

York Town Board Meeting
October 9, 2008

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

Absent: Frank Rose Jr.

Others: George Worden Jr. (Highway Superintendent)

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve the minutes of the September 25th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) Gravel:

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden reported that he spoke with Livingston County Deputy Highway Superintendent, Dennis Barefoot recently about the County's plans for next years work. Mr. Barefoot conveyed that the County will be doing work in the Town of Caledonia next year and will be in need of roughly 800 yards of gravel, and asked if the Town of York would be willing to sell that large of an amount.

After a brief discussion the Board and Mr. Worden concluded that we have more than enough gravel to supply the County Highway Department and location will definitely benefit them as well, rather than trucking gravel in from a further distance. Mr. Worden will contact Mr. Barefoot to inform him of the Board's decision this evening.

2) CHIPS:

Mr. Worden discussed with the Board the upcoming CHIPS Funding. Mr. Worden stated before we receive our portion of the funding, all bills must be paid in full or we will not receive reimbursement from the State. If any money is left over from the CHIPS funding, we may use it toward other projects, but all funding must be used by the end of December.

3) Salt:

Mr. Worden stated that he spoke recently with Jay Smith of AKZO regarding the desalinization plant. Mr. Smith offered to give the Town a brine unit at no cost for our use. Mr. Worden added that AKZO has also offered other towns throughout the county a unit as well, in total 10 units were purchased to use as a test project. Mr. Worden stated he would like to have a 10,000 gallon storage tank on site to store the excess salt until it is ready to be used, which would roughly cost \$7,5000.00, and could benefit the Town by having additional salt available on hand when needed. Mr. Worden stated that the State is now using brine on the New York State Thruway areas and added, he believes we should as well. Supply will not be an issue with the brine, Mr. Smith has more than enough for all who need it.

4) Oil & Stone:

Mr. Worden informed the Board of a complaint he received from Retsof Avenue resident, Cathy Flynn regarding bits of oil specks on her vehicle after the Highway Department oil and stoned the road. Mr. Worden stated that he contacted Ms. Flynn about scheduling a time to remove the tar from the vehicle when she informed him today that she had already taken care of the matter, nothing more needs to be done.

5) Brush cleanup:

Highway Supt., Mr. Worden and the Board discussed the possibility of scheduling a brush cleanup day in the upcoming weeks. Mr. Worden suggested that we wait a few weeks more, allowing the leaves to drop before scheduling the date in order to gather everything once.

**** REMINDER:** Supervisor Deming reminded the Board of the scheduled meeting at York Central School on Tuesday, October 14th at 6:00 p.m.

OTHER

1) Empire Zone update:

Mr. Deming reported that the Empire Zone Committee met last week. One item on the agenda was to remove York Central School from the Empire Zone and replace it with Trathen Logging, which they approved.

2) Zoning revisions:

Councilman Deuel stated that he prepared a few comments for the Steering Committee to review regarding the proposed minimum lot size requirements for agricultural parcels. Mr. Deuel stated after reading through the Town of York Comprehensive Plan once again, the matter was addressed in the document and hopes the committee will use what has already been approved rather than what is proposed.

Mr. Deuel stated that he understands that the majority of the committee is happy with what has been prepared thus far, but wanted to voice his thoughts on the subject.

Supervisor Deming added that much discussion has taken place on this matter from the Steering Committee and also agreed that they seem to be quite comfortable with what has been prepared to date.

3) Farmland/Open Space:

Councilman Deuel informed the Board that the meeting has been scheduled and copies prepared for the next Farmland/Open Space Meeting on Wednesday, October 15th. All Town Board Members are welcome to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Sewer Tap Application:

a- Arthur Bernecker:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve the Sewer Tap Application submitted by Arthur & Mary Bernecker for property located at 2704 Dow Road. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

* (Fee was waived due to the fact that the Berneckers have already paid for the installation of the main)

2) Water Tap Application:

a- Joseph Stella:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the Water Tap Application submitted by Joseph Stella in the amount of \$ 1,500.00 for property located at 3196 Fowlerville Road. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

3) ARC request:

Supervisor Deming reported that he received a letter recently from ARC of Livingston-Wyoming stating their interest to establish a community residential home on Retsof Avenue, in the Town of York. The residence ARC is inquiring about is located at 2825 Retsof Ave, currently owned by the Lockwood family, would be a home for six individuals and a 24 hour a day caregiver.

The Board suggested that an Informational Meeting be scheduled with the residents on the Avenue to discuss the plans and answer any questions they have regarding the proposal. The date for such meeting will be Thursday, October 30th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the York Town Hall.

