

A regular meeting was held November 17, 2015 at Hutchinson Hall, Newark Valley at 7:00 P.M.
The following were

PRESENT:

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor
Tim Dalton, Councilman
Joe Tomazin, Jr. Councilman
Ronald Graham, Councilman
Dan Cheresnowski, Councilman

Also Present: Charles Meade; Highway Superintendent, Sue Meade, Charlie Morgan, Del Mock, Denise Liske; Dog Control Officer, Dennis Liebe; Fire Marshal, Scott Gurney, Eric Hopkins, and Chris Dyer from Maine EMS, Charles Davis; Richford Supervisor Elect, Cliff Alexander; Northern Tioga EMS, Jim Tornator came in at 8:30 P.M.

Meeting Called To Order

Supervisor Yetter called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Yetter led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution #130-2015

**Approval of Town Board Meeting Minutes for
October 20, 2015 and November 4, 2015**

On a motion offered by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman Dalton, the Town Board approved the Meeting Minutes October 20, 2015 and November 4, 2015 for as submitted.

Councilman Dalton - AYE
Councilman 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.

There were no comments.

Privilege of the Floor was closed.

Highway Superintendent's Report

HIGHWAY REPORT

- #1. Gas \$1.77 gal Diesel \$1.69 gal
- #2. I have hauled in sand to where I should have enough funds to cover 1 load of salt and fuel for the remainder of this year. Our pile is smaller than usual. I don't want to go over that account either.
- #3. The \$6,000.00 that was put into machinery repair is gone. 2006 Volvo is fixed (oil pan) 1997 Volvo is fixed. (Air compressor, front side seal, carrier bearing, position sensor, air tanks (2), air dryer filter and a lot of time. #82 is fixed (rear pinion seal) before snow comes I will need (4) rear tires for 84, found at Moore's tire for \$250.00 each. Co. bid, and also the right front Hub for the grader is fixed.

- #4. We have been grooming the sides of the roads. Our bristles wore out but I can use the Co. highways motorized broom to finish Dalton Hill and Ketchumville area.
- #5. All trucks will be set up for winter by this Friday. Next week is Deer season and Thanksgiving Holiday. Only Terry, Joe and I will be here!
- #6. I received quotes from Whitmore (Norm) and Scott Smith and Sons. Whitmore is \$120. Each furnace. Scott Smith is \$425.25 for all three furnaces. We have three furnaces. One furnace lying and two hanging.
- #7. I will need money in machinery repair now to get the 4 tires for 84 and small parts, I hope this will make it through the year.

Superintendent Meade read his Highway Report.

There was discussion about #7.

There was discussion about #6. After the discussion it was decided we will transfer \$2,000.00 from Machinery PS to Machinery Repair CE when we do the other transfers.

There was discussion about the salt shed blocks.

Public Hearing on Spending from Capital Reserve Account – Highway Equipment for New Tandem Plow Truck

Resolution #131-2015

Open Public Hearing on Spending from Capital Reserve Account to Purchase New Tandem Plow Truck

On a motion offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Cheresnowski, the Public Hearing for spending from Capital Reserve Account – Highway Equipment to buy a new Tandem Plow Truck was opened at 7:10 P.M.

Councilman Dalton - AYE

Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE

Councilman Graham – AYE

Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - AYE

Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

Supervisor Yetter explained the need for the Public Hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Resolution #132-2015

Closed Public Hearing on Spending from Capital Reserve Account to Purchase New Tandem Plow Truck

On a motion offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Dalton, the Public Hearing for spending from Capital Reserve Account – Highway Equipment to buy a new Tandem Plow Truck was closed at 7:12 P.M.

Councilman Dalton - AYE

Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE

Councilman Graham – AYE

Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - AYE

Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

Resolution #133-2015**Capital Reserve Account – Highway Equipment Expenditure**

On a motion offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Tomazin, the Town Board of the Town of Newark Valley authorizes the expenditure not to exceed 200,000 dollars for the purchase of a new Tandem Plow Truck using 140,160 dollars from Capital Reserve Account – Highway Equipment subject to Permissive Referendum such that the effective date stated in the lease shall be 30 days from the date of this resolution if no petition for a permissive referendum is filed.

Councilman Dalton – AYE

Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE

Councilman Tomazin - AYE

Councilman Graham - AYE

Supervisor Yetter – AYE

Motion Carried

There was discussion about advertising for bids on the truck. The specifications for the truck have not changed from the information the Board had received from Superintendent Meade.

Resolution #134-2015**Authorization for Highway Superintendent
to Advertise for Bids for a New Tandem Plow Truck**

On a motion offered by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman Dalton, the Town Board authorizes the Highway Superintendent to advertise for bids for a new Tandem Plow Truck according to the specifications.

Councilman Dalton – AYE

Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE

Councilman Tomazin - AYE

Councilman Graham - AYE

Supervisor Yetter – AYE

The bids will be opened December 15, 2015.

There was a discussion about buying the truck before the end of the year.

There was a discussion about an oil spill in the Harnecky Development.

