

A regular meeting was held May 16, 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; Janet Smith, Deputy Town Clerk; Karen McMullen, Levene, Gouldin, & Thompson, Attorneys to the Town; Charles Meade, Highway Superintendent; Denise Liske, Dog Control Officer; and Tom Larson, Code.

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 April 18, 2017 and May 2, 2017

Resolution #52-2017

Approval of Town Board Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2017 and May 2, 2017

On a motion offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Smith, the Town Board approved the Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2017 with an amendment to Dog Control, page 5, item #3 (needing to state that Denise Liske did not pick up said dog) and approval of May 2, 2017 minutes as submitted.

Councilman Dalton - AYE
Councilman Tomazin - AYE
Councilman Smith - AYE
Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

Privilege of the Floor

Supervisor Yetter opened Privilege of the Floor.
There were no comments.
Privilege of the Floor was closed.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Report May 16, 2017

- 1 Gas \$1.93 Diesel \$1.85
- 2 Sign agreement to spend highway funds. The maintenance portion is a lot more than I ever had before. There are a lot of spots on our gravel roads that will have to be dug out and replaced with gravel and or drainage. I won't know until we get into it. All other projects stone and oil along with 3/10 paving on Harnecy road, Sherry Lipe Rd and the re-profiling are reimbursed by Chips. The total Chips for 2017 is \$221,233.08 which also includes: Extreme winter and pave N.Y. All are covered under double course stone and oil. Possibly I might be able to do more oil and stone which I'll do an amendment like last year's agreement; Any Questions?
- 3 Last year we bought a new tank to replace our old one. Well we tried to put it in the truck and it was too wide. We measured it and it was 85 1/2" which it was supposed to be 84" wide. I contacted Bradco the salesman and he came up re measured and yes it was 85 1/2". The specs from the manufacture were 84". He called the manufacture they checked other tanks and none were 84", a lot wider not to spec. So Bradco is going to take their tank back and return our money. The company that was higher in price is now \$300.00 less than Bradco. I sent 2 guys to Port Jarvis and we have the tank which measures 84" wide from Central Equipment.
- 4 We have been ditching project areas and spot grading. (I.e. Bailey Hollow, Smokey Zimmer and Allison Hill) and patching blacktop areas.
- 5 In with the bills is the voucher for the 20 ton used tag- along trailer that Joe Tomazin and Joe Tennant went to Lenox P.A. and bought for \$6,000.00. As soon as they receive the OK they will send the tittle to us so we can get insurance on it and a plate to register. We will get it soon.
- 6 We received \$926.00 for the tires that we charged the residents of Newark Valley. All containers were picked up including the tire trailer. The County doesn't have an empty trailer yet so we can take them to the County highway and stack in that trailer.
- 7 I talked with Steve McElwain Engineer, and he will look into the bridge on Dalton Hill and will get back with me on his cost. He will take care of all the paper work that the State Requested. Last Friday I had Nick Ceriteny from C & C look at it also. He requested at least a 4000 psi mix (which is on County Bid for \$115.00 per yard.) Steve did agree with the 4000 psi mix.

There was discussion about #2 and #7 above.

There was a question and discussion concerning salt brine tank usage for dust control and where we get the salt brine.

Agreement to Spend Highway Funds

The Board and the Highway Superintendent discussed the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds.

Resolution #53-2017

Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds 2017

On a motion offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Smith, the Town Board adopted the Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds for 2017 as presented by the Highway Superintendent.

- Councilman Dalton - AYE
- Councilman Tomazin - AYE
- Councilman Smith – AYE
- Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
- Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

New Business

Budget Transfer

Supervisor Yetter said we have one Budget Transfer this evening and it is for covering additional expenses for the Historian's Building but will be reimbursed from the grant money and will be put back into A1990.4.

Resolution #54-2017

Budget Modification

On a motion offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Cheresnowski, the Board approved the following budget transfer:

\$1278.45 FROM A1990.4 TO \$1278.45 A7510.4 Historian C.E.

- Councilman Dalton - AYE
- Councilman Tomazin - AYE
- Councilman Smith – AYE
- Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
- Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

Supervisor's Financial Report

Resolution #55-2017

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 April 2017 as submitted.

