

York Town Board Meeting
September 9, 2010

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

Absent: None

Others: Roger McCracken (Water & Sewer Op.), Ronald Cicoria (Town Attorney) and George Worden Jr. (Highway Superintendent)

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 August 26th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

WATER/SEWER

1) Flushing:

Mr. McCracken reported the Water Department finally completed flushing of the water system this week. The process took a bit longer than anticipated, but the odor and taste issues should now be eliminated for several months.

2) Meters:

Mr. McCracken stated the department will begin reading water meters next week for the October billing cycle. Once the readings have been completed we will begin the roof repair project at the Piffard pump house.

3) Employee:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board that he met with Water & Sewer Employee, Jim Hodges recently at the plant about a request he wanted to address. Mr. Hodges asked if it would be possible to take time off from work each week to pick up his son, Tanner at Nursery School. Mr. Deming stated he did not feel this would be a problem as long as Mr. Hodges was aware he would be docked for the time he was gone, which he agreed with. Mr. Deming stated he then met with Mr. McCracken to discuss the request and the decision made, which he also agreed with.

Mr. McCracken commented, after last night's nursery school meeting, Mr. Hodges may have resolved the issue and may not need to leave work after all.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Dow Road request:

Supervisor Deming reported we received word from the New York State DOT that they completed their investigation on Dow Road between Route 36 and the Covington Town Line regarding lowering the speed limit as per our request. Their determination is that a 45 mph speed limit is justified and orders for the speed zone are being processed

for filing with the Secretary of State and will be sent to us directly when approved. Once approval has occurred, installation of the signs can follow.

2) AD Call:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board he has spoken with representatives from AD Call and the City of Canandaigua about a resolve for reimbursement owed to the Town of York. Mr. Deming stated he will be contacting management directly about preparing our reimbursement.

3) Spill Plan:

Councilman Deuel stated he will schedule a meeting with Town Attorney, Mr. Cicoria to draw up a draft Spill Plan for the Town of York. Mr. Deuel commented this plan will be in place for any and all upcoming spills, not just potential manure mishaps.

Mr. Cicoria agreed to prepare the draft version.

4) Website:

Councilman Deuel stated he spoke once again with Robert Deming (Genesee Valley Web Marketing) about his proposal to take over the Town of York website, currently hosted by Design FM. Mr. Deuel stated the site Mr. Deming prepared for the York Valley Fest has many interesting and user friendly features, which we should consider.

Council Member Parnell and Clerk Harris agreed that the site prepared for the Valley Fest was extremely easy to follow and Mr. Deming's quick response to the requests and changes needed was very appreciated.

The Board agreed to have Mrs. Barefoot contact Design FM about what our current contract covers and the fees associated with it.

5) Farmland Preservation:

Councilman Deuel stated the Farmland Preservation Committee met last night (Heather Grant, Davies Nagel and Mr. Deuel) to discuss what to address for the remainder of 2010 and into 2011. Mr. Deuel stated view sheds was an important topic of discussion and added Davies Nagel will be preparing some documents for a future presentation to and further direction from the Town Board. Mr. Deuel stated the committee also addressed vacant land areas and the need to promote these areas for potential designated open space. Mr. Deuel commented, we are certainly an Ag friendly community and would like to showcase it by adding, "Town of York Right to Farm community" signs to our areas. Councilman Deuel stated it would be efficient to make small wood attachment signs to be placed under our existing, "Welcome to the Town of York signs", and metal signs would be the choice for the free standing ones.

Councilman Deuel asked the Board their thoughts on whether or not to proceed with grant funding applications in order to allow the farmland preservation committee objectives for future regulations.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell authorizing Mr. Deuel to proceed with paperwork for potential grant funding. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) Request:

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden informed the Board of a request recently made by Retsof Road resident, Dorothea Prine for a 4-way stop at the intersection of Chandler and Retsof Roads. Mr. Worden explained to Mrs. Prine that the Town Board on several occasions submitted this request to the Livingston County Traffic Safety Board for review and was rejected each time.

The Board agreed, that particular intersection is very dangerous and would welcome assistance from the County and suggested we try once again to encourage them to reconsider their decision for this intersection.

Mr. Worden stated if the Traffic Safety Board's decision is the same, he would be willing to place the additional signs if the Town Board asks him to do so. Supervisor Deming thanked Mr. Worden for the offer but stated, without County approval, the Town of York would be completely liable in any future incidents at that location. Mr. Worden suggested trimming of trees and shoulder work may help the visibility some, but couldn't be entirely sure.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to resubmit the Town Board's request to the Livingston County Traffic Safety Board for a 4-way stop at the corner of Chandler & Retsof Roads, and an additional request for a lower speed limit sign as well. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

2) Maintenance:

Mr. Worden reported the department has stayed busy mowing in other townships as well as ditching roadsides in Leicester for Livingston County.

NEW BUSINESS

1) County Snow & Ice Agreement:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the County Snow & Ice Contract for the period beginning October 15, 2010-October 14, 2011 at the rate of \$ 4,000.00 per mile, to perform snow and ice control on County roads located in the Town of York. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

2) Retsof Sewer:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board that he met with County Grantsman, Bernie Thoma and Town Engineer, Rick Henry about the upcoming plans for future water and sewer projects in the township. The Board has discussed numerous times the need to upgrade the lines in the hamlet of Retsof, and Mr. Deming conveyed that to Mr. Thoma and Mr. Henry and also stressed the need for grant funding to assist us in this endeavor. Both gentlemen agreed that an Informational Meeting should be scheduled to fully educate the residents of the situation and the potential solution.

Clerk Harris suggested that the Board consider mailing letters directly to the homeowners in the Retsof hamlet as well as publishing the required notice in the Livingston County News to ensure all residents have been sufficiently notified. The Board agreed we will be mailing an informational letter to each of the Retsof sewer customers, plus the legal notice. Supervisor Deming stated he would like to schedule the

meeting for either October 7th or October 21st at 6:00 p.m. which would be prior to our regularly scheduled Town Board meeting. Once we receive confirmation from Mr. Henry and Mr. Thoma, the letter will be prepared.

3) Water projects:

Mr. McCracken and Mr. Deming stated an informational package is being prepared for the upgrading of the watermain on Route 63. Mr. McCracken commented that this is the mainline that feeds the entire Town of York, and is very important we schedule replacement. Any funding we can obtain will be greatly appreciated.

Mr. McCracken also remarked once we have completed a few of the scheduled projects, cleaning of the tanks will be the next issue.

Mr. McCracken asked Supervisor Deming if the BANS/Bonds for the older projects have been getting paid off. Mr. Deming replied we have been paying accordingly, but it seems to be a slow process.

OTHER

1) Farmland Preservation:

Councilman Deuel informed the Board of the next Farmland Preservation Committee Meeting. The meeting is slated for Wednesday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

2) 2011 Budget:

Supervisor Deming commented he has the 2011 tentative budget figures ready for Board review and discussion, and asked them for their next available date. The Board agreed at the close of tonight's meeting they can review the budget and whatever material has not been covered will be discussed further on September 20th.

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.

Sewer Districts	# 134-146	\$ 7,900.45
Consolidated Water	# 184-196	\$ 5,321.56
General Fund Claim	# 293-309	\$ 7,946.26
Street Lights	# 8	\$ 1,445.06
Highway Fund Claim	# 146-153	\$ 27,861.18

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until September 23rd. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk

