

A regular meeting was held April 21, 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
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, Casey Frederici; Planning Board, Jeremy Frederici, Jerry Wood, and Glenn and Stephanie Diego.

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 March 17, 2015 and April 7, 2015.

Resolution #46-2015

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 March 17, 2015 and April 7, 2015 as submitted.

Councilman Dalton - AYE
Councilman Daniel Cheresnowski - 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

Jerry Woods addressed the Board concerning the Silk St. Bridge. He would like to know if anyone has received a request from an out-of-town person to purchase the bridge. We have, but never responded, we have no intention of selling it or tearing it down unless it becomes a safety hazard. Mr. Wood expressed his desire to have a historical marker placed by the bridge. The bridge was placed on the State Registry in 1998. He wants to pursue this if the Board is in agreement. The Board is fine with this.

Casey Frederici said Elaine Jardin came to the Planning Board meeting. She gave the Planning Board resources for them to use for the Comprehensive Plan.

Glenn Diego addressed the Board about the dangerous dogs owned by the Carriers. He brought pictures of the dogs and explained that the dogs were again in his yard and killed another chicken. The judgement was made on the 9th of April and he said the 13th of April they were at his house again. He discussed this issue with the Board and wants the Board to pursue this

complaint. After much discussion, the Board decided to have the attorney and the Dog Control Officer look into this. Mr. Diego reiterated that he wants this taken further. Privilege of the Floor was closed.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Report April 21, 2015

- #1. Gas Price: \$1.79 gal Diesel Price: \$2.06 gal
- #2. We have a projected 5 year plan. Highway Councilman Cheresnowski and myself went around last week.
- #3. This year we have an additional \$23,173.74 from Chips. As in the past I have been taking it out of the Maintenance side (Town Taxes) so that we spend it to get it back from the State. That means I have No Increases from the State monies to the Town Tax monies, or should there be an Amendment of the Budget for Chips Account? Or just wing it like I have been doing?
- #4. We broke the Brooms gear box, yoke and 2 sprockets. We had Ray Shaver Lath out the center of a sprocket that we had so that it wouldn't cost us a great deal more. The cost was \$781.80 from Goodrich Service.
- #5. So far South of Town has been swept with the broom once, along with Ketchumville, Dalton Hill, Pump Hill, Greenwood, North and South Ketchumville Rds. All bridges have been washed off along with 3 County bridges, which they are fairly new, and I don't think they will get washed by their employees.
- #6. Monday the men helped the Town of Berkshire with their cleanup for their Senior Citizens junk. Remember our cleanup days are May 1, and 2nd.
- #7. Pete Belden is sanding and painting his dump box to make it look new. I think he feels obligated to do it after the door incident.
- #8. We are almost out of Machine Repair Monies. \$1,506.00 is the balance after the cost for the broom and tires for excavator.
- #9. We did sell the 87 Auto car for \$2,200.00 The dump box went for \$2,000.00 And the sander went for \$725.00. We still have them all here at the shop.

Superintendent Meade discussed #2 above with the Board. It was decided to do a budget amendment at a later date.

There was discussion about #7 above.

Superintendent Meade said they have set up an Excel program for road maintenance.

There was discussion about #9 above.

Superintendent Meade said he will have the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds and the Road Condition List for the next meeting.

New Business

Supervisor's Financial Report

Supervisor Yetter said everything is pretty much okay. Sales tax is not coming in like we like to see. Everything else looks good.

We need to do a transfer for Supervisor Contractual Expenses because of the cost of toner and more checks than anticipated.

Resolution #47-2015**Budget Modification**

On a motion offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Graham, the Board authorized the following Budget Modification :

Transfer \$402.91 from 1990.4 Contingency \$402.91 to A1220.4 Supervisor C.E.

Councilman Dalton - AYE

Councilman Daniel Cheresnowski - AYE

Councilman Graham – AYE

Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - AYE

Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

Resolution #48-2015**Supervisor's Financial Report**

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

Councilman Dalton - AYE

Councilman Daniel Cheresnowski - AYE

Councilman Graham – AYE

Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - AYE

Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

Old Business**Property Tax Exemptions**

There was discussion concerning Property Tax Exemptions. Ms. McMullen discussed with the Board the three types of exemptions for capital improvements; commercial, residential and for historic barns.

There was discussion about the school taxing system. The Town Board is considering approaching the School Board concerning these exemptions.

There was discussion concerning the condition of the state roads.

After the discussions, it was decided Ms. McMullen will draft a law for residential and one for commercial and give it to the Board to look at.

Land Rental Agreement

Chris Zorn wants to rent and use the agricultural field down behind the town buildings.

The Board discussed the lease contract that Karen McMullen is working on. She will get a copy to Supervisor Yetter for the Board to look over.

Department and Council Reports**Code Enforcement**

Tom Larson discussed with the Board the following items:

- Vacant buildings
- Solar Education
- NYS Code changes
- Inspection of mobile home parks

There was discussion about huge piles of manure on Zimmer Rd. The town has no control over that.

Dog Control

Denise Liske discussed with the Board the dangerous dog case brought before the Board tonight by Glenn Diego. It was decided that the Supervisor would email Mr. Berger, Esq. and get advice and direction on how to proceed. If nothing else, we could process the dogs as running at large. Ms. Liske discussed with the Board another neighbor vs. neighbor complaint concerning a barking dog.

The DCO from Owego will be covering for Ms. Liske when she goes for training and when she goes to Maine. Owego will also take our quarantined dogs if they have room and we have a need.

Items of Interest to Board Members

Supervisor Yetter said at his COG meeting, REAP would like us to help pay for administrative costs. After discussing this, there was no interest from the Board.

General Bills

Resolution #49-2015

General Bills

On a motion offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Dalton, the Town Board authorizes the payment of General Bill Vouchers 89-119, inclusive, in the amount of \$23,211.65.

Councilman Dalton - AYE

Councilman Daniel Cheresnowski - AYE

Councilman Graham – AYE

Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - AYE

Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

Highway Bills

Resolution #50-2015

Highway Bills

On a motion, offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Graham, the Town Board authorizes the payment of Highway Bill Vouchers #H62– #H78 inclusive in the amount of \$14,209.12.

Councilman Dalton - AYE

Councilman Daniel Cheresnowski - AYE

Councilman Graham – AYE

Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - AYE

Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

Ms. McMullen informed the Board that she is pregnant and another attorney will be covering for her.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M., offered by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman Dalton.

The next scheduled meeting is May 5, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara S. Mock
Town Clerk