** A letter will be prepared and mailed out within the next few days informing the Retsof Avenue residents of the meeting on the 30th.

4) 2009 Budget:

a- Preliminary Budget:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to adopt the 2009 Preliminary Budget as presented. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

b- Budget Hearing:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to schedule the 2009 Budget Hearing for Thursday, October 30th, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the York Town Hall. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

5) Cuylerville Club request:

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden informed the Board of a request made by Leicester Highway Superintendent, Russ Page on behalf of the Cuylerville Sportsman's Club. Mr. Page stated that club member, Frank Schirmer asked the Town of Leicester for some gravel which they did not have an abundance of, and now is asking the Town of York if they would be willing to donate to the Sportsman's Club.

After little discussion the Board agreed that the Town of York will not support the request for gravel to the Cuylerville Sportsman's Club.

6) Website request:

Mr. Deming discussed with the Board a request made by Mrs. Messana regarding the Town's website. Numerous towns list not only the dates of the upcoming Town Board Meetings, but also the agendas as well, and asked if the Board has any issues with posting that information.

The Board stated that Mrs. Messana is more than welcome to post all future agendas on the website.

7) Festival:

Council Member Parnell reported that she and the office staff met last Friday morning to begin discussions for a Town of York community festival. The group agreed that a master list of potential members needed to be outlined and a meeting scheduled in order to begin the process. The group came up with roughly 25 names of residents throughout the community who might be willing to assist in the planning and development of the festival, and scheduled a committee meeting for Tuesday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Parnell stated in addition to the listed members, all Town Board Members are welcome to attend any and all future meetings.

8) Grant information:

Mrs. Parnell informed the Board of a recent grant writing seminar she attended this week. The session was very helpful and extremely informative about the availability of grant money. Mrs. Parnell stated that money is available for many areas, including water projects and thought the Town of York might want to explore the process.

The Board agreed that we certainly need to follow through with the information obtained regarding water/sewer grant funding. It would be quite beneficial to obtain much needed funds for our department.

9) Training requirements:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to adopt the following resolution:

ADOPTING POLICY FOR PLANNING BOARD & ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, Chapter 662 of the Laws of New York, was passed by the NYS Legislature in 2006, signed by the Governor on September 13, 2006, and went into effect on January 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, each member of a Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals is required to complete, at a minimum, four hours of training each year designed to enable such members to more effectively carry out their duties; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has the responsibility to set the official policy for Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals member training requirements; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that each member or alternate member of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby required to complete four hours of training in a calendar year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if a Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals member accrues more than four hours of training during a calendar year, the hours in excess of four hours will be credited to the following years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that approved training options include, but are not limited to, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council Local Government Workshops, Livingston County Planning Department Staff training, New York State agency planning workshops and courses. State municipal association conferences and/or training sessions, training sessions conducted by counties other than Livingston County, training sessions conducted by municipalities, American Planning Association training sessions and/or conferences, and college or university planning training sessions, and other training approved by the Town Supervisor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the training format can include, but is not limited to electronic media, video, distance learning and traditional classroom training; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Planning Department shall keep records of Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals member annual training hours; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all training certificates or other documentation of training must be submitted to the Livingston County Planning Department annually.

Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Supervisor Gerald L. Deming	Aye
Deputy Supervisor, Lynn Parnell	Aye
Councilman Norman Gates	Aye
Councilman David Deuel	Aye

OTHER

1) Sam Swearingen update:

Supervisor Deming reported, after discussion with Town Attorney, Mr. Cicoria about Sam Swearingen's request for water, Mr. Cicoria made it quite clear that we are unable to sell water to Mr. Swearingen directly. We would be able to contract with the Town of Leicester as a municipality if they should inquire, but we can not sell to a residential customer across town lines.

Mr. Swearingen's request for water to the residence in Leicester has been denied.

2) Fire Department:

Supervisor Deming stated that he has contacted members of the York Fire Department to request a meeting with the Board of Directors and the Fire and Ambulance service members. The meeting will be the opportunity to discuss further the upcoming 2009 budget requests and the possibility of perhaps seeking other options. Mr. Deming will inform the Board when this meeting has been slated.

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.

Sewer Districts	# 154- 162	\$ 2,278.59
Consolidated Water	# 209-224	\$ 32,255.88
General Fund Claim	# 346-364	\$ 27,217.16
Street Lights	# 10-11	\$ 1,863.64
Highway Fund Claim	# 176-186	\$ 102,912.02

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until October 23rd. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk