

A regular meeting was held September 19, 2017 at Hutchinson Hall, Newark Valley at 7:00 P.M.  
The following Board members were

**PRESENT:**

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor  
Joe Tomazin, Jr., Councilman  
Daniel Cheresnowski, Councilman  
Timothy Dalton, Councilman  
Warren Smith, Councilman

**Also Present:**

Charlie Morgan; Lora Corson, Deputy Town Clerk; Karen McMullen, Levene, Gouldin, & Thompson, Attorneys to the Town; Charles Meade, Highway Superintendent; Sue Meade; Franklin Wheeland; Bob Miller; Sarah Titus, Planning Board Chair; Walter Knudson, Planning Board Member; Debrah Muska; Denise Liske, Dog Control Officer; 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 August 15, 2017 and September 5, 2017.**

**Resolution # 86-2017**

**Approval of Town Board Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2017 and September 5, 2017**

On a motion offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Smith, the Town Board approved the Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2017 and September 5, 2017 as submitted.

Timothy Dalton, Councilman - AYE

Councilman Smith - AYE

Councilman Tomazin - AYE

Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE

Supervisor Yetter - AYE

**Motion Carried**

**Privilege of the Floor**

Supervisor Yetter opened Privilege of the Floor.

Franklin Wheeland has an issue concerning the cost of a trip to Wilson hospital from the ambulance service. The Board and attorney tried to discuss the issue with him but he didn't stay for the discussion.

Bob Miller has concerns about people living in a shed on Old Stagecoach road. Code is aware of the situation and has been working with the property owner to bring the shed into code compliance.

There were discussions about plumbing, septic, insulation, and a foundation.

The attorney reminded the Board that we have no zoning laws in the Town of Newark Valley so the Town cannot tell them they can't live in it as long it is up to code. If the Board wants to change that, they will have to write a new law. Code will give his ideas on what needs to be in the law.

There was a discussion about putting up mini homes and about mobile homes.

Debrah Muska addressed the Town Board with her and her neighbor's concerns about the smell from the pig farm. There was discussion about this issue. Supervisor Yetter will send a letter to the owner to see if there is anything that can be done to reduce the smell.

Privilege of the Floor was closed.

## **Highway Superintendent's Report**

Highway Report September 19, 2017

1. Gas Price: \$1.92 Diesel Price: \$1.75
2. #85 2016 Volvo is at Burr truck for transmission troubles. Back in Feb 2017 it had a vibration in 3-4 & 7-8 gears. They couldn't find anything and told us to run it. In April 24, 2017 we sent it to Beam Mack / Volvo for 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion (which was still under warranty). Beam Mack / Volvo found the clutch was worn badly and replace the clutch, throughout bearing and found rear seal leaking, and didn't find anything in transmission at this time. May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 they re-aligned the drive shaft which they corrected. Eaton Transmission told them to pull the backside (high gear area) which they didn't but the drive shaft alignment took care of noise so they stopped. September 9, 2017 Joe called Volvo direct and told them about this problem and is getting worse and Volvo noticed that there was a file on #85. They told us to take it to Burr Truck and through Volvo so far the drive shaft is back in line and they have been in touch with Eaton Transmission. Everything Burr Truck does Volvo is sending us information.
3. We have been re-working bad areas on our gravel roads, still more to do.  
Prentice: We are on it today along with Allison, Blewer (Back End), Courtright, and Barbertown.
4. 2 trucks have been hauling Road Sand and gravel out to Gravel roads where needed.
5. We still have to oil and stone on:  
Russell (NV Maine End)  
Miller Road, Suit-Kote is replacing the oil on (NV Maine Rd) in the narrows.  
We need to patch in back side of Howard Hill and give it 1 course of oil and stone in spots.
6. I still want to dig out a bad spot on Gage Rd. which I have enough grader patch for it. Base: Fabric, 4 inch minus and Item #4. A lot of ditches on all our gravel roads need to be cleaned before winter. I hope to apply a gravel wedge on the first hill on Prentice Rd. I need to check with property owner about the lawn entrance that is there. One more hope to lower the cross over pipe in the swamp area on Smokey Zimmer Rd. I'm thinking I have too many hopes and not enough time before winter!
7. I have an Amendment for Chips due to the decrease in oil prices. It was put on Markham Rd. the price was actual cost.

Superintendent Meade read his Highway Report.

After he read #2 above, there was discussion about where the truck was and the repair.

Superintendent Meade continued to read his Highway Report.

There was discussion about #7 above, an Amendment to Spend Town Highway Funds.

Superintendent Meade discussed with the Board the fact that oil prices came down.

**Resolution # 87-2017      Accept Amendment to Agreement to Spend Highway Funds 2017**

On a motion offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Dalton, the Town Board agreed to accept the Amendment to the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds 2017 as submitted.

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

**Motion Carried**

There was a discussion about an incident on a job-site and safety being a priority.

**New Business**

**Supervisor’s Financial Report**

Supervisor Yetter said we have a budget transfer tonight.

**Resolution # 88-2017      Supervisor’s Financial Report**

On a motion offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Smith, the Town Board accepted the Supervisor’s Financial Report for August 2017 as submitted.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution # 89-2017      Budget Transfer**

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

\$60,127.44    FROM    DB5110.4    Road Repair                      \$60,127.44    TO    DB5112.4    CHIPS

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

**Motion Carried**

**Planning Board**

**Draft of Town’s Comprehensive Plan**

Sarah Titus gave an overview of the plan. The Planning Board received guidance from Elaine Jardin. The plan is in general terms so in the future it can be more in depth. They had their public hearing and had no input from anyone.

The Town Board had a couple of items they wanted changed and the Planning Board would like a better picture for the cover.

The Town Board will have a public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan after the budget process is over.

The Town Board thanked the Planning Board for their hard work and time drafting the plan.

### **Stray Haven Contract**

Karen McMullen reviewed the contract and had a couple of changes which was discussed with the Board.

### **Resolution # 90-2017**

### **Stray Haven Contract**

On a motion offered by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Dalton, the Town Board authorizes Supervisor Yetter to sign the Stray Haven Contract for 2018.

Timothy Dalton, Councilman - AYE

Councilman Smith – AYE

Councilman Tomazin - AYE

Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE

Supervisor Yetter - AYE

**Motion Carried**

### **Old Business**

#### **Village Snow Plowing**

Superintendent Meade discussed with the Board the concern of a Village resident who is against the Town plowing the Village streets because he feels this is the only service he receives from the Village.

The Town Board discussed their concerns about liability insurance and the need for the Village residents to be informed by the Mayor if the Town agrees to do the plowing of the streets.

Supervisor Yetter will discuss these matters with the Mayor.

### **Department & Council Reports**

#### **Code Enforcement**

Tom Larson reported the following:

- 19 Harnecky Rd. grass problem
- 2555 NV/Maine Rd. water damage

The Code Enforcement report for August 2017 is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

#### **Dog Control**

Denise Liske reported the following:

- ❖ Two dogs attacking a cat, we won the two hour court case, dogs declared dangerous
- ❖ Jump/Jones ongoing saga
- ❖ New DCO in Berkshire and Richford
- ❖ Enumeration wording will be changed to avoid any more problems
- ❖ Dog licensing

**Highway Bills**

**Resolution # 91-2017**

**Highway Bills**

On a motion, offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Smith, the Town Board authorizes the payment of Highway Bill Vouchers #H141 – #H154, inclusive, in the amount of \$175,240.72.

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

**Motion Carried**

**General Bills**

**Resolution # 92-2017**

**General Bills**

On a motion offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Cheresnowski, the Town Board authorizes the payment of General Bill Vouchers 226 - 254, inclusive, in the amount of \$6,640.14.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Council Members & Committees**

There was discussion about the budget.  
There was discussion about the lack of the ambulance service’s report.  
The Board discussed the remodeling of the Justice bench.

On a motion offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

The next scheduled meeting is a Work Session to be held October 3, 2017 at 7:00P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara S. Mock  
Town Clerk