- Councilman Dalton - AYE
- Councilman Tomazin - AYE
- Councilman Smith – AYE
- Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
- Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

Old Business

Work Place Violence Policy

We have the Work Place Violence Policy in place but need to do training. The Partners are contacting NYMIR to set up the training. We will post the documented and dated policy in the appropriate places along with the forms.

Department & Council Reports

Code

Tom Larson discussed the following:

- No serious issues at this time
- The fire ban is off, so permits can be issued
- Someone had an illegal fire, but put it out immediately upon notice and got a permit
- Working with architect on the Energy Code to get them updated
- The State sent the NYS Energy Code book

The Code Enforcement's monthly report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Karen McMullen said she and Tom Larson are still working on the Building Codes and will present the Board with a draft when they are finished.

Dog Control

Denise Liske discussed with the Board the following:

- ❖ The Mayor contacted Denise's Mom through Facebook concerning a complaint involving cows and goats in the Village. She contacted the Village to make sure they understand her responsibilities as the Dog Control Officer.
- ❖ The training was the best yet!
- ❖ Complaints about barking dogs
- ❖ There will be court next week for unlicensed dogs
- ❖ Had a dangerous dog complaint, but not enough evidence
- ❖ On-going issues with Ben Swagler
- ❖ Missing Dachshund on West Creek Rd
- ❖ Stray Haven hasn't been evaluated yet because Ag & Markets haven't done it yet
- ❖ A complaint about someone owning 40 unlicensed dogs, Stray Haven has been contacted

There was discussion about abandoned houses in the Village with no big signs with red X's and it being the State's policy.

Council Members and Committees

The Justice Audit needs to be done. Councilmen Cheresnowski and Tomazin will set that up with the Court Clerk.

Karen McMullen discussed with the Board the up-coming dirt bike race and the group insurance amount that has been approved by The Partners. She will email Julie Holcomb and let her know. Karen McMullen also informed the Board that Local Law #2-2017 was passed and filed on May 6, 2017. May 6, 2017 is the effective date of the law.

Councilman Tomazin looked at the roof over the court room on his way in tonight and believes we need a new one. Also, the gutters are full and wondered if the highway employees could

clean them out. Supervisor Yetter said because of the work load of the highway employees, he would contact Joe Onofrio to see if he would be able to do the roof and gutters and the roof on the historian building plus the damage on the garage that was never done. There was discussion about the damage. There needs to be wiring for the salt shed as well. The Board discussed the roof.

The Highway Superintendent said he is working with the kids to redo the Hutchison Town Hall sign.

The Town Clerk explained to the Board that her computer is not working correctly and freezes up. She said it is seven years old and believes it needs to be replaced. The Board said she needs to get two quotes. She will work on that.

The Board decided to cancel the next Work Session and will decide about July and August's Work Sessions month to month.

The Highway Superintendent said he will be attending school in Ithaca June 13, 14, and 15. It is free because he has 20 years in.

Planning Board

No report.

Executive Session

Resolution #56-2017

Enter Executive Session

On a motion offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Cheresnowski, the Town Board entered Executive Session at 7:56 P.M. to discuss employee issues.

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

Resolution #57-2017

Exit Executive Session

On a motion offered by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Dalton, the Town Board exited Executive Session at 8:04 P.M.

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

The purpose of this Executive Session was to discuss employee issues.

During the paying of the bills, the Board discussed the Shared Services meeting that Supervisor Yetter attended.

The Board then discussed his appointment to the board of the Tioga County Land Trust.

Highway Bills

Resolution #58-2017

Highway Bills

On a motion, offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Dalton, the Town Board authorizes the payment of Highway Bill Vouchers #H65– #H76 inclusive in the amount of \$20,250.04.

Councilman Dalton - AYE
Councilman Tomazin - AYE
Councilman Smith – AYE
Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

General Bills

Resolution #59-2017

General Bills

On a motion offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Smith, the Town Board authorizes the payment of General Bill Vouchers 115-142, inclusive, in the amount of \$6,118.39.

Councilman Dalton - AYE
Councilman Tomazin - AYE
Councilman Smith – AYE
Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

On a motion offered by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Dalton, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

The June 6th, 2017 Work Session has been canceled.

The next scheduled meeting is a Regular Meeting to be held June 20, 2017 at 7:00P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara S. Mock