

A regular meeting was held May 5, 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,
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.

Agreement to Spend Highway Funds

Superintendent Meade discussed the **Agreement to Spend Highway Funds** with the
Board members.

Resolution #51-2015

Agreement to Spend Highway Funds

On a motion offered by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman
Cheresnowski, the Town Board approved the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds
for 2015.

Supervisor Yetter - AYE
Councilman Dalton - AYE
Councilman Graham - AYE
Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE
Councilman Tomazin - AYE

Superintendent Meade discussed with the Board the following items:

- ❖ The bids and check for the 1987 Autocar, dump body and steel slide-in Sander.
(A copy is on file in the Clerk's office).
- ❖ Spring clean-up and the amount we received for scrap metal
(A copy is on file in the Clerk's office).
- ❖ The auction process on the internet

Discussion of Property Improvement Tax Exemption Law

The attorney for the Town will make a draft law based on the maximum and when it is
done, the Board will look it over and perhaps approach the school with the idea.

Items of Interest to Board Members

There was a discussion about the lease for the farm land behind the Town Barn. Having someone lease the land is subject to a Permissive Referendum which will take time. So right now, it is being used at Mr. Zorn's risk. Until Ms. McMullen gets the draft to us, there is not much to discuss.

The wall between the conference room and the court room has been insulated.

The toilet and urinal in the Highway Barn is not working. Martin Plumbing & Heating is supposed to look in to it.

Department Reports

Planning Board

Hans Peeters said Elaine Jardin is unhappy with us for not giving her updates to our laws.

Dog Control

Denise Liske discussed with the Board the following:

- There were two beagles running at large and needed medical attention
- The dog from Tappan Road with the tumor and the owner going to court
- The dangerous dogs running at large, the owner has been ticketed
- The dangerous dogs from Brown Road running at large, the owner has been ticketed
- A stolen dog on Bailey Hollow Rd.
- A complaint concerning the care of a dog on Brown Rd.
- Goat feud on Ketchumville Rd.

The Board would like the Planning Board to look into a law confining domestic animals to the owner's property.

There was more discussion about the stolen dog.

We received a request from Tioga County IDA concerning the new application for a Casino for Tioga Downs. They would like a new resolution from us supporting it.

Resolution #52-2015

Support for Tioga Downs for Casino

On a motion offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Dalton, the Town Board of the Town of Newark Valley adopted the following resolution:

A regular meeting of the Town of Newark Valley was convened in public session at the offices of the Town of Newark Valley at Hutchinson Hall, 109 Whig Street, Newark Valley, Tioga County New York on May 5, 2015 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson and upon roll being called, the following members of the Board were:

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

ABSENT:

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT:

Charles Meade; Superintendent of Highways, Charlie Morgan, Del Mock,
Denise Liske; Dog Control Officer, Hans Peeters; Planning Board Chair, Tom
Larson; Code Enforcement Officer, Barbara Mock; Town Clerk.

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Cheresnowski
and seconded by Councilman Dalton, to wit:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TIOGA DOWNS FOR SELECTION AS EASTERN
SOUTHERN TIER REGION CASINO GAMING LICENSE AWARDEE

WHEREAS: In November 2013, New York State voters approved a
constitutional amendment to allow casino gaming in the State; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County voters showed overwhelming support of said
constitutional amendment with 69.2% of voters in favor; and

WHEREAS: Tioga Downs has already proven to be a valued community
partner by way of job creation, capital investment and revenue
generated; and

WHEREAS: Tioga Downs owner has also shown experience in the
gaming industry, not only at the existing facility in Tioga County but also in
other facilities across New York State; and

WHEREAS: in anticipation of the passing of the Upstate New York Gaming
and Economic Development Act, Tioga Downs has made substantial
improvements to their already existing facility located in Tioga County;
and

WHEREAS: the Tioga Downs existing facility is centrally located within the
identified Eastern Southern Tier Region to best serve all residents of the
region and

WHEREAS: Tioga County previously endorsed the prospect of Tioga Downs being awarded the Eastern Southern Tier Region Gaming License; and
WHEREAS: Tioga County wishes to reiterate its support and commitment to Tioga Downs being awarded the Eastern Southern Tier Region Gaming License; and
WHEREAS: An expanded Tioga Downs facility will serve as a benefit to Tioga County and the Southern Tier.

WHEREAS: That the Town of Newark Valley previously endorsed the prospect of Tioga Downs being awarded the Eastern Southern Tier Region Gaming License; and
WHEREAS: That the Town of Newark Valley wishes to reiterate its support and commitment to Tioga Downs being awarded the Eastern Southern Tier Region Gaming License; and
WHEREAS: An expanded Tioga Downs facility will serve as a benefit to the Town of Newark Valley, Tioga County and the Southern Tier; therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the Town of Newark Valley pass this resolution in support of Tioga Downs being awarded the Eastern Southern Tier Region Gaming License; and be it further

RESOLVED: that in furtherance of the above goals, the Town of Newark Valley hereby agrees to the location of a Gaming Facility at Tioga Downs within the Town of Nichols, County of Tioga.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Yetter – voting -AYE
Councilman Dalton - voting -AYE
Councilman Graham – voting -AYE
Councilman Cheresnowski – voting -AYE
Councilman Tomazin – voting -AYE

The foregoing Resolution was thereon declared duly adopted.

There was a discussion about the ambulance service.

The Eagle Scouts are going to build a pavilion on the training grounds for the Fire Station. They are requesting a free building permit for this project.

Tom Larson has already issued the permit. The Board decided to have Mr. Larson rescind the permit until the Scouts come before the Board and ask for the waiver of the fee for the building permit. They also need an insurance permit. Supervisor Yetter said he will talk to the Scout Master.

There was discussion about canceling the work sessions for the next three months.

There was discussion about exceeding the tax cap for the 2016 budget. It was decided by the Board that the attorney will be asked to draft a law exceeding the tax cap in case we have to this year. We will have to have a public hearing on this.

The Board decided to cancel the Work Session for June.

Resolution #53-2015 **Authorization to Advertise June 2, 2015 Work Session**

On a motion offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Graham, the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise the cancellation of the June 2, 2015 Work Session.

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 Graham and seconded by Councilman Dalton.

The next meeting is May 19, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara S. Mock
Town Clerk