

A regular meeting was held February 21, 2017 at Hutchinson Hall, Newark Valley at 7:00 P.M. The following Board members were

PRESENT:

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor
Tim Dalton, Councilman
Joe Tomazin, Jr. Councilman
Warren Smith, Councilman
Dan Cheresnowski, Councilman

Also Present:

Charlie Morgan, Sue Meade, Karen McMullen; Levene, Gouldin, & Thompson, Attorneys to the Town, Charles Meade; Highway Superintendent, Janet Smith, Deputy Town Clerk, Denise Liske; Dog Control Officer, Paula & Dick Litzel, Chuck & Elaine Stocking, Doug & Jen Slade, and Susan Lewis.

Meeting Called To Order

Supervisor Yetter called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Yetter led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2017 and February 7, 2017

Resolution #21-2017

Approval of Town Board Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2017 and February 7, 2017

On a motion offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Smith, the Town Board approved the Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2017 and February 7, 2017 as submitted.

Councilman Dalton - AYE
Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
Councilman Smith- AYE
Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - AYE
Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

Privilege of the Floor

The following people from Chamberlain Road came to the meeting to express their concerns over the condition of the road: Paula Litzel, Dick Litzel, Chuck & Elaine Stocking, Doug & Jen Slade, and Susan Lewis. They have concerns about the dirt road and especially the hills with curves.

The Town Board and Superintendent Meade interacted and answered questions from these residents. Most of the problems with the dirt roads are the weather. Superintendent Meade will look the road over in the morning to see what temporary fixes can be made until the weather breaks and more can be done.

The residents thanked the Board for listening to their concerns and the Board thanked them for coming to the meeting.

Privilege of the Floor was closed.

Highway Report

Highway Report February 21, 2017

- #1 Gas Price: \$2.01 gal Diesel Price: \$2.02 gal
- #2 We are hauling in Sand.
- #3 Could we put \$10,000.00 in Road Repair Maintenance?
- #4 The dirt roads are taking their toll. They are mushy, ruddy and Sh---y. You fill in the blanks.
- #5 Some of the emulsion roads are crumbling also. They need a lot of maintenance this year.
- #6 Start thinking about the road paving projects. I haven't received any cost on anything yet. I am waiting to look at them when they are all cleared.
- #7 A lot of shoulders were rolled up and we are going to pick them up.
- #8 All the equipment is holding together.
- #9 If we go with the Weitsman's bins, one will be for metal and one will be for tires. We will lose the price of metal from Weitsman's because he takes care of the tires. Last year we made \$817.53 on our metal. Last year's metal price, and we took it to them, was \$159.00 gross tons. This year the price is, \$167.00 gross ton if we take it there as of today's date. I am waiting to hear back from Ellen Pratt to see if we can get on the Weitsman's project.

There was discussion about #9 concerning Spring Clean-up. We will not be taking electronics. No charge for tires this year if we give Weitsman's our scrap metal. The Highway Superintendent will look into this further.

Resolution #22-2017

Authorization For Use of Highway Monies

On a motion offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Tomazin, the Town Board authorizes the Highway Superintendent to spend \$10,000.00 for spring road repair.

Councilman Dalton - AYE
Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - AYE
Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
Councilman Smith - AYE
Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

New Business

Budget Transfer

Resolution #23-2017

Budget Transfer

On a motion offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Smith, the Town Board authorized the following budget transfer:

\$819.40 from 1990.4 Contingency \$819.40 to A6989.4 Economic Opportunity Development C.E.

Councilman Dalton - AYE
Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
Councilman Smith - AYE
Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - AYE
Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

Supervisor's Financial Report

Resolution #24-2017

Supervisor's Financial Report

On a motion offered by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Dalton, the Town Board accepted the Supervisor's Financial Report for January 2017 as submitted.

Councilman Dalton - AYE
Councilman Tomazin, Jr. – AYE
Councilman Cheresnowski – AYE
Councilman Smith– AYE
Supervisor Yetter, Jr. – AYE

Motion Carried

David Hotaling wants to renew the lawn mowing contract again this year. He will do it for the same price as last year.

Resolution #25-2017

Cemeteries/ Lawn Mowing/Flower Box/ Cemetery Barrels Contract

On a motion offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Tomazin, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to approve the proposal from Dave Hotaling for mowing six cemeteries and the Town Hall lawn for the same price as last year. He will also fill the flower bed at Hutchinson Hall and put flowers in barrels in front of the cemeteries.

Councilman Dalton - AYE
Councilman Tomazin, Jr. – AYE
Councilman Cheresnowski – AYE
Councilman Smith– AYE
Supervisor Yetter, Jr. – AYE

Motion Carried

Old Business

Discussion of Deputy Code Enforcement Officer

This issue was tabled.

Solar Law Discussion

There was a discussion about the solar law.

Registrar Town and Village Register Numbers

There was discussion about the Registrar's Town and Village register numbers. Karen McMullen will contact the Mayor again for a resolution to accept a change from the Village number to the Town number so we only have one number instead of two.

Clean-up Days

(This was discussed earlier).

Council Members & Committees

Code

Tom Larson was absent.
His monthly report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Dog Control

Denise Liske discussed the following issues with the Town Board:

- ❖ Dog complaints from residents on Chamberlain Rd. concerning strays and dogs running at large
- ❖ A dog running at large behind Fortunato's
- ❖ The neighbors on Whig St. are still having problems
- ❖ Rock St. stray dog has been adopted from Stray Haven
- ❖ Discussion about animal vs. dog control positions

Fire Commission Discussion

Code and Fire Commissioner is a grey area, especially if the Code Enforcement Officer does fire inspections.

Supervisor Yetter went to a meeting with the Mayor and a few of the village people and Elaine Jardin concerning grants. Ms. Jardin will look into a grant for the town to repair bays in the highway barn.

Planning Board

The Comprehensive Plan is almost done. The draft will go to Karen McMullen when the Planning Board is done with it. There was discussion about fracking being included in the Comprehensive Plan.

Executive Session

Resolution # 26-2017

Enter Executive Session

On a motion offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Smith, the Town Board entered into Executive Session at 8:29 PM to discuss an employee issue.

Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE

Councilman Tomazin - AYE

Councilman Dalton - AYE

Councilman Smith - AYE

Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

Resolution # 27-2017

Exit Executive Session

On a motion offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Tomazin, the Town Board exited Executive Session at 8:37 PM. The purpose of this Executive Session was to discuss an employee issue.

Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE

Councilman Tomazin - AYE

Councilman Dalton - AYE

Councilman Smith - AYE

Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

General Bills

Resolution #28-2017

General Bills

On a motion offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Cheresnowski, the Town Board authorizes the payment of General Bill Vouchers 25-49, inclusive, in the amount of \$12,053.60.

- Councilman Dalton - AYE
- Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
- Councilman Smith – AYE
- Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - AYE
- Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

Highway Bills

Resolution #29-2017

Highway Bills

On a motion, offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Smith, the Town Board authorizes the payment of Highway Bill Vouchers #H12– #H35 inclusive in the amount of \$52,801.58.

- Councilman Dalton - AYE
- Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
- Councilman Smith – AYE
- Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - AYE
- Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

On a motion offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Dalton, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

The next meeting is a Work Session scheduled for March 7, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara S. Mock