

A regular meeting was held February 17, 2015 at Hutchinson Hall, 109 Whig Street Newark Valley, NY at 7:00 P.M. The following were

PRESENT:

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor
Timothy Dalton, Councilman
Ronald Graham, Councilman
Daniel Cheresnowski, Councilman

ABSENT:

Joseph Tomazin, Jr., Councilman

Also Present: Karen McMullen; Levene, Gouldin & Thompson, Attorneys to the Town, Charles Meade; Highway Superintendent, Charlie Morgan, Del Mock, Teresa Saraceno & LeeAnn Tinney; Tioga County Economic Development and Planning, Denise Liske; Dog Control Officer, Tom Larson; Code Enforcement, Casey Frederici; Planning Board Member, and Jeremy Frederici.

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 January 20, 2015 and February 3, 2015.

Resolution #26-2015

Approval of Town Board Meeting Minutes

On a motion offered by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman Dalton, the Town Board approved the Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2015 and February 3, 2015 as submitted.

Councilman Dalton - AYE
Councilman Graham - AYE
Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

Privilege of the Floor

Supervisor Yetter opened Privilege of the Floor
No one had any issues to bring before the Board.
Privilege of the Floor was closed.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Report February 17, 2015

1. Gas Price: \$1.93 gal. Diesel Price: \$2.31 gal.
2. Truck #84, after replacing the leaf springs, we noticed it started leaning to the right. We sent it back to Tri-City Spring thinking the spring was flat looking. No the saddle was broke allowing the spring to weaken. We got it back to the shop and adjusted the rear brakes and they were all worn out along the right rear drum and spider. We can't believe what we are finding on this truck.

3. We had to replace 3 jacks with 2 new jacks from NAPA. (It's in the bills).
4. The furnace had to be replaced and the bill has been turned in, also.
5. No more salt brine for dust control, but me and Berkshire are looking into making a brine machine. I'll keep you informed.
6. Pot holes are starting already and if anyone notices them, please let me know if I don't see them.
7. We have at least 5 street lights out on Upper Whig Street and Tappan Road. I have to get pole numbers.
8. Terry is on a mini vacation this week, so if we are not near the phone, please leave a message.
9. I hope I don't have to order anymore salt or sand, we are using sparingly.

Superintendent Meade read his Highway Report.

There was discussion about salt.

Superintendent Meade said they have been helping the Town of Candor after their fire. He then explained the help they are providing. There was discussion concerning the fire damage.

There was discussion about our trucks possibly having the same problem, but the highway employees check each truck when they work on them.

There was discussion about getting one of the trucks up for bid online.

New Business

Supervisor's Financial Report

Supervisor Yetter said everything is looking okay, sales tax is up but the first one always is.

Resolution #27-2015

Supervisor's Financial Report

On a motion offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Graham, the Town Board accepted the Supervisor's Financial Report for January 2015 as submitted.

Councilman Dalton - AYE

Councilman Graham - AYE

Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE

Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

Resolution for Opening a New Trust & Agency Account

The resolution for opening a new Trust & Agency Account is a moot point now because there was no fraud committed on this account. The NYS Retirement System is now doing electronic withdrawals.

Discussion of Property Tax Exemptions

Supervisor Yetter said we used to have on the books a sliding exemption for property improvements but it was taken off the books before he took office.

Teresa Saraceno & LeeAnn Tinney discussed with the Board sliding property tax exemptions for commercial, industrial and business improvements. (A copy of the proposal is on file in the Clerk's office). They handed out a breakdown of all communities in the County who participate. If the Town agrees to do this, we would need to pass a local law.

The Board members will look the information over and pass it on to the Planning Board if they decide to do it.

There was also a discussion about open enrollment for the NYS Consolidated Funding Application Readiness Workshop for projects needed, February 25th. The more applications that are submitted, the more money is available.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

Department and Council Reports

Code Enforcement

There was discussion about Quick's Mobile Home Park. Tom Larson asked for approval and a resolution from the Board to finish the paperwork. The Board approved his request and said a resolution was not necessary for him to perform his job.

Dog Control

Denise Liske discussed with the Board advertising in the paper to remind people to contact us if there dog is missing or lost. She reported the dangerous dog case is still pending with the court and she hasn't heard anything yet.

She said delinquent dog licenses are down to a minimum.

Supervisor Yetter said he is pleased with the turnaround in the dog control operation and the rest of the Board said they were happy with it as well.

Meeting Room Request

The NV Fire Department requests use of the court room for a training class on February 24, 2015, from 6:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M.

The Board agreed to allow them to use the room.

Resolution #28-2015

NV Fire Department use of the Court Room

On a motion offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Cheresnowski, the Board agreed to allow the NV Fire Department to use the Court Room February 24, 2015, from 6:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M.

Councilman Dalton - AYE

Councilman Graham – AYE

Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE

Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

Cemeteries/ Lawn Mowing/Flower Box/Cemetery Barrels Contract

Dave Hotaling submitted his proposal for lawn mowing, etc. He wants the same price as last year for mowing the Town's lawn, cemeteries, flowers for the flower box, and flowers for the cemetery barrels.

Resolution #29-2015**Cemeteries/ Lawn Mowing/Flower Box/
Cemetery Barrels Contract**

On a motion offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Graham, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to approve the proposal from Dave Hotaling for mowing six cemeteries and Town Hall lawn for the same price as last year. He will also fill the flower bed at Hutchinson Hall and put flowers in barrels in front of the cemeteries.

Councilman Dalton - AYE
Councilman Graham – AYE
Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

Planning Board

Casey Frederici said the Planning Board has not met due to the fact that nobody comes.

Resolution #30-2015**General Bills**

On a motion offered by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman Cheresnowski, the Town Board authorizes the payment of General Bill Vouchers 27-61, inclusive, in the amount of \$ 11,276.16.

Councilman Dalton - AYE
Councilman Graham – AYE
Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

Resolution #31-2014**Highway Bills**

On a motion, offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Graham, the Town Board authorizes the payment of Highway Bill Vouchers #H16– #H39 inclusive in the amount of \$44,829.18.

Councilman Dalton - AYE
Councilman Graham – AYE
Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M., offered by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman Cheresnowski.

The next scheduled meeting is March 3, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mock
Town Clerk