

York Town Board Meeting
July 8, 2010

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

Absent: None

Others: Norman Barrett (Senior Water & Sewage Treatment Plant Operator), Carl Peter (Zoning & Code Officer), George Worden Jr.(Highway Superintendent) and Ronald Cicoria (Town Attorney)

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the minutes of the June 24th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) Sign request:

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden reported he received a telephone call recently to erect a deaf child sign in the Barefoot Mobile Home Park. Mr. Worden stated the resident previously resided on Maiden Lane in Fowlerville and now lives in the park and asked permission to relocate those signs.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to remove the existing deaf child signs from Maiden Lane in order to relocate them in the Barefoot Mobile Home Park. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

2) CHIPS:

Mr. Worden explained to the Board the large increase in Highway claims this evening for approval. In the bills tonight is a major portion of the claims to be paid from the CHIPS funding. Once we have processed those claims, we will then be reimbursed from the State.

3) Wedging:

Mr. Worden stated the Highway crew has been busy wedging roadsides in the morning hours. Due to the continuous warm weather, wedging had to cease in the afternoons because the surface was peeling, ultimately undoing what they had already put down.

4) Valley Fest Banner:

Mr. Worden reported the Valley Fest Banner was placed on Wednesday, June 30th. Mr. Worden stated he had some difficulties in securing the banner, ultimately having to purchase 6 feet of rope for each end in order to reach the power polls. Mr. Worden

suggested the Valley Fest committee contact National Grid after the festival to have them take down the banner and to attach more permanent clasps for future festivals.

5) Assistance:

Mr. Worden reported the Highway and Water Departments have been working together to try to resolve water issues we have been facing. Mr. Worden stated he was able to locate three separate leaks and once he notified the Water Department, they were able to repair the problems.

6) Road sweeper:

Mr. Worden recently spoke with Geneseo Highway Superintendent, Larry Levey about the possibility of borrowing their low boy to retrieve the road sweeper we purchased from the government surplus program. Mr. Levey stated we were welcome to use the equipment and offered to make the trip to Dayton, Ohio with Mr. Worden.

7) David Peck:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board that Mrs. Barefoot recently spoke with David Peck of the Department of Social Services about a replacement person for the water, sewer and highway departments through the grant program. The grant funding will be continued until the end of the year, so we hope to have someone in place to assist the departments.

OTHER

1) Cemetery information:

Council Member Parnell informed the Board that Snyder Brothers will begin their restoration work in the Job Wood cemetery within the next few weeks. Mr. Worden brought to the Board his concern regarding a tree growing in the Old Scotch Cemetery, behind the Town Hall. After a brief discussion the Board asked Mr. Worden if he would remove it, otherwise it may hinder the work already completed by Snyder Brothers, which Mr. Worden agreed to do.

WATER/SEWER

1) Lift Station:

Mr. Barrett reported the Sewer Department was finally able to decipher the problem at the lift station across from Davies Nagel's home. For several months the pump continued to experience issues and we recently found a piece of pipe lodged in the system, creating the pump to shut down without warning. After running the snake through the unit and pumping continuously, we were finally able to release the piece. Mr. Barrett stated he believes the lift station will now be running smoothly once again.

2) Piffard:

Mr. Barrett stated Rural Waters came back out to Piffard last week to assist us once again with pinpointing a potential water leak and/or break. On their first visit they thought they had located the area of the leak, but after digging down we realized it was not a water break at all, the vibration the machine was able to track was the force main

laying above the 12 inch waterline. The ground around the area was completely dry, leaving us to believe the motion they detected came from the force main, not water main.

3) Water problem:

Mr. Barrett informed the Board National Grid has been in town the past two days trying to decipher why we are not able to continue electrical service to the pump. They changed out three transformers and thought we had the problem resolved. Before the department left late yesterday afternoon, we reviewed the pump situation again only to see that it was still shutting off and the generator switch was not activated automatically, having to physically turn it on.

Mr. Barrett stated he discussed with National Grid the power situation and educated us on a 3 phase electrical system, the “legs” to the system should carry the same power (voltage) between them, and we currently have two legs at 208 and the remaining one at 197-198, which means our power is out of balance. Mr. Barrett added we will try to see if we can adjust our equipment to meet National Grid’s standards. Supervisor Deming commented if power is the issue why are we adjusting or changing anything, isn’t that the responsibility of National Grid. Mr. Barrett replied they do not believe the responsibility lies with them, they feel we have to make the adjustments to meet their standards. Mr. Deming stated we are very fortunate that the generator has been running continuously, without it the situation would have been much worse. Supervisor Deming suggested to Mr. Barrett not to alter our system at this time until National Grid has a better handle on what the problem actually is, he firmly believes the issue was created by them and should be resolved by them.

Councilman Deuel asked if the problem could be the grid was overtaxed due to the ongoing heat and larger usage. Mr. Barrett replied it is a possibility, but nothing is certain at this time.

Mr. Barrett stated we are headed in the right direction, the tank is recouping, not huge amounts overnight, but once we found a few leaks and corrected them, along with the pump continuing to work, we should see significant increases in the tank level over the next several days. Mr. Barrett added after contacting the local farms using our water system and Arkema, informing them of the situation, they were very understanding of the matter and dramatically decreased their usage until further notice, which we are grateful for. We also shut down the bulk water station located at the Highway Department building for a few days, to allow our tank a chance to refill.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Farmland Preservation:

a- information:

Councilman Deuel informed the Board of a cd on file in the office for any interested Board Member. Mrs. Harris copied for the farmland preservation committee and Town Board, information entitled, “ Farms, Communities and Collaboration”. The cd is a manual guide to resolve the kinds of conflicts that arise when farmers and non-farmers live together in rural communities. It was designed for farmers and neighbors, regulators, local government officials, environmental advocates and interested citizens to become familiar with the process of collaborative problem solving.

(A copy is available to any interested person)

b- upcoming meetings:

Councilman Deuel also made the Board aware of upcoming meetings with our local dairy farmers and other agencies to discuss a possible emergency plan in the event of a spill. The meeting with the farmers will take place at the end of July-early August. The second meeting will be with local agencies at the Livingston County Highway Department facility around the September time frame. Mr. Deuel stated it is our ultimate goal to have a game plan in place from all angles if we should ever need one.

2) Painting:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board that Melissa Brock will be painting the Town Clerk’s office July 16th-19th, and reminded Custodian, Carl Peter to have all maps and paintings removed by Thursday, along with reordering new tiles for the ceiling.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Insurance:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board our Insurance Agent, David Boyce will be in attendance before our July 22nd meeting to discuss and review the Town of York’s insurance coverage and recent renewal. Mr. Boyce is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

2) Transfers:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve all transfers brought before the Board:

GENERAL FUND- TOWNWIDE

Transfer From: A1450.4	Elections Contractual	\$ 160.00
A9010.8	State Retirement	<u>\$ 1,541.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$ 1,701.00

Transfer To: A1450.1	Elections Services	\$ 160.00
A1460.4	Records Mgnt. Contr.	\$ 440.00
A1950.4	Taxes & Asses. on Prop.	\$ 169.00
A5010.1A	Hwy Supt Med. Reimb.	\$ 514.00
A7550.4	Celebrations Contractual	<u>\$ 418.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$ 1,701.00

HIGHWAY FUND- TOWNWIDE

Transfer From: DA9010.8	State Retirement	\$ 12,000.00
	Unanticipated Revenue	
DAUB	Unexpended Balance	<u>\$ 180,645.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$ 192,645.00
Transfer To: DA5130.2	Machinery Equip.	\$ 176,419.00
DA5142.4	Snow removal Town Contr	<u>\$ 16,226.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$ 192,645.00

CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT

Transfer From: SW9010.8	State Retirement	<u>\$ 2,008.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$ 2,008.00
Transfer To: SW1950.4	Taxes & Asses. on Prop.	\$ 73.00
SW1990.4	Contingency	<u>\$ 1,935.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$ 2,008.00

Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

BILLS

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

Sewer Districts	# 100-107	\$ 2,684.76
Consolidated Water	# 134-149	\$ 14,020.01
General Fund Claim	# 224-241	\$ 9,227.74
Youth Fund Claim	# 9-10	\$ 1,119.00
Street Lights	# 6	\$ 1,393.82
Highway Fund Claim	# 112-124	\$ 96,368.33

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until July 22nd. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk