

A regular meeting was held March 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  
Joseph Tomazin, Jr., Councilman

**ABSENT:**

Daniel Cheresnowski, Councilman

**Also Present:** Karen McMullen; Levene, Gouldin & Thompson, Attorneys to the Town, Charles Meade; Highway Superintendent, Charlie Morgan, Del Mock, Denise Liske; Dog Control Officer, Tom Larson; Code Enforcement, Hans Peeters; Planning Board Chair.

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 February 17, 2015. (The March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was canceled, due to the weather).**

**Resolution #32-2015**

**Approval of Town Board Meeting Minutes**

On a motion offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Graham, the Town Board approved the Meeting Minutes for February 17, 2015 as submitted.

Councilman Dalton - AYE  
Councilman Graham - AYE  
Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - 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 March 17, 2015**

- #1. Diesel Price: \$2.06 gal Gas Price: \$1.92 gal
- #2. All bills are in for sand and salt, no more until November.
- #3. We have been unthawing pipes for 2- weeks. Some had to be unthawed 2 times.
- #4. The water line froze here at the highway, which we had the County's welder truck along with our lines off from our welder to reach from the oil room (where the water line comes in) to the Village's barn where the meter is under ground. Less than 20 minutes it was unthawed. We did leave the water on lightly over night for 2 days.
- #5. Nothing major broke down.

- #6. If possible, would it be ok to use up to \$10,000.00 on maintenance for gravel road washouts? Right now that's where it is. A little on black tops, our material is to frozen.
- #7. Homer wants to come back to work on light duty with the boards ok. Just 2 to 4 hours a day. He has to check with workers compensation first to see if it is ok. He does not want to jeopardize his compensation. **Things he feels he can do:** drive the pickup truck, verbally assist in heavy repairs, paper work, getting parts on the work sheets, light electrical repairs, diagnose equipment problems, and call for part pricing. **He can't do over the head work yet.**

Superintendent Meade read his Highway Report.

There was discussion about #7 above. Worker's Compensation will have to give us written permission and we will need his doctor's okay and what his limits are.

Superintendent Meade said he has had two applicants but has not had a chance to look over the applications yet. He is still looking for applicants.

Discussion about Worker's Comp.

There was discussion about #6 above. After the discussion, the Board gave their consent for expending highway funds.

#### **Resolution #33-2015**

#### **Expending Highway Funds**

On a motion offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Graham, the Board authorizes Superintendent Meade to start spending highway funds up to \$10,000.00 out of DB5110.4 Road Repair for highway maintenance.

Councilman Dalton - AYE

Councilman Graham - AYE

Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - AYE

Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

#### **Motion Carried**

There was a discussion about salt brine.

There was discussion about highway costs.

There was discussion about the frozen pipes on Rock St.

There was discussion about the new bus garage.

#### **New Business**

#### **Supervisor's Financial Report**

Supervisor Yetter said everything is normal. We are looking okay on everything.

There was a discussion about equipment repairs and tires.

#### **Resolution #34-2015**

#### **Supervisor's Financial Report**

On a motion offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Tomazin, the Town Board accepted the Supervisor's Financial Report for February 2015 as submitted.

Councilman Dalton - AYE

Councilman Graham - AYE

Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - AYE

Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

#### **Motion Carried**

## **Resolution for Opening a New Trust & Agency Account**

### **Resolution #35- 2015**

### **Opening a New Trust & Agency Account**

On a motion offered by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman Dalton, the Board authorizes Supervisor Yetter and Karen Umiker, the Bookkeeper to open a Trust & Agency account at NBT.

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

### **Motion Carried**

## **EMS Contract**

The Board discussed the EMS contract.  
There was discussion about Maine's EMS.  
There was a discussion about a countywide EMS.  
There was discussion about EMS' in general.

### **Resolution #36-2015**

### **Berkshire EMS Inc. Contract**

On a motion offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Graham, the Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign and return the Berkshire EMS Inc. contract for the year 2015.

