

**2011 Budget Hearing
October 7, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

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

Absent: Frank Rose Jr.

Others: Roger McCracken and George Worden Jr.

Supervisor Deming opened the Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

PURPOSE

Supervisor Deming stated the purpose of said hearing is to present the 2011 Preliminary Budget and to receive public comment and questions on it.

Mr. Deming summarized each of the districts and how they will be affected in the upcoming year. Mr. Deming added due to the economic difficulties, our spending was decreased this year, but we have taken measures to budget additional funds for future years for larger expenditures.

Mr. Deming indicated the budget will reflect a 2% increase for salaried employees, with exception of Union employees under contract (Water and Sewer Department and Highway Department) and the Town Board.

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden informed the Board that he inadvertently left out of the proposed budget, funds to reseal the church/Town Hall parking lot and asked the Board their thoughts. After a brief discussion the Board asked Mr. Worden to gather a few quotes for review, and if possible we may be able to work it into the budget.

After no further comment...

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to close the budget hearing at 7:17 p.m. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk

**Town Board Meeting
October 7, 2010
7:30 P.M.**

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

Absent: Frank Rose Jr.

Others: George Worden Jr. (Highway Superintendent), Carl Peter (Zoning & Code Officer) and Roger McCracken (Water/Sewer Operator)

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

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve the minutes of the September 23rd Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) Grinder:

Mr. Worden reported, at the request of the Town Board he inquired about fees involved for a tub grinder to chip the brush and limbs at the recycling center. Mr. Worden stated he spoke with a rep from Whitmer and the quote they gave ranged from \$4,000-\$10,000.00, which included leaving the material on site. Mr. Worden expressed to them his belief that the quote was much higher than the Town Board is looking for and will seek additional quotes. Mr. Worden then spoke with Zoladz Construction Company (company that conducted the reclamation repairs at the former Retsof Salt Mine Site) about a quote as well. Zoladz quoted a price of \$2,000.00, which included removal of the chipped material.

The Board agreed the quote submitted by Zoladz is very reasonable and authorized Mr. Worden to proceed with the process. Mr. Worden stated he will contact Zoladz in the morning informing them of the Board's decision this evening.

2) Dorothea Prine:

Mr. Worden stated at the September 23rd meeting, Mrs. Prine submitted a letter to the Board regarding two issues near her residence on Retsof Road. The Board handled the first request, and the second was to be addressed by Mr. Worden himself. Mr. Worden stated he viewed the area on Retsof Road, and the sluice pipe Mrs. Prine was speaking of and stated it is fine exactly where it is. Mr. Worden added

we should not move the pipe and incur any additional costs when it is not necessary to do so.

Mr. Deming asked Mr. Worden to review the costs for stop ahead signs and larger sized sign for that area, Mr. Worden agreed to follow through.

Mr. Deming stated we received information from the Livingston County Traffic Safety Board, dated September 14th. Traffic Safety member Walter Purtell completed an investigation report form for the Town Board to review, pertaining to Mrs. Prine's request. They too agree that an all way stop at the intersection of Retsof and Chandler Roads is needed, a reduction of the speed limit from 45 mph is also warranted and recommended replacement of a 10 Ton weight restriction sign for southbound traffic on Retsof Road.

3) AKZO Meeting:

Mr. Worden reported that he and fellow Highway Superintendents met this week with AKZO to discuss the upcoming winter season and the continued availability of brine. It was made clear the company they contract will be charging for brine this year because they are adding a molasses blend to the mixture costing a bit more, but Leicester will continue to receive the brine for free.

Mr. Worden also stated even though we are reviewing brine options, we have still committed to American Rock our contracted 1,600 ton of salt.

Mr. Worden stated his crew continues to work a great deal for the Livingston County Highway Department lately, and noted any additional jobs are always welcome knowing we will be compensated for it.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Emerald Ash Borer:

Councilman Deuel reported he attended the County Planning Department meeting pertaining to the infestation of and possible ways to fight the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer. Mr. Deuel stated the experts believe we will sadly lose a great deal of ash trees before this is through.

Councilman Deuel stated in the meeting it was recommended that local agencies put additional funds into their budget in future years for research and treatment purposes. The County also discussed the possibility of having a central location for dumping and chipping, in order to contain the spread. Mr. Deuel asked the Board and both Department Heads to keep a closer eye on the trees in our area, with hopes of keeping our damage to a minimum.

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden commented the Village of Caledonia has assisted us in other issues with use of their bucket truck when needed, and offered to continue that in the future, as long as we are willing to assist them with their future projects. The Board agreed

the barter system has worked great between the two agencies thus far and hope it continues.

2) Website:

Councilman Deuel stated he met with Robert Deming once again about the Town Website issue, and also spoke with three other towns (Groveland, Lima and Avon) about whom they currently contract with. The Town of Avon is also affiliated with Design FM, Town of Lima has a Town resident that prepared and runs the system, but is not always as current as needed and the Town of Groveland has a LeRoy resident, Tony Testa who set up the site, but Town Clerk Sandra Bean does all updates/changes to it. Councilman Deuel added, while at the Avon Town office, Town Clerk Sharon Knight offered another option to consider, Digital Towpath, which Conesus Town Clerk, Annette McNinch is familiar with. Mr. Deuel stated he will be speaking with Ms. McNinch shortly for her input, and hope to schedule a presentation for all possible companies prior to the November 18th regular meeting.(6:00pm range).

WATER/SEWER

1) Evans Avenue:

Mr. McCracken informed the Board when the Town of Geneseo assisted us in cleaning of the sewer lines in Retsof a few months ago, we experienced a manhole issue on Evans Avenue near the Pierson property. Mr. McCracken stated when Sewer District #1 was installed, the Contractor moved the line on Evans and we have had serious issues with it ever since. Mr. McCracken and Mr. Worden agreed the area in dire need of attention runs from Retsof Road to the Pierson property and should be addressed as soon as possible. Mr. McCracken commented between the Water and Highway Departments we should be able to make the necessary corrections ourselves, we shouldn't need to hire anyone for assistance.

2) Lawnmower:

Mr. McCracken stated once again the current lawn mower at the Water and Sewer Department is eleven years old and should be replaced.

The Board agreed to authorize Mr. McCracken permission to obtain three quotes for a new mower in hopes of securing one before the year is out. The department will be selling the old mower at auction next spring.

3) Piffard Pump House:

Mr. McCracken reported to the Board that the re-roofing project at the Piffard pump house was completed on Friday the 24th. Mr. McCracken updated a few of the members who were unaware, that he unfortunately fell from the roof while trying to assist Mr. Hodges with the

last few remaining pieces, ultimately suffering two very serious injuries, a ruptured spleen and a broken wrist.

NEW BUSINESS

1) County ambulance meeting:

Supervisor Deming reported he attended a meeting recently to discuss the ongoing possibility of the County taking over ambulance service for the surrounding areas. Mr. Deming stated the conversations have been positive and the proposal looks as though it is ready to proceed further. According to the figures, the County should be able to absorb the cost of the service, with them hiring the EMT's. The County will be conducting the interviews for the staff, but the Towns will have first choice on the personnel for our specific areas if so desired. The central location suggested for positioning of the ambulance throughout the day seemed to be the York area, but nothing was finalized. Supervisor Deming stated the issues are moving along quite quickly which is certainly in the right direction, and hours of operation were also discussed, with 6am-6pm as a range to begin with. Mr. Peter and Mr. Worden suggested the committee consider altering the hours to 5 am-5 pm, which Supervisor Deming agreed he would pass along. The discussion also addressed leasing vs ownership, and the County spoke about leasing the ambulance for a period of 6 months for \$1.00, or owning it outright, specifically for insurance purposes. Mr. Peter commented he feels confident the Fire Company would give the ambulance to the County if they really wanted it.

Supervisor Deming stated overall he is pleased with the ongoing discussion and hope to have a contract in place very shortly.

2) Wadsworth Library letter:

Supervisor Deming reported he received another letter from the Wadsworth library requesting the Town Board reconsider their decision for additional funds.

Each member reviewed the letter and commented how disappointed they were in the tone and felt the library was a bit ungrateful for the yearly donations we had budgeted. Councilman Deuel stated in the library's letter they addressed where the funding comes from, and stated that they have not gone back to the taxpayers or library users for an increase in several years. Mr. Deuel commented perhaps the Wadsworth Library should ask for donations from the users of the facility in order to make up the additional funds they are seeking.

The Board agreed not to take any action at this time.

3) Jim Mayes Letter:

Supervisor Deming read aloud a letter the Board received from Retsof

resident, Jim Mays pertaining to his recent water bill. Mr. Mays stated he moved into the residence in 2008, and started having problems a year later. The first issue involved a pressure reducing valve on the hot water tank, then 6 months later the tank itself had to be replaced. In July of this year he and his wife went on vacation and had a friend watch his home. A leak occurred underneath the crawl space of the home, and another pressure reducing valve on the new water tank blew again. After that was replaced, a week later a hot water line ruptured and blew out 2 fittings.

Mr. Mays is now asking the Board to consider correcting/adjusting this current bill due to the extreme consumption that has passed through the meter (30,000 gallons).

Mr. McCracken stated in the letter Mr. Mays expressed that his issues occurred a year later after the water and sewer systems were upgraded with higher pressures, but the pressures have been the same since he moved in, the elevation has not changed. Mr. Mays purchased the PRV (pressure reducing valve) and Water/Sewer Operator, Mr. Grant installed it for him. Mr. McCracken stated the Water Department does not normally install PRV's, but when dealing with meter pits, we like to make sure the valve is installed properly, so our personnel handle those installations.

The Board agreed before any action will take place, we will have Water/Sewer Billing Clerk Mrs. Messana prepare the necessary documents for the May's property in order for the Board to review further at the October 21st meeting.

4) 2011 Budget:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to approve the 2011 Town of York Budget as presented. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

BILLS

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve all claims brought before the Board. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Sewer Districts	#153-167	\$14,425.74
Consolidated Water	#204-217	\$ 8,044.53
General Fund Claim	#326-349	\$ 8,135.86
Street Lights	#9	\$ 1,565.72
Highway Fund Claim	#158-165	\$12,893.71

OTHER

YCS signs:

Mr. Worden stated he spoke with the Head of Maintenance from York Central School, Tony Gullo about the Town Boards suggested placement of the YCS state champion signs. Mr. Gullo informed him he is waiting for direction from the School Board on where they wish to place the signs and would let Mr. Worden know once a decision has been made. Mr. Gullo did ask our Highway Department for assistance on Knight's Lane around the bus loop. There are several holes in need of patch work, which Mr. Worden stated they would be glad to assist with, once the rain ceases.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until October 21st. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk