

A regular meeting was held September 4, 2012 at Hutchinson Hall, Newark Valley at 7:00 P.M. The following were

**PRESENT:**

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor  
Donald Thomas, Councilman  
Joe Tomazin, Jr., Councilman  
Dan Cheresnowski, Councilman

**ABSENT:**

Ronald Graham, Councilman

**Also Present:** Hans Peeters; Planning Board Chairman, Jim Weed; Dog Control Officer, Tom Larson; Code Enforcement Officer, Charlie Morgan, Fred Kiechel, Nancy Bolson, George Bolson, Lynne Guiles, Robert Guiles, Jeff Barrett, Todd A. Cawley, *name illegible*, Cheryl Galluzzo, Clifford Alexander, Marjorie Keith, Richard Keith, Jim P. Tornatore, Kenny Williams, C. Hurley

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

Supervisor Yetter led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Discussion of Gas Drilling:**

Supervisor Yetter said it was time for the Board to come to a decision about gas drilling. After a lengthy and in depth discussion with regards to the impact on the community, the Town Board concluded that they would not pass a resolution in either direction right now, rather hold off until the DEC announces their decision. In the meantime, the Town Board would get things in order locally with a Road Use and/or Preservation.

**Discussion of Road Use Laws:**

The Town needs Road Use Laws in place prior to the onset of any fracking activities. Supervisor Yetter would like the Planning Board and The Town Board to review various drafts of Road Use Laws and Road Use Agreements currently being implemented or considered by neighboring towns.

**EMS Discussion:**

The Berkshire Emergency Squad submitted their preliminary budget for 2012. The Squad also asked for a liaison from the Town Board. Joe Tomazin volunteered for the position to work with the squad.

**Items of Interest to Board Members:**

Councilman Thomas expressed interest in purchasing a portable PA system to use during meetings. The request was met with a positive response and Supervisor Yetter will research a device.

Councilman Tomazin had received a call from a resident of Bailey Hollow Rd. who commented how the Town of Maine had done a good job of paving and questioned why Newark Valley in their opinion, had not. Supervisor Yetter explained that the Town of Maine borrowed 2+ million for road repair, and we did not.

Councilman Cheresnowski had no issues.

**Department and Council Reports:**

Code Enforcement collected a total of \$220.00 in fees for August 2012. Tom Larson, Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Newark Valley, discussed with the Town Board the various activities he had engaged in and accomplished for the month of August.

Planning Board: Hans Peeters will get the members to review and provide the Town Board input with regards to Road Use.

Dog Control: Jim Weed , Dog Control officer, said all is okay.

**Executive Session for Union Negotiations:**

**Resolution #94-2012                      Enter into Executive Session for Union Negotiations**

On a motion offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Thomas, the Town Board entered into Executive Session for counter proposal for Highway Union Contract negotiations.

- Councilman Thomas -AYE
- Councilman Tomazin- AYE
- Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
- Supervisor Yetter - AYE

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution #95-2012**

**Come out of Executive Session**

On a motion offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Tomazin, the Town Board came out of Executive Session for the purpose of union negotiations. No action was taken.

Councilman Thomas -AYE  
Councilman Tomazin- AYE  
Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE  
Supervisor Yetter - AYE

**Motion Carried**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 P.M., offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Tomas.

The next scheduled meeting is September 18, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandra Torra  
Deputy Town Clerk