New Business**Supervisor's Financial Report**

Supervisor Yetter said everything is under control. We have six transfers this evening. Revenues are looking good we have met the projected revenues for the year already. Things are looking better than anticipated but should come out even by the end of the year.

Budget Transfers**Resolution #135-2015****Budget Transfer**

On a motion offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Graham, the Town Board approved the following transfers:

Transfer:

\$ 137.99	FROM	<u>A1990.4</u>	\$ 137.99	TO	<u>A1220.4</u>	Supervisor CE
\$ 34.73	FROM	<u>A1990.4</u>	\$ 34.73	TO	<u>A3510.4</u>	Dog Control Officer CE
\$2861.40	FROM	<u>A1990.4</u>	\$2861.40	TO	<u>A5132.4</u>	Garage CE
\$ 82.80	FROM	<u>A1990.4</u>	\$ 82.80	TO	<u>A7510.4</u>	Historian CE
\$ 8.33	FROM	<u>A1990.4</u>	\$ 8.33	TO	<u>B3620.4</u>	Code Enforcement CE
\$2000.00	FROM	<u>DA5130.1</u>	\$2000.00	TO	<u>DA5130.4</u>	Machinery CE

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

Motion Carried**Resolution #136-2015****Supervisor's Financial Report**

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

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

Motion Carried**EMS Discussion**

Maine EMS has offered a proposal to the Town of Newark Valley. Northern Tioga EMS is struggling and we need to look at other options.

Supervisor Yetter said he has had extensive talks with Campville.

The Town Board will look over the proposal from Maine and get one from Northern Tioga EMS. Eric Hopkins from Maine EMS talked about how they had approached Northern Tioga EMS for shared services.

The Town will need to get a Certificate of Need before they can contract with any other EMS. No one can operate in Newark Valley without a Certificate of Need and Northern Tioga won't give theirs up.

If Maine EMS applies for a Certificate of Need for the Town of Newark Valley, they need to understand there is no guarantee they will get the contract. The Town of Newark Valley can apply for their own Certificate of Need.

Mr. Hopkins said Maine EMS is staffed 24/7 with three ALS personnel.

After much discussion about EMS services, billing, Certificate of Need, and the differences in BLS, ALS, and ALS2, the Board said they will review the contract from Maine.

Kennel Licensing/Dog Law

The State says our kennel licenses are not in compliance with the State's law.

Karen McMullen drafted a new law. She gave an overview of the draft.

There was discussion about the new law.

We will need the final draft by the first of December so we can schedule a Public Hearing on December 15, 2015.

Violence in the Workplace Policy

We need a policy statement. There was discussion about an actual Employee Violence Policy.

Karen McMullen will continue to look at drafting a new policy.

Department & Council Reports

Fire Marshal

Dennis Liebe reported the heat sensors have been installed and invited the Board Members to come and look at the system. There was a discussion about the heat detectors being a good idea. (Code submitted their monthly report for October, 2015, it is on file in the Clerk's office).

Dog Control

Denise Liske said things are quiet right now, but she knows it will get much worse over the coming weeks. She said Owego covered for her while she was on vacation and two dogs were taken to Stray Haven. Supervisor Yetter said we have a Shared Service Agreement with all the towns so she is covered when she is on vacation.

Denise Liske discussed with the Board about her receiving restitution money from a party to be given to the injured party in a dog case. There was discussion about this issue.

There was discussion about a program that is coming for feral cats in Tioga County.

Highway Barn Windows

There is no need to get another quote for the windows.

The Board made the following resolution:

Resolution #137-2015

Contract for Highway Barn Windows

On a motion offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Tomazin, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to contract with Joe Onofrio to replace windows in the Highway Barn at a cost not to exceed \$1,875.00.

Councilman Dalton - AYE

Councilman Tomazin, Jr. – AYE

Councilman Cheresnowski – AYE

Councilman Graham – AYE

Supervisor Yetter, Jr. – AYE

Motion Carried

General Bills**Resolution #138-2015****General Bills**

On a motion offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Cheresnowski, the Town Board authorizes the payment of General Bill Vouchers 300-329, inclusive, in the amount of \$26,563.77.

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

Motion Carried

Highway Bills**Resolution #139-2015****Highway Bills**

On a motion, offered by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilman Tomazin, the Town Board authorizes the payment of Highway Bill Vouchers #H170– #H181 inclusive in the amount of \$48,828.38.

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

Motion Carried

Executive Session**Resolution #140-2015****Enter Executive Session**

On a motion offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Graham, the Town Board entered Executive Session at 8:41 to discuss Highway Employee issues.

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

Motion Carried

Resolution #141-2015**Exited Executive Session**

On a motion offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Tomazin, the Town Board exited Executive Session at 8:46.

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

Motion Carried

The purpose of this Executive Session was to discuss the Highway Employee Contract.

On a motion offered by Councilman Tomazin and seconded by Councilman Dalton, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

The next scheduled meeting is December 1, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara S. Mock