

A regular meeting was held April 17, 2012 at Hutchinson Hall, Newark Valley at 7:00 P.M. The following were

PRESENT:

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor
Donald Thomas, Councilman
Ronald Graham, Councilman
Joseph Tomazin, Jr., Councilman

ABSENT:

Daniel Cheresnowski, Councilman

Also Present: Karen McMullen; Levene, Gouldin & Thompson, Attorneys to the Town, Jim Weed; Dog Control Officer; Charles Meade; Highway Superintendent, Charlie Morgan, Del Mock and Sue Meade.

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

Supervisor Yetter led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2012 and April 3, 2012.

Resolution #41-2012

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

On a motion, offered by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman Tomazin, the Board approved the Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2012 and April 3, 2012 as submitted.

Councilman Thomas - AYE
Councilman Graham - AYE
Councilman Tomazin - AYE
Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

Privilege of the Floor

There were no comments from the floor.

Privilege of the Floor was closed.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Meade discussed with the Board the monies from FEMA and from the State.

Superintendent Meade read his Highway Report up to #5.

Highway Report April 17, 2012

- #1. Gas \$3.166 Diesel: \$3.632
- #2. See the Attached: work completed and work to be completed sheets were done before we were advised that the State would be paying our share of 12 ½ % so they are paying 25%. On the sheets the full total amounts (in black) are what we will be receiving. The Totals are at each ending sheets.
- #3. Agreement to spend, you have a copy of the Chips Portion and the Maintenance Section only. I've been using Maintenance money for FEMA work, which Totals \$30,724.39. I have \$89,275.61 left in Road Repair, which I am placing into Maintenance for now. Later I hope to move out for projects after the flood work is done. Two roads Allison and one mile on Howard Hill so it can be center lined.
- #4. The pipes that have to be ordered are for: Lamb Rd, Smokey Zimmer, and Russell Rd. The total is \$38,968.46, plus Rip Rap and Concrete blocks, along with guard rail, post and bolts. I need to buy the Concrete Tie Downs for each ends along with the black-top for Russell Rd. Addition gravel for Lamb Rd and Smokey Zimmer. I would put \$100,000 into the FEMA account which I can draw off from. I might need more or I can survive with that. I don't know I don't have the exact figures for everything yet.
- #5. We have four pw's left for FEAM to send the blue folder in, for the (Sept. Flood) and eight pw's for the (April Flood)
- #6. We are working on replacing crossover pipes and drive way pipes. FEMA, all edges for Item #4 are done. We are digging out creek gravel on Bailey Hollow, to place Item #4 in for shoulder and pavement.
- #7. The water tank is on the Truck. All intersections are cleaned. The bridges still need to be washed. We are now working on the Low Boy, welding some rust holes on the cross frames for the inspection. Everything else is ok!
- #8. Don' Forget About the Spring Clean-up on May 4th and 5th at 7:30 to 3:00 pm both days. I still have to wait till the last week of April for the Metal Bins. I will get with the Supervisor to determine which one!

Superintendent Meade explained the money in the Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds is only CHIPS money. He then went on to explain the agreement. (A copy is on file in the Clerk's Office). He said after we are paid the rest of the money from FEMA and the State, that money will be used for the rest of the road repair and maintenance.

Councilman Tomazin asked if we should hire summer help. Someone experienced, at least someone who knows how to drive a truck.

Supervisor Yetter said there will be no benefits it will only be part-time. Superintendent Meade said he will look into this.

After more discussion, the Board made a resolution agreeing to spend highway funds.

Resolution #42-2012

Agreement to Spend Highway Funds

On a motion offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Thomas, the Board accepted the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds as written.

Councilman Thomas - AYE
Councilman Graham - AYE
Councilman Tomazin - AYE
Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

There was discussion about FEMA and the blue folders, (#5 above).
Supervisor Yetter said the driveway to the highway barn is breaking up and the strip of land between the bus garage and highway barn needs to be taken care of.
Superintendent Meade needs money to work with for road repair. \$100,000 will be taken out of DB Fund Balance and transferred to DB5110.4 FEMA Line to be replaced when more FEMA money comes in.

Resolution #43-2012

Transfer of Highway Funds

On a motion offered by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman Tomazin, the Board approved the following transfer: \$100,000.00 from DB Fund Balance to DB5110.4 Road Repair C.E. (FEMA).

Councilman Thomas - AYE
Councilman Graham - AYE
Councilman Tomazin - AYE
Supervisor Yetter - AYE
Motion Carried

Superintendent Meade finished reading his report starting from #5.
Superintendent Meade said he called for bins for the discarded electronics for Spring Clean-up and will be receiving some soon. He also called about a tire trailer. He said they will not be burning because of the burn ban, but will be using the chipper for brush.

On a new subject, Councilman Thomas would like a day when women and housewives can look and get inside the town trucks and see what they are like. Supervisor Yetter said an open house for the new addition would be nice and we could combine the two.
Councilman Thomas said he would buy pizza and soda and a flower for the ladies for the event.
The Board discussed this idea and thought sometime in June would be good and maybe the driveway will be done by then.

Supervisor Yetter asked Superintendent Meade to check with the County to see why they never put the street lights back up on Tappan Road Bridge.

Councilman Thomas said he would like to see the railroad repair the tracks on Tappan Road.

Superintendent Meade said the railroad crossings have to be replaced in the Town.

Supervisor Yetter asked Superintendent Meade to ask the highway employees if any of them would be interested in priming and painting the court room, conference room, and perhaps the hallway in the Town Hall. Superintendent Meade said he would ask them.

New Business

Supervisor's Financial Report

Supervisor Yetter said there were no burning issues.

The Board discussed DB Funds and FEMA.

Resolution #44-2012

Supervisor's Financial Report

On a motion offered by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Graham, the Town Board accepts the Supervisor's Financial Report as submitted.

Councilman Thomas -AYE

Councilman Graham - AYE

Councilman Tomazin- AYE

Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

Old Business

Berkshire EMS

The Board discussed the request for additional funding for the EMS. The EMS says it needs more money because of the increase of calls from Newark Valley.

Resolution #45-2012

Berkshire EMS Additional Funds

On a motion offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Graham, the Board agreed to pay the additional amount requested by the Berkshire EMS.

Councilman Thomas -AYE

Councilman Graham - AYE

Councilman Tomazin- AYE

Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

There was discussion about the ambulance service.

Department & Council Reports

Superintendent Meade sent the Village a bill for work the town crew did assisting the Village for water main repairs on Howard Hill Rd. The reply indicated the Village would not pay it. Supervisor Yetter wrote a draft letter to the Village and asked the Board's input. The Board discussed this and decided to have Supervisor Yetter send the letter.

Code Enforcement

Tom Larson is not here tonight. He says he is doing mobile home park inspections. Permits are picking up. Tom Larson submitted the monthly Code Enforcement report. (A copy is on file in the Clerk's office).

Dog Control

Mr. Weed, the Board, and Ms. McMullen discussed dog boarding and shelter expenses. Ms. McMullen gave an update on the Jones/Jump dangerous dog case. There was a discussion about the dangerous dog case. Mr. Weed has been working on the dog enumeration.

Planning Board

No report.

Justice Report

Justice John Schaffer reported for the month of March 2012, the following cases were disposed of: 38 Traffic Tickets; 4 Criminal charges; 0 Dog cases; 1 Civil case; 0 Econ cases and 0 Town law cases. A total of \$4,210.00 was sent to the NYS Comptroller's Office.

Justice Todd Smith reported for the month of March 2012, the following cases were disposed of: 26 Traffic Tickets; 0 Criminal Charges; 0 Dog Cases, 1 Civil Case; 0 Econ Cases, 1 Town Law Case. A total of \$3,310.00 was sent to the NYS Comptroller's Office.

Town Clerk

The Town Clerk has filed her monthly reports and they are on file in her office.

Council Members and Committees

The Council members had nothing to report from their committees

Resolution #46-2012

General Bills

On a motion, offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Graham, the Town Board authorized the payment of General Bill Vouchers, 97-118 inclusive, in the amount of \$7,769.44.

Councilman Thomas -AYE
Councilman Graham - AYE
Councilman Tomazin- AYE
Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

Resolution #47-2012

Highway Bills

On a motion, offered by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Tomazin, the Town Board authorized the payment of Highway Bill Vouchers #H75 – H87 inclusive in the amount of \$14,835.20.

Councilman Thomas -AYE
Councilman Graham - AYE
Councilman Tomazin- AYE
Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

Assessor

Supervisor Yetter said Mr. Maxwell has been absent a lot. He spends two days a month for a total of a few hours. We are not getting enough hours from him. Mr. Maxwell wants to have a legal notice for all three towns combined into one. He also wants to sit with all three tax rolls at the same time. This is not acceptable. Also, Supervisor Yetter is not happy with the responses Mr. Maxwell is giving the taxpayers. Supervisor Yetter and Councilman Tomazin will set up a meeting with Mr. Maxwell.
There was discussion about the assessor.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM that was offered by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman Tomazin.

The next scheduled meeting is May 1, 2012.
Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mock
Town Clerk