

A regular meeting was held February 2, 2010 at Hutchinson Hall, Newark Valley at 7:00 P.M. The following were

PRESENT:

Stuart Yetter, Supervisor
Donald Thomas, Councilman
Ronald Graham, Councilman
Dan Cheresnowski, Councilman
Joe Tomazin, Councilman

Also Present: Del Mock; Dog Control Officer, Tom Larson; Code Enforcement Officer and Charlie Morgan.

Supervisor Yetter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Yetter led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cemeteries/Lawn Mowing Contract

Supervisor Yetter received a letter from Dave Hotaling expressing his desire to continue to mow the cemeteries and Town's lawn. In addition, he will fill the planter with flowers at a cost of \$40.00. After a few minutes of discussion, the Board agreed to his request. (This proposal is on file in the Clerk's Office).

Resolution #20-2010

Cemeteries/Lawn Mowing Contract

On a motion offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Graham the Board accepts the proposal from Dave Hotaling for trimming, picking up debris and mowing six cemeteries and Town Hall lawn for the same price as last year plus filling the flower bed at Hutchinson Hall for \$40.00.

Councilman Thomas -AYE
Councilman Graham - AYE
Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

Veteran's Exemption

At the last meeting, Gerald Shrauger asked to have the income rates raised for the Veteran's Exemptions. Supervisor Yetter reminded the Board if the rates are increased, the burden would be transferred to the rest of the people. There was a short discussion about this issue. The Board decided that for now, they want to leave it as it is. Any increase was tabled.

Cable Franchise Agreement

Supervisor Yetter stated the Franchise Agreement with the Cable Company is due to be renewed. Supervisor Yetter mentioned that Superintendent Meade questioned the agreement because there was no mention of free internet and television service to the Town Hall,

Highway Department, School, or Library. Supervisor Yetter asked the Board to look over the franchise agreement in the next few weeks to see if there were any changes they wanted to make. Supervisor Yetter sent the agreement to the attorney. The Town Board will discuss this matter at a future meeting.

The Board discussed the possibility of having cable supplied to some of the more remote areas of the town because they believe it should be available to more residents. The Board talked about internet, cable and phone services.

Items of Interest to Board Members

- ✚ Library Board - Supervisor Yetter received an email from Peggy Head concerning appointee Lucy Cross retiring from the Library Board. Ms. Head would like help finding someone to take Ms. Cross' position. She would like someone with enthusiasm. The Town Board would like to find someone from the town, as there are more village residents on the Library Board. If the Town Board has any suggestions, please let Supervisor Yetter know.
- ✚ Councilman Tomazin and Councilman Cheresnowski said they had met with Tom Larson. He seems to have most things under control, but needs more experience. Mr. Larson was asked how things were going and he explained some of the problems he is having with one of the mobile home parks and with a resident of the town who refuses to comply with Code. There was a discussion between the Board and Mr. Larson concerning violation notices, pool permits and lawsuits.
- ✚ The Board discussed a mobile home that was purchased, renovated and put on the market.
- ✚ Supervisor Yetter asked Mr. Mock how things were going with the Dog Control Officer. Mr. Mock informed the Board there is only three delinquent dog licenses for the 2009 year and stated the Clerk had told him it is the best it has ever been.
- ✚ The Board talked about the Town Barn ceiling. Councilman Cheresnowski stated he had been to the Town Barn this afternoon and it is almost done. A question was asked about the louvers and Supervisor Yetter said there has been no word lately.
- ✚ Councilman Tomazin asked about the salt shed. Supervisor Yetter said there had been no communication from the other municipalities and it is now too late to do anything, the deadline is next week.
- ✚ Mr. Mock relayed a feel good story about a lost dog reunited with its family.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Tomazin.

The next meeting is February 16, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara S. Mock
Town Clerk