

A regular meeting was held April 7, 2015 at Hutchinson Hall, Newark Valley at 7:00 P.M. The following were

PRESENT:

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

Also Present: Charles Meade; Superintendent of Highways, Charlie Morgan, Del Mock, Sue Meade, Dennis Liebe; Fire Marshal, Denise Liske; Dog Control Officer, Hans Peeters; Planning Board Chair, Tom Larson; Code Enforcement Officer.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Yetter led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Highway Discussion

Superintendent Meade discussed the following with the Board members:

- ❖ Equipment up for bid on the auction site
- ❖ Spring clean up on the roads
- ❖ Truck maintenance
- ❖ Hosing off the bridges
- ❖ Manpower
- ❖ Readiness for Spring Clean-up Days
- ❖ Highway Agreement Contract

There was discussion about the 2% Tax Cap, the Audit Report from the Comptroller and about the road plans.

Mobile Home Permits

Two mobile home permits need the Board's approval. After discussing the two, the Board approved the permits by resolution.

Resolution #42-2015**Mobile Home Permits – Needham and Franklin**

On a motion offered by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman Cheresnowski, the Board approved Mobile Home Permit #1514 submitted by William Needham and installed by G&J Homes and Mobile Home Permit #1515 submitted by Jim Franklin, both subject to Town Code.

Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Councilman Dalton - AYE

Councilman Graham - AYE

Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE

Councilman Tomazin - AYE

Discussion of Property Improvement Tax Exemption Law

There was discussion about the Property Improvement Tax Exemption Law. The Board will review the law before we have a Public Hearing.

The attorney will draft the law to revise the current law and to coincide with the commercial one's timeline.

Dog Kennel License Fees

An increase in the kennel license fees was mistakenly omitted when the dog license fees were increased.

Resolution #43- 2015**Dog Kennel Fees Increase**

On a motion offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Dalton the Board increased the Dog Kennel License Fees from \$25.00 to \$50.00 for 5 to 10 dogs, from \$50.00 to \$100.00 for 11 to 20 dogs, and from \$75.00 to \$150.00 for 21 to 30 dogs.

Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Councilman Dalton - AYE

Councilman Graham - AYE

Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE

Councilman Tomazin - AYE

Items of Interest to Board Members

There was a discussion about a lease for the farm land behind the Town Barns. When it is complete the Board will look it over. The Board is in agreement to lease the land.

Department Reports**Code Enforcement**

Tom Larson discussed with the Board the following items:

- New home construction
- Removal of five trailers from Green Valley Mobile Home Park
- Going to school on Solar Education

Dennis Liebe discussed with the Board the need to have heat detectors at the highway barn.

We would have to pay for a service. The Board is on board with this. Supervisor Yetter will get quotes for this.

Dog Control

Denise Liske said the dog enumerations are coming in. She explained how things were going. The dangerous dog case will be in Owego on Tuesday at 2:30 P.M. The Facebook page is working well. The outdated forms have been submitted to the attorney. Denise said she is all set for her training. The complaints she has received are being worked through.

Planning Board

Hans Peeters said Elaine Jardin will be attending the next Planning Board meeting. She is the County Planning Director. The Town Board is invited.

Tim Lawton needs to be reappointed to the town's Planning Board.

Resolution #44-2015

Appointment of Tim Lawton to the Town Planning Board

On a motion offered by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman Cheresnowski, the Board reappoints Tim Lawton to the Town's Planning Board and as our Agricultural Representative on the Planning Board.

Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Councilman Dalton - AYE

Councilman Graham - AYE

Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE

Councilman Tomazin - AYE

Supervisor Yetter was approached by the Village Mayor and wanted to explore the possibility of combining the Village and Town Planning Boards. After a discussion about this, it was agreed by the Board members that the needs were not the same.

Bookkeeper Software

Councilman Tomazin discussed with the Board the need to consider software for the Bookkeeper. He said she was doing a good job.

The Board agreed to look into software for her.

Dog Control Salary

There was discussion about increasing the Dog Control Officer's salary. The Board decided to increase her salary.

Resolution #45-2015

Dog Control Officer's Salary Increase

On a motion offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Graham, the Board increased the Dog Control Officer's salary to \$5,900 and to \$2,900 for Enumeration starting April 1, 2015.

Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Councilman Dalton - AYE

Councilman Graham - AYE

Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE

Councilman Tomazin - AYE

There was no other business

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 P.M., offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Tomazin.

The next meeting is April 21, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara S. Mock
Town Clerk