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

### **Motion Carried**

## **Land Rental Agreement**

Chris Zorn wants to rent and use the agricultural field down behind the town buildings.  
The Board discussed this for a few minutes. It was decided that Karen McMullen would draw up an agreement for the Board's approval.

## **Old Business**

### **Property Tax Exemptions**

#### **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.  
The exemptions would be sliding property tax exemptions for commercial, industrial and business improvements. (A copy of the proposal is on file in the Clerk's office).  
The Board members looked the information over and will pass it on to the Planning Board for their review.

**Department and Council Reports**  
**Code Enforcement**  
**Training**

Tom Larson asked to attend Solar PV Code training on April 10, 2015.

**Resolution #37-2015**

**Solar PV Code Training**

On a motion offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Graham, the Board authorizes Tom Larson to attend Solar PV Permitting and Inspection Methods Workshop on April 10, 2015 in Binghamton, NY. Training is free, mileage and lunch paid by the Town.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Mobile Home Permit**

A mobile home permit was submitted by Brandy Olson to place a mobile home in Quick's Mobile Home Park.

**Resolution #38-2015**

**Mobile Home Permit**

On a motion offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Graham, the Town Board authorizes the approval of Permit #15-06 for a mobile home to be located at 2000 King Hill Rd., Endicott, NY 13760, subject to completion of all Town of Newark Valley Mobile Home Ordinances.

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

**Motion Carried**

Tom Larson asked the Board for mileage reimbursement for a non-credit course. The Board approved.

There was a discussion about a court case pending concerning a mobile home at 1956 King Hill Rd.

The Code Enforcement turned in his monthly report and it is on file in the Clerk's office.

**Dog Control**

Denise Liske discussed with the Board a training opportunity she has received. She would like to attend, as there is rarely training for a DCO. After discussing this, the Board gave her their approval.

**Resolution #39-2015****Dog Control Officer Training**

On a motion offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Graham, the Board authorized Denise Liske to attend a two day seminar in Aurora, NY at a cost of \$350.00 for a motel room and meals plus mileage.

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

**Motion Carried**

Denise Liske discussed with the Board the benefits of a micro-chip scanner. After the discussion it was decided Denise would research this for more information and get some quotes.

Ms. Liske will be gone for a few days in June and needs someone to cover her position.

Supervisor Yetter told her to check with the Town of Owego, they have done this for us before.

There was discussion about the dangerous dog case. It will be transferred to Tioga County because of conflicts of interest.

Ms. Liske told the Board that she has started the dog enumeration.

Ms. Liske explained to the Board the forms that have been used are outdated and may subject the Town to liabilities we are not prepared to handle. She would like to be able to rewrite them. The Board said she could rewrite them with the attorney's approval.

Ms. Liske thanked Councilman Tomazin for the help he gave on an adoption case.

**Planning Board**

Hans Peeters said the Planning Board was due to have a meeting the previous evening but only Casey came. There have been no meetings since Mr. Peeters left for his vacation.

**Items of Interest to Board Members**

There is a need for insulation in the court room. Supervisor Yetter will get a couple of estimates to have blown insulation put into the walls.

There was a discussion about increasing the DCO's salary. She has been doing a good job and is justified to have an increase.

**General Bills****Resolution #40-2015****General Bills**

On a motion offered by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman Dalton, the Town Board authorizes the payment of General Bill Vouchers 62-88, inclusive, in the amount of \$16,765.32.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Highway Bills****Resolution #41-2015****Highway Bills**

On a motion, offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Graham, the Town Board authorizes the payment of Highway Bill Vouchers #H40– #H61 inclusive in the amount of \$36,825.12.

Councilman Dalton - AYE

Councilman Graham – AYE

Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - AYE

Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

**Motion Carried**

The Board discussed planning better for the budget and the need to have an equipment list.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 P.M., offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Graham .

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara S. Mock  
Town Clerk