

York Town Board Meeting
July 24, 2008

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

Absent: None

Others: Norman Barrett (Senior Water/Sewer Treatment Plant Operator), George Worden Highway Supt), Carl Peter (York Fire Dept.) and Ed Mycek (Cuozzo Sub division)

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Minutes

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

WATER/SEWER

1) Water issues:

Mr. Barrett discussed being notified on 7/22 by the Livingston County Sheriff's Department that due to the torrential rains we experienced, the Retsof Ave. pump station was not working properly. After getting on scene, it was determined that the pump did in fact need to be changed in order to properly maintain and accommodate the excess water from the weeks' rainfall. Mr. Barrett stated that luckily a spare pump was on hand, and the Water Dept. was able to make the transition swiftly with no additional problems. He will be ordering another pump to have on hand for emergency situations such as this if in the future problems should arise. Weather related problems were also a factor with the lift station at Cuozzo's on Route 36. It appears that a battery was necessary. Mr. McCracken was authorized to purchase a new one, and it is scheduled to be replaced the morning of 7/25/08.

2) Hydrants:

Mr. Barrett also mentioned that plans are in the works early next week to remove the water hydrant at Craig Road and Route 36. Parts have also been ordered to do other general maintenance and repairs for hydrants within the Town, and will be scheduled as soon as possible.

3) Church Parking Lot:

Work is still currently being done on the parking lot owned by the York United Presbyterian in preparation of upcoming paving. Mr. Barrett and water/sewer crew are installing a catch basin as well as minor repairs in anticipation of paving scheduled for the middle of next week.

4) Caledonia Road waterline:

Mr. Barrett noted that he did speak to Jim Mazurowski from the Livingston County Health Department, on designs and completion for the Caledonia Rd. waterline. The bidding process for materials will be soon, and pending employee vacations, work will be scheduled accordingly. Mr. Barrett also discussed renting an excavator on County bid for this project. At this time, Mr. Mycek asked Mr. Barrett if any plans were in the works for a public sewer system on Caledonia Road. Mr. Barrett, along with the Board answered no, to Mr. Mycek's question.

5) Hydraulic water system:

The following engineering firms have provided current proposals on how to assist in determining recommended water system improvements.

Chatfield Engineers, P.C. - \$6,925.00

Clark Patterson Lee - \$5,000.00

Larsen Engineers - \$ 3,000.00

Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Barrett for his opinion, and he stated that he was comfortable with all the engineering firms that submitted bids, and would work well with any of them. Permission was given to Mr. Barrett to contact Larsen Engineers with the go ahead.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mr. Gates to approve Larsen Engineers bid for hydraulic water system (not to exceed \$3,000.00) Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) Weather related issues:

Mr. Worden stated that the Highway Department has been busy chasing water all week long due to the fact that a total of 6" of rain has fallen. Parts of Old State Road needed to be shut down for a brief period until the rain subsided. A driveway on Chandler Road was partially washed out, and drainage pipes in Retsof were full, with the Highway Dept. doing the best they could to keep them open. Due to the weather, oil and stone work did not get done on Craig Road, and has been rescheduled for Wed 7/30, along with the paving of Church/Town Hall parking lot. Mr. Worden will have additional assistance from several Part Time Town employees, as well as Mark Schroeder (Caledonia) and Russell Page (Leicester) with the upcoming weeks' projects if necessary.

2) Loader Bid:

Supt. Worden presented the Board with a packet to review from Milton Cat for updating the loader. Discussion centered on the possibility of trading in the loader on a regular basis so that the machine will always be covered under warranty, which other neighboring Towns have done. Mr. Worden mentioned that January 2009 is the deadline for the quote. A quote from Hyundai was also obtained through George & Swede. Mr. Worden did not expect a discussion or decision this evening, and the Board thanked him and will continue to review

the material. All agreed that 3 other bids/prices will be secured before a decision will be made at a later date.

Planning Board

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and Seconded by Mr. Rose to accept George Worden's resignation effective 7/24/08, upon the completion of the Zoning Ordinance. David Russo has been appointed Chairman of the Planning Board, effective 7/24/08, finishing the term (Dec 31, 2011) of George Worden.

Zoning Report

1) Fee Schedule:

Code/Zoning Officer Carl Peter shared a comparable permit fee schedule prepared by Clerk Lynne Messana compiled by information from surrounding Towns. Mr. Peter stated that the purpose was to let the Town Board know where York stands in regards to required fees. In addition, Mr. Peter also spoke to the Board about issues involving the permit process and the lack of completion on many homeowners part by not following through with final inspections. The idea of adding a second part to the permit process to ensure that work has been properly completed and inspected is an option and one that other towns have implemented. Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Peter to come up with a proposal and make a final draft available for the Board to review at their next meeting on August 14th, 2008.

OTHER

1) Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee Meeting:

Councilmember David Deuel informed the Board of an upcoming open forum scheduled at the York Town Hall for August 27, 7:30 pm. The Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee will be gathering to share ideas and view points regarding the development of farmland within the Town of York. Mr. Deuel has prepared a letter, as well as a survey to send out to approximately 78 farm/landowners inviting them to attend this meeting. Secretary to the Supervisor, Patti Barefoot will assist Mr. Deuel with the mailing in preparation of the upcoming meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1) York Fire Department:

Carl Peter, on behalf of the York Ambulance, was on hand to give the Board a brief overview of the possibility of splitting services of the current ambulance service and fire company. Mr. Peter reiterated from previous meetings, due to the challenges of getting volunteers and additional training requirement hours necessary, those responding to ambulance calls have decreased significantly. Options and alternatives are few; one mentioned would be to form a corporation separating the two services. Separate bookkeeping would be required, but if approved legally, the service could be up and running by the first of the year. Budgetary issues would need to be worked out in advance. More importantly a separate contract with the York Ambulance Corporation and York Fire Department would be required. Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Peter to elaborate on what type of expenses would this involve. In addition, Councilmember Deuel asked how many

towns have currently chosen to go this route? Mr. Peter answered approximately half of the towns share the services of a medic with a neighboring fire/ambulance department. Additional questions regarding payment, and liability were also discussed. The Board will consider all options as more information is provided regarding this topic.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Gottfried/Zander Water Adjustment:

A water adjustment request was received by Batzing Road homeowners, Neil Gottfried and Suzanne Zander. Senior Water Sewer Operator Norm Barrett discussed with the Board the order in which W/S Billing Clerk, Lynne Messana notified the homeowners of large water read this quarter and possible leak. Mr. Gottfried and Ms. Zander per their letter, did state that the leak was detected and repaired. Approval of a 71,000 gallon adjustment was granted. Previous bill: 288.76

Adjusted bill: 229.13

Adjusted

Amount: 59.13

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to grant a water adjustment to Neil Gottfried and Suzanne Zander, 3903 Batzing Road. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

** An additional adjustment may be granted, (21,000 gallons), but homeowner must wait until bill is generated before any request can be formally made for an adjustment (October billing cycle)

2) Cuzzo Sub-Division:

RESOLUTION offered Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve the sub-division of 4.607 acres of land from the Joseph Cuzzo Farm on Caledonia Road to be sub divided per recommendation of the Planning Board at their meeting dated July 15, 2008. Voted on and approved, Yes- 5, No-0.

3) Dollar General:

The Board discussed the proposed site for the new Dollar General store. Per Planning Board meeting on 7/15/08, approval was given to change zoning from residential to commercial with the stipulation that landscaping, buffers, lighting be handled in the site plan. (If Dollar General opts not to purchase the property from Gerald Giglio, then property will remain zoned residential). Supervisor Deming claims that Dollar General currently located in the Retsof Plaza, will not renew their lease at that location. Majority of the Board agrees that it is a viable asset to the community, as there are not any other stores within the Town. Mr. Deuel disagreed, stating that those that have bought land and built homes did so thinking it was a residential area. Appearance is also a factor, as it does not increase or add to the value. Also mentioned, was that a petition with over 500 signatures in favor of the new proposed site was recently circulated. After a lengthy discussion, the Board voted.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the proposed site of the Dollar General store, per Planning Board requirements. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-1, (David Deuel)

4) Ghana Visitors:

Supervisor Deming explained to the Board that dignitaries from Ghana will be visiting our area over the course of the next two weeks as a cultural exchange program in conjunction with Monroe County and the Livingston County Chamber of Commerce. The leaders of the delegation have expressed an interest in viewing the Abbey of the Genesee Monastery, Town of York recycling/transfer station on River Road, as well as the York-Leicester Summer Recreation program at YCS. Supervisor Deming will be hosting the tour on 8/5/08. Y-L Rec. Coordinator, Peter Robinson has been notified of the visit and will be given details as they are available. Secretary to the Supervisor, Patti Barefoot offered to contact Jeanne Saraceni, IT Coordinator at YCS, to have photos taken for upcoming school newsletter and Town website informing the community of the visit.

BILLS

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve all bills. Voted on and approved, Yes -5, No-0.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to adjourn the town board meeting until August 14th. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Barefoot
Secretary to the Supervisor