

York Town Board Meeting
March 11, 2010

Present: Supervisor Gerald L. Deming, Council Members: Lynn Parnell, Norman Gates, David Deuel and Frank Rose Jr.

Absent: None

Others: George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt.), Norman Barrett (Senior Water & Sewage Treatment Plant Operator), Ronald Cicoria (Town Attorney), Carl Peter (Zoning & Code Officer), YCS School Board Members: Dr. Daniel Murray, Tom Gates and Joseph Graves

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the minutes of the February 25th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) New truck:

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden reported the new truck is back in working order once again and the re-programming issue has been corrected. Mr. Worden stated a representative from Henderson Equipment will be out on Monday to meet with him and to review the existing plow on the new truck, that was drilled incorrectly. Mr. Worden stated he will be expressing his disappointment about the issues we have experienced this early, and added he will also press to have the new plow replaced. Mr. Worden stated all Board members are welcome to attend the meeting.

2) Maintenance:

Mr. Worden reported he and the men have been busy with road repairs during the unusually mild weather this week. Many potholes have been filled and street signs repaired, which is a good start to the spring maintenance.

3) Albany:

Mr. Worden stated he returned from Albany earlier this week after he and fellow Highway Superintendents attended sessions with our representatives, inquiring as to the upcoming State funds in the budget. Mr. Worden reported the funding that is left is not looking positive for the towns throughout the state, CHIPS funding has taken another very large hit.

4) Recycling Center:

Mr. Worden asked the Board if they intend to schedule a spring clean up day this season, and also inquired about the massive brush pile at the recycling center, whether or

not they wish to have it chipped. Supervisor Deming stated we would certainly like to have a clean up day if it works into the Highway schedule, and if the brush pile could be chipped, it would save a great deal of space at the center.

After a brief discussion Mr. Worden stated he will contact a few locations to check the availability and cost for rental of the equipment.

WATER/SEWER

1) Water leak:

Mr. Barrett informed the Board of a water leak the department came upon at the intersection of Center Street and East Road, in Piffard. Mr. Barrett stated he does not believe the break will take long to fix tomorrow morning, and suspects that we have another issue of rotted bolts.

2) Tuttle Road:

Mr. Barrett stated the service line on Tuttle Road has been installed and the individual services are now tied into the new line. The restoration of the area will take place a bit later in the spring.

3) Jerry Weaver:

Mr. Barrett informed the Board of a call he received today from Piffard resident, Jerry Weaver about the possibility of connecting to the sewer district. Mr. Barrett stated the Weaver residence is located on River Road and has been experiencing septic problems with leech line failure. Mr. Barrett told Mr. Weaver he is sympathetic of his situation, but informed him that River Road is not in the Sewer District #2 boundaries, and if it was, due to elevation a pump would be required for his residence in order to connect to the district.

4) Meter reads:

Mr. Barrett stated the Water Department began this week reading meters for the April billing cycle, and should be completed by mid next week.

5) Generator:

Mr. Barrett expressed the need to have Pete Scondras wire the generator at the treatment plant in order to follow through with the requirements to complete the SPEDES Permit for DEC. The longer we go without the generator, more time it will take for the permit. Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Barrett to contact Pete next week in order to discuss it further with him.

6) Slater request:

Town Attorney, Mr. Cicoria informed the Board he spoke with Jim Mazurowski of the Livingston County Health Department about the Slater request. Mr. Cicoria stated low pressure in that area seems to be a concern for the Health Department. Mr. Barrett replied if allowed to connect, the Slaters would need a holding tank and booster pump in order to get proper pressure, but should not be the reason not to approve the request.

Supervisor Deming stated he also spoke with Mr. Mazurowski about the issue, and he conveyed that the County Planning Department does not seem to want to approve the

request because they don't see the actual "hardship" or reference of Melissa being employed by the farm. Mr. Deming and Mr. Cicoria stated they do not think it would be difficult to prove hardship based upon contamination of the well water in that area, but employment might be a bit more difficult. Both men will follow up next week once again with Mr. Mazurowski.

Privileges of the Floor

1) York Central School:

Mr. Graves stated the members of the York Central School Board asked to speak with the Town Board to review once again the Shared Services Agreement between the parties involved. Mr. Graves stated they also attended the Leicester Town Board Meeting on Monday evening to touch base as well. Mr. Cicoria replied he reviewed the contract prepared by the school, noting the wording was proper and didn't see an issue. Mr. Graves stated it was his belief that the Towns of Leicester and York had a "gentlemen's agreement" with the school, budgeting \$ 10,000.00 for the SRO, but ultimately would be worked off through the shared services of the local highway departments. Supervisor Deming replied, his understanding was correct but added no money was to be dispersed until a contract had been prepared and all parties sign. Mr. Deming added he only received the contract recently.

Supervisor Deming stated many people have inquired on whether or not the SRO position will be in the budget for next year. Mr. Graves reported the position is in the school budget. Mr. Deming stated he wanted to clarify his thoughts on the Intermunicipal Agreement. By linking the project work with the \$ 10,000 figure, was not exactly accurate. There was never a guarantee that a project(s) would happen this year. Once we had an agreement in place we could move forward and then if a project comes to light, the funds would be available.

Supervisor Deming stated the Town Board welcomed the idea of shared services with the school because both agencies' main focus is the tax payers interests and cost savings in any form is a positive step. Mr. Graves stated he agreed with Supervisor Deming, we all want to make the best fiscal decisions for our people and save wherever possible. Mr. Graves added in regards to last years budget, the School Board felt the Towns of York and Leicester did not give them sufficient time to add funding for the SRO position when the Boards pulled out from their portions. Councilman Deuel replied it is unfortunate that the School Board was not aware of the Towns' decisions not to fund the SRO, because Mr. Manko (former Superintendent at YCS) was well aware of that information in March of 2009, which was plenty of time to put it completely in the school's budget and not the towns.

Mr. Graves stated the School Board has been working continuously on the upcoming budget, trying to trim where possible and at this point the school is still looking at a 20% increase.

Council Member Parnell asked if York Central had discussed the possibility of a security system rather than a Resource Officer. Mr. Murray replied they had discussed that option, but with the County paying a portion of the salary and having the benefits of a qualified Sheriff's Deputy on site, the SRO seemed to be the better fit.

Mr. Graves expressed his concerns on what has already been removed and what still needs to be. Mr. Graves stated the Board has cut \$ 550,000- \$ 600,000 already from the

budget and the Governor eliminated \$800,000 of State Funding, while adding additional mandates. Mr. Graves stated once again the desire of both agencies to be on the same page while trying to address concerns of the taxpayers and students.

Mr. Deming stated he and Mr. Murray attended a meeting in Geneseo two weeks ago with Sheriff York to discuss the School Resource Officer position and other potential issues. Concerns were raised if the SRO was to be removed completely many of the existing programs would also be eliminated, which would be unfortunate for the students.

Councilman Deuel commented at last years meeting at the Town Hall to discuss the SRO matter, students and faculty discussed at great length their need to go to the Resource Officer for a resolve and not the Guidance Office. Mr. Deuel stated in his opinion it did not seem as though the individuals had a great deal of faith or respect for the Guidance Office, Officer Chichester was the person they trusted.

Mr. Graves stated in his observance of the students many children are struggling in todays society, and Officer Chichester's guidance has been a great asset and comfort to the kids as well as the administration.

Supervisor Deming acknowledged the difficulties the school is facing but added we too are experiencing the same fiscal challenges at the Town level. It is very important to continue the communication between the agencies in order for everyone to be on the same page. Mr. Deming suggested perhaps another meeting should be held, this time at the school, to inform the public on all the issues we are facing.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Telephone quotes:

Supervisor Deming reported to the Board Mrs. Barefoot has waited close to two months for Time Warner to reply to her telephone calls and emails regarding a quote for a new phone system, including voicemail. Tom Vonglis of Hurricane Technologies will be submitting a quote.

** Mr. Deming & Mrs. Barefoot will be meeting with Tom and Shawn on Thursday, March 18th at 9:30 a.m. for a review of our current system and a demonstration of what is available.

2) Abstract software:

Mr. Deming informed the Board we will be going forward with the Excel method for the abstract of claims. Shelby Bennett will be training the staff within the next few weeks.

3) Claims:

Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Barrett and Mr. Worden to prepare their bills for payment at least two days prior to a Town Board Meeting. Waiting until the last minute to submit or review claims is unfair for Mrs. Geary to contend with, in order to be ready by Board time.

4) Farmland Preservation:

Councilman Deuel reported that the Farmland Preservation committee has been preparing the survey documents, and once the cover letter has been completed they will

then be mailed out. Mr. Deuel also stated the committee's intentions to schedule a meeting in early to mid April for the public, in order to further inform residents and answer any questions they may have regarding a Farmland Preservation Plan or Right to Farm Law.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Sewer Tap Application:

a- Barbara Booth:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the Sewer Tap Application submitted by Barbara Booth in the amount of \$ 1,500.00, for property located at 2674 Chandler Road, previously owned by Barbara Martin. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

2) Fire Department assistance:

Mr. Peter informed the Board that the York Fire Department has been contacted several times by Federal Road resident Wilbert "Red" Johnson regarding water in his basement. Each time the department has pumped Mr. Johnson's cellar they've noticed that his appliances continue to be affected, and now he is probably in need of his second water tank in less than 6 months. Mr. Peter stated he recently came upon an open septic system the last time he was on site and felt the need to contact the Livingston County Health Department to assist the Johnsons. Once the Health Department completes a review of the property, they will then see whether or not routine pumping of the system is sufficient or if the old system must be replaced all together. Supervisor Deming stated with the issues the Johnsons are facing perhaps several county agencies should be involved to assist them wherever possible.

3) Permits:

Mr. Peter stated he recently reviewed the zoning regulations pertaining to permits and fees involved, and asked if the Board wished to keep them as is, or should we lower them. Mr. Peter added he regularly refers to the Town of Geneseo's website, stating their site offers a great deal of information, including the application forms which benefit all applicants and expressed his desire to follow suit with our site.

BILLS

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve all claims brought before the Board. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Consolidated Water	# 48-60	\$ 4,120.55
Sewer Districts	# 36-44	\$ 4,192.64
General Fund Claim	# 83-99	\$ 171,813.79
Street Lights	# 2	\$ 1,733.22
Highway Fund Claim	# 36-49	\$ 26,795.73

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until March 25th. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk