

York Town Board Meeting
November 4, 2010

Present: Supervisor Gerald L. Deming, Councilmen: David Deuel, Frank Rose Jr. and Norman Gates

Absent: Lynn Parnell

Others: George Worden Jr. (High. Supt.), Carl Peter (Zoning & Code Officer) and Chris Ward (Officer, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation)

Supervisor Deming opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the minutes of the October 21st Informational Meeting and Regular Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) Work week:

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden informed the Board that the Highway Department is still on a 4 day, 10 hour per day work week, and hope to continue with it until the end of the year if it is alright with the Board. Mr. Worden stated with the longer days, projects have been completed more regularly, so it has been helpful to have this schedule.

The Board agreed the schedule is completely Mr. Worden's decision, but realize once the winter season is upon us in January we will have to reevaluate the issue.

2) Training:

Mr. Worden stated the Highway Department recently completed the annual MSHA training seminar, so that requirement has been met .

3) Retsof Road:

Mr. Worden addressed the recent maintenance on Retsof Road, from the G& W Railroad tracks to Genesee Street. Mr. Worden stated he tried a new technique he learned at Superintendent's school this year, called fog sealing. The cost for the maintenance was roughly \$ 2,000, and we will be sweeping off the excess loose stone on Monday.

4) Brush/leaf cleanup:

Mr. Worden stated we have scheduled the brush cleanup for Tuesday, November 16th, but noticed many residents have already begun placing their bags along the roadside. He commented that the department will more than likely start the pickup next week as well as the 16th. Supervisor Deming agreed earlier pickup will be very helpful,

many residents that have come to the recycling center have already inquired about an earlier time table.

5) Salt brine update:

Mr. Worden informed the Board that many of the Highway Superintendents met recently with a company that makes a salt brine generator. This generator makes roughly 5,000 gallons per hour, but the cost is rather expensive at \$ 10,000. Mr. Worden stated he believes the men might be able to construct a model of this generator instead of purchasing one. The Board responded if the model can be constructed they are onboard with it.

WATER/SEWER

1) Employees:

Mr. Worden reported that Mr. Hodges had taken vacation time this week and Mr. McCracken is still off from surgery, but Mr. Grant and Mr. Wozniak have been able to handle the workload very well.

2) Sewer lateral issue:

Mr. Worden informed the Board of an issue that arose earlier in the week at the Gary Blythe residence on Main Street in Greigsville. Apparently the Blythe's have been experiencing sewer problems at their property and wondered if the mainline installation perhaps was having issues as well. They contacted Barefoot Septic to review the matter only to decipher that the clean out had been crushed by a contractor previously, which Barefoot then replaced. After inspection of the situation it was quickly determined to be a homeowner issue.

3) Maintenance:

Mr. Worden reported all hydrants throughout the district have been checked and winterized for the season. Mr. Worden also stated that the Water Department recently installed the water tap for Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hasler.

4) Water tank:

Mr. Worden addressed with the Board the issue of cleaning the water tank on Tuttle Road. The Board agreed a few months ago that the process would be a good idea, and Mr. Worden added he would like to modify the air vent when we do proceed, to pacify the Health Department, and would like to add a manhole on the roof as well. Mr. Worden stated the Town does have equipment we can use to reach the top of the water tank (which is 26 feet high), if the Board wishes.

Supervisor Deming stated he appreciates the offer to use our manpower and equipment, but wants to air on the side of caution with this project, and asked Mr. Worden to price out this job and get back to the Town Board with the results, the liability factor is much too great.

5) Days off:

Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Worden going forward, to please notify the office staff of upcoming days off for Water/Sewer and Highway personnel. Mr. Deming stated it is

not necessary to inform the staff of their personal or vacation days, but when a floating holiday is approaching when all employees are off, the office needs to be aware of whom will be on call in case of an emergency.

Mr. Worden agreed to keep the office staff informed.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Ambulance:

Supervisor Deming updated the Board on the most recent discussions pertaining to ambulance coverage. Discussions have continued to proceed very well and Emergency Management Services Director, Kevin Niedermaier met Monday with Mr. Deming, Mr. Peter and Mr. Worden to iron out last remaining details.

Livingston County is targeting December 1st, 2010 to begin providing ambulance service in the Town of York during the day (5 am-5pm). York has donated their ambulance for usage and will be housed at the Retsof Fire Hall. Mr. Deming stated the County will be hiring local people, York residents if they apply and are qualified. The positions will be part-time, with no benefits, but hours will be flexible to the workers.

Mr. Peter stated the ambulance company asked if the Town Board would be seeking the \$25,000 back if they feel the company is not providing continual coverage, according to the existing contract. The Board agreed they would not ask for the money back because they feel the York ambulance will still be providing service, coverage will continue regardless. The Board stated they are very pleased with the discussions, and have no issues with what has been outlined. Hopefully we can take the ambulance over the County building any day to get the lettering on the vehicle.

Supervisor Deming commented how hard the York Fire Company has worked on this issue to make it a reality, and is excited about the future outcome. Mr. Deming added he would not be surprised if several other towns follow suit with a county run ambulance once they see how we handle this.

2) Local Law #2 of 2010:

a- "Dog Control Law of the Town of York":

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to schedule a Public Hearing for Thursday, November 18th, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. to introduce and consider adoption of Local Law #2 of 2010 entitled, "Dog Control Law of the Town of York".

Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

3) Paul Raymond:

Councilman Gates asked if we have received any documentation from Clark Patterson Lee pertaining to Mr. Raymond's request a few weeks ago.

Supervisor Deming stated we have not yet heard from Mr. Henry or Mr. Wies but once we do, we will then send a letter to Mr. Raymond and the Anderson Road residents inviting them back to a Town Board Meeting to review the information and the cost estimates.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Court update:

Councilman Deuel informed the Board he has scheduled a meeting with Mrs. Geary and both Justices (Purtell and Porter) for Monday, November 15th at 6:15 p.m. to discuss what they feel is a priority for the court system. Mr. Deuel stated he will stress to them the need to get organized in order to proceed further with possible grant funding and discussions with potential Architects.

2) Resignation:

a- B.O.A.R:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to accept the resignation submitted by Daniel Barefoot for the position on the York Board of Assessment Review. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

** Supervisor Deming stated we currently have one letter of interest on file to fill the vacancy.

3) Bruce MacIntyre:

Supervisor Deming addressed with the Board the recent passing of long time York resident, past Town Justice, Town Board Member and 60 year member of the York Fire Department, Bruce MacIntyre. Mr. Deming stated he and Town Clerk, Mrs. Harris discussed possible ideas on how to truly pay tribute to Mr. MacIntyre and all that he has done for this community. Mr. Deming asked the Board for ideas and suggestions in hopes of preparing something we can share with the community for many years to come.

4) York/Leicester Food Drive:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board that volunteers are needed for Saturday, November 13th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for the York-Leicester Community Food Drive. Local Boy Scout Troops, Community groups and York Central School organizations will be collecting food, door to door for the local pantries. Volunteers can assist at the York UP Church or St. Thomas Aquinas Church Hall in Leicester.

5) YCS:

Supervisor Deming read aloud a letter received from the York Central School Veteran's Day Committee. The Committee invited the Board to attend the Veteran's Day celebration on Wednesday, November 10th, assembly to begin at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Deming stated any Board Member interested in attending the celebration is asked to RSVP to Sandy Streb at the school.

OTHER

1) Assessor update:

Mr. Deming informed the Board after our last meeting on October 21st, he spoke with Assessor, Anne Sapienza about the Board's decision to proceed with the 5 year reappraisal plan. Mrs. Sapienza informed him that the State has already altered the dollar amount received per parcel from \$ 5.00 to \$ 4.00 per parcel on the year of the reappraisal.

BILLS

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

Sewer Districts	# 174-181	\$ 5,359.67
Consolidated Water	# 223-234	\$ 112,324.28
General Fund Claim	# 362-381	\$ 7,709.18
Street Lights	# 10	\$ 1,592.49
Youth Fund Claim	# 17-18	\$ 304.00
Highway Fund Claim	# 168-172	\$ 5,540.30

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until November 18th. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk