

York Town Board Meeting  
April 8, 2010

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

Absent: None

Others: Norman Barrett (Senior Water and Sewage Treatment Plant  
Operator) and George Worden Jr. (Highway Superintendent)

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to  
approve the minutes of the March 25<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting. Voted on  
and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

WATER/SEWER

1) Water Pump Stations:

Mr. Barrett reported he recently purchased replacement anodes for  
the water stations on Fowlerville Road & Mt. Pleasant Road. Each station  
had four anodes replaced which were there from the original installation  
in 1997. Mr. Barrett stated the anodes produce a very low voltage of  
power to protect the steel container that holds the altitude valve station.

2) Treatment Plant:

Mr. Barrett stated he spoke with Mr. Worden about the desire to  
rebuild the driveway at the treatment plant. Mr. Worden agreed to assist  
in resurfacing the driveway in order to repair the existing potholes.

3) Tank Experiment:

Mr. Barrett reported to the Board that his tank experiment continues  
to prove that the aeration system is definitely removing the THM levels  
from the water. The normal tests conducted thus far this year have  
been greatly reduced from previous quarters.

4) Public Works:

Mr. Barrett stressed to the Board the need to schedule a Public Works  
Committee Meeting within the next week to review existing issues as well  
as upcoming activities. Mr. Barrett stated recently an issue arose in  
Piffard. Mr. Charles Piehl contacted the Sewer Department to review the  
existing sewer map (Sewer District #2 area) to decipher if his rental  
property was connected to the district. Mr. Piehl's rental property is

located at 3218 Genesee Street, and will roughly need 60 feet to tie into the district, which shouldn't be a problem once he completes the necessary paper work. (Business name: Allwin Real Estate, LLC)

Mr. Barrett asked the Public Works Committee Chairman, Councilman Rose to contact him next week about scheduling a meeting date.

## HIGHWAY

### 1) Salt Mine:

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden stated he recently received a letter from Zoladz Construction Company informing us of their upcoming work for AKZO at the former Retsof Salt Mine Site located on Retsof Road. Zoladz will be conducting reclamation repairs to the mined land. The proposed repairs were designed to establish sustainable vegetation in the reclamation areas of the Retsof site. Repairs to include: improved storm water conveyance and covering of systems over former salt pads. Zoladz will begin construction activities the week of April 12<sup>th</sup> and anticipate construction to take approximately 16 weeks to complete.

### 2) Generator update:

Mr. Worden reported he will be picking up the new 60 kw generator for the Water Department on Monday, on his return from Watertown for warranty work on the new truck. By incorporating the two stops we will save on additional mileage.

### 3.) Truck:

Mr. Worden stated the new truck experienced a computer problem recently, but was able to be corrected within a day. Mr. Worden expressed his frustration with the issue, but stated how pleased he was with the timely service.

### 4) Brush Pile:

Mr. Worden stated at the March 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting the Board asked him to contact a few locations about the costs involved to rent a chipper to remove some of the existing brush pile at the recycling center. Mr. Worden reported that a verbal quote was given by Zoladz Construction in the amount of \$2,400 to have them chip the brush and they also requested the clippings as well.

The Board asked Mr. Worden to continue looking for additional quotes.

### 5) Milton Cat:

Mr. Worden reported that the air compressor on the 2007 truck recently blew a head gasket. After explaining the situation to the manufacturer, Milton Cat, they offered to pay 50% of the repair bill in

order to maintain a good working relationship with the Town, which Mr. Worden accepted.

6) CHIPS:

Mr. Worden stated due to the fact the budget has not been passed as of yet, we have no word on the status of the CHIPS funding at this time.

7) Piffard Playground:

Mr. Worden suggested to the Board that a driveway be installed at the Piffard playground in order to keep vehicles in one central location. Supervisor Deming stated he believes a driveway at the location is a great idea because the park is used on a very regular basis and having an actual spot for vehicles would help. Mr. Deming asked Mr. Worden to contact Dutch VanRy about the discussion this evening, to see if York/Leicester Kiwanis might assist in the process.

OTHER

1) Sewer reimbursement:

Mr. Deming informed the Board of a sewer claim submitted by Mike Costa of Retsof for damages incurred a few weeks ago. Mr. Costa stated the sewer damage affected a gun case, totaling \$ 477.44.

After little discussion the Board agreed due to the minimal damages, we will not be submitting this claim to the insurance company for reimbursement because of our \$ 500.00 deductible, but will submit a check to Mr. Costa directly.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Telephone system:

Supervisor Deming stated we are waiting to receive firm quotes regarding the proposed new telephone system for the Town office building and other departments off site as well. Based upon the original figures discussed, in a two year span the system quoted by Hurricane Technologies would pay for itself. Mr. Deming added once the decision has been finalized for the phone system, we will do that project and a new roof for the Town Hall at the same time.

2) Parnell/Slater water:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board of his conversations with New York State Ag. & Markets representative, Bob Summers regarding the Parnell/Slater request for water. Mr. Summers stated his intentions to mail or fax the Town a letter outlining what constitutes a "hardship" in order to approve taps, but is unclear if this situation is an actual hardship. Mr. Summers expressed to Mr. Deming even though this matter is complicated, he does believe it can be a workable solution.

3) Right to Farm Law:

Councilman Deuel informed the Board that former Planning Board Member, George Worden after review of the document, made several very helpful suggestions on the wording of the proposed Right to Farm Law. Mr. Deuel stated the committee liked the comments and suggestions made, and thanked Mr. Worden for the changes.

Councilman Deuel stated the Farmland Preservation Committee is now ready to schedule the Public Hearing and asked the Town Board to do so.

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to schedule the proposed Right to Farm Law Public Hearing for Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., at the York Town Hall. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Mr. Deuel also informed the Board of the Committee's plans to hold an Informational Meeting in early May to discuss Open Space areas within the township.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Scott MacLeod:

Mr. Deming reported a second Eagle Scout Court of Honor has been scheduled this year, this time for Scott MacLeod. Scott's ceremony will take place on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at the York United Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Barefoot has ordered a plaque from the Town of York to recognize Scott's accomplishments.

2) Water adjustment:

Supervisor Deming read aloud a water adjustment request submitted by Jessica Eagan of Center Street in Piffard. After review, the Board agreed that an adjustment would most likely be in order, but due to the fact we are lacking the actual breakdown of reads and water savings from Billing Clerk, Mrs. Messana, we will wait until the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to discuss the request further.

3) Donnan Farms:

Senior Water & Sewage Treatment Plant Operator, Mr. Barrett reported in the bills this evening is a print out of the meter readings for one of Donnan Farms tenant homes (2877 Federal Road). Roughly two months ago we were contacted by the farm to review the water meter because the readings had been considerably higher than they should be. After review, the Water Department realized that the meter SENSUS Technologies sent us, was reading in hundreds not thousands, elevating the consumption reads. Once verified, we contacted SENSUS to come out

and re-program the meter, which they did and is now working fine, but now need to reimburse Donnan Farms for the over billed quarters.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to reimburse Donnan Farms in the amount of \$ 1,775.37, for over billed water payments, for property located at 2877 Federal Road, Account Number: 25-6365. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

BILLS

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

Sewer Districts	# 50-62	\$ 11,022.54
Consolidated Water	# 66-80	\$ 4,913.92
General Fund Claim	# 110-129	\$ 8,117.29
Light District	# 3	\$ 1,632.99
Youth Fund Claim	# 3	\$ 120.00
Highway Fund Claim	# 56-67	\$ 5,786.01

OTHER

1) Leicester Meeting:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board that he recently spoke with Leicester Supervisor, Gary Moore again about the proposed meeting with members from each Board, to discuss Zoning Officer, Carl Peter. Mr. Deming conveyed his and the York Town Board's feeling that Mr. Peter should be part of the meeting, and if he is not, York will not participate. Mr. Deming continued by saying in the past if the Board has had an issue with Mr. Peter, we have always spoken with him directly to resolve the matter. By eliminating him from the process it is not the proper way to resolve any outstanding issues and our Board is not comfortable attending a meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk