 24 hour access sign, and stated once again the importance of preparing a plan to present to the Zoning Board of Appeals or Planning Board members in the future.

2) Anne Sapienza:

Mrs. Sapienza reported to the Board that the public meeting she held this evening went extremely well and was very well attended. Mrs. Sapienza stated that the residents asked numerous questions about the upcoming re-assessment process, and seemed to have a good grasp on the facts.

Mrs. Sapienza also spoke with the Board about the possibility of purchasing a laptop computer for her office. The computer would be used primarily for the upcoming update process, especially when the actual road work begins. Being able to input the documentation on site would be a huge assistance. Mrs. Sapienza stated after speaking with Gary Drake from the State, he informed her that unless she has a laptop she will not be able to access their database, making the update impossible.

Supervisor Deming asked Mrs. Sapienza if she has priced new laptops to give the Board an idea of the cost involved. Mrs. Sapienza replied that she still has \$ 1,200.00 in her budget line item toward the purchase of the computer, with the understanding too that the Town of Leicester would also share in the expense as well.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell authorizing Town Assessor, Anne Sapienza permission to purchase a new laptop computer to be shared equally with the Town of Leicester, not to exceed \$ 1,000.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Zoning report:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board that Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Peter will be present at the next Town Board Meeting on the 10th of July to give his zoning report.

2) Sign issue:

Mr. Deming updated the Board on a conversation Mr. Peter had with Don Gullo of Mt. Morris Kitchen and Bath. Mr. Gullo is in the process of moving his business from Mt. Morris to the Town of York (in Piffard at the old gas station/mini mart). Within the last week he removed an old sign in front of the structure and replaced it with a new sign for his business, which is too large in square footage according to our current zoning regulations. Supervisor Deming stated that Mr. Peter noticed the sign and has spoken with Mr. Gullo about our requirements, which he then agreed to comply with, but to date the sign is still hanging.

The Board agreed that Mr. Peter must follow up with Mr. Gullo about the sign's removal.

3) Jeff Edward's request:

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden stated that he spoke with Jeff Edwards recently about the conversation had at the June 12th meeting, regarding the Retsof Road/Chandler Road intersection.

Mr. Edwards indicated that the flags placed on the stop signs on Retsof Road seem to be working well so far. The public appears to be more cautious traveling through that section, and wanted to thank the Town for their efforts.

4) Cemetery update:

Council Member Parnell informed the Board that Snyder Brothers have finished the restoration of the stones in the Wadsworth Cemetery. After review of the area, Mrs. Parnell stated that the men did a wonderful job and the cemetery looks great.

The Board discussed the need to decide which cemetery will be next for restoration.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Water Shut off application:

a- Donnan Farms:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to approve the application for water service shut off submitted by Donnan Farms for property located at 2255 York Road West (Acct.#: 25-6310), Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

2) Union Negotiations:

Supervisor Deming expressed to the Board the need to schedule a meeting to begin discussing Union negotiations. The Union contract will expire this year, so it is imperative to begin the lengthy process as soon as possible.

3) Increase for mileage:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to increase the mileage allowance for Town Officials using their own vehicle on official town business from \$.505 to \$.585 per mile, effective July 1, 2008. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

BILLS

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve all claims brought before the Board including the Snyder Brothers cemetery restoration bill. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Sewer Districts	# 102-108	\$ 6,203.91
Consolidated Water	# 132-140	\$ 15,273.82
General Fund Claim	# 208-221	\$ 15,835.02
Highway Fund Claim	# 131-134	\$ 1,444.97

OTHER

1) Pleasant Valley Cemetery:

Council Member Parnell submitted to the Board an estimate prepared by Snyder Brothers to create 4 new foundations and reset of stones in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery, the estimate totaled \$ 400.00. The stones are for the following Warren family members: Fidelia, Anna, Samuel and (1) not labeled.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mr. Gates authorizing Snyder Brothers permission to place 4 new foundations and reset stones at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery in the amount not to exceed \$ 400.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

2) Farmland Protection:

Councilman Deuel informed the Board of his upcoming plans to schedule a Farmland Protection meeting in August or September of this year. Mr. Deuel hopes to gather from the members their specific data: acreage, livestock information and most of all their ideas on what they would like to see in the future.

3) Empire Zone:

Supervisor Deming stated that a correction was recently made on an area in the Town of York's portion of the Empire Zone. York Central School's property was put in the Empire Zone by mistake, and will be transferred to Trathen Logging in July of this year. Mr. Deming reported that the Town of York has a total of 390 acres in the Empire Zone, which is the largest block in Livingston County.

The Board agreed once the town website has been completed, it would be beneficial to document the Empire Zone information on our site.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until July 10th. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk