

DECEMBER 2, 2010

Public Hearing

7:00 p.m.

Present: Deputy Supervisor, Lynn Parnell, Councilmen: David Deuel, Norman Gates and Frank Rose Jr.

Absent: Gerald Deming, Supervisor

Others: Dorothea Prine, Ronald Cicoria and George Worden Jr.

Deputy Supervisor Parnell opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

PURPOSE

Mrs. Parnell stated the Public Hearing was called to introduce and consider adoption of Local Law #2 of 2010 entitled, "Dog Control Law of the Town of York".

Town Clerk, Mrs. Harris commented that NYS Ag and Markets will be relinquishing their role for dog licensing, effective January 1st, 2011, so each Town throughout the State will be required to adopt a Local Law prior to that date, and begin producing the individual renewals for each month along with issuance of new identification tags.

Councilman Deuel asked Mrs. Prine if she had any questions or comments pertaining to the proposed Law. Mrs. Prine stated she was aware of the upcoming changes and commented at her previous home near Binghamton, the Town had numerous issues regarding dog control. After viewing our Local Law she suggested that Section 9(B), under Penalties for Offenses, specifically violations, be increased before adoption. The Board reviewed the existing wording and feel the fees for such violations are appropriate at this time, but thanked Mrs. Prine for her suggestion.

Mrs. Harris stated she received an email from Telephone Road resident, Susan Brightman expressing her thoughts on the Local Law, specifically Section 5(B) where it states we will not be issuing Purebred licenses going forward. The four existing Purebred license holders, of which Mrs. Brightman is one of, will be required to license each dog individually. Councilman Deuel read aloud Mrs. Brightman's thoughts on continuing to allow licensing of purebreds, and proposed that the Town consider increasing the fees 25%. Mrs. Brightman addressed the upcoming fees, and how it will pose a hardship to her and the others who have previously licensed multiple dogs, and asked the Board to reconsider.

The Board discussed Mrs. Brightman's concerns and stated their desire to keep the proposed Local Law as is, which is eliminating Purebred licenses. Councilman Deuel commented he can appreciate the fact that additional funds will be required for the existing holders once renewal time is upon them, but feels strongly that all dog owners should be paying evenly for yearly licenses. Council Member Parnell stated purebred animals have a greater value, but should not get special privileges.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to close the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk

York Town Board Meeting
Regular meeting
December 2, 20010
7:30 p.m.

Present: Lynn Parnell, Deputy Supervisor, Councilmen: David Deuel, Frank Rose Jr. and Norman Gates

Absent: Gerald L. Deming, Supervisor

Others: George Worden Jr. (Highway Superintendent), Ronald Cicoria (Town Attorney) and Dorothea Prine

Deputy Supervisor Parnell opened the regular Town Board Meeting at 7:33 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 November 18th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

HIGHWAY

1) Weather:

Mr. Worden reported we experienced the first of the winter weather yesterday. It was a bit challenging at times, but overall the men handled the situation well in Mr. Worden's absence. Mr. Worden stated he and Geneseo Highway Superintendent, Larry Levey left early Wednesday morning for Pennsylvania and returned around the 2:30 p.m. range.

2) Speed Limit Sign:

Mr. Worden apologized to the Board that he has not had the opportunity to post the 45 mph speed limit signs on Dow Road as of yet. He hopes to post them within the next two weeks.

* Mr. Worden asked Councilman Deuel his thoughts on the size of the Right to Farm Community signs. Mr. Deuel stated he does not want anything too large, sufficient size to read the wording properly.

3) Work Week:

Mr. Worden reported that the Highway Department is still on the four day, 10 hour work week. When we do decide to revert back to the 5 day schedule, we are required to give the men two weeks notice, perhaps the middle of January time frame.

WATER/SEWER

1) Mr. Worden reported he and the three Water/Sewer employees attended a water seminar today at Hampton's Corners. Mr. Worden stated the class was very informative, and they suggested we install and analyzer on our chlorinator. Mr. Worden stated there is a tool that works in conjunction with the chlorine pump called a CL17, which measures the amount of free chlorine in the water. The cost for the CL17 is roughly \$3,800.00, but it monitors the system and even automatically shuts it down if the levels become too elevated. Once the equipment is in place, we are required to monitor it for a 14 day period to make sure the system is reading accurately, and then we are ready. Mr. Worden added we would also begin using roughly \$50.00 worth of chemicals each month as well.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose authorizing Mr. Worden permission to purchase (1) CL17 analyzer for the Water District, at a cost not to exceed \$3,800.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

2) Willow Grove, PA:

Mr. Worden reported to the Board that he viewed the Federal Surplus site recently, and was made aware of potential supplies for the Water Department. After further review he was able to purchase \$5,600.00 worth of supplies (valves, hydrants and other miscellaneous equipment) for \$150.00, which is the reason he and Geneseo Highway Superintendent, Mr. Levey made the trip to Willow Grove, Pennsylvania yesterday.

3) Water Leak:

Mr. Worden stated the Water Department recently corrected a water leak on Craig Road and Route 36, the day before Thanksgiving. The issue was corroded bolts located at the bonnet. The matter was located and fixed in a timely fashion, without having to inconvenience any residents by shutting off the water.

4) Retsof Avenue Issue:

Mr. Worden informed the Board that he received a call yesterday from a Retsof Avenue resident regarding water in her basement, and believed it to be the Town of York's responsibility. After review of the area, Mr. Worden and the homeowner determined it was a sump pump matter, which is the homeowner's responsibility.

5) Roger McCracken:

Mr. Worden stated he spoke with Mr. McCracken this week about his last Doctor's appointment and the status of his return. Mr. McCracken informed him he was cleared and will be returning to work on Tuesday, December 7th.

6) 2002 Dodge Pickup:

Mr. Worden updated the Board on one of the Water and Sewer Department's pickup trucks. The 2002 Dodge has experienced issues over the years, and now we have noticed that the oil pan is completely rusted, and could break free at any time. Mr. Worden stated we should think seriously about not putting too much money into this vehicle and cut our losses if possible.

The Board suggested Mr. Worden view the Federal Surplus site for a truck and report back at the next meeting on December 16th.

OTHER

1) Metal:

Mr. Worden discussed with the Board a conversation he had with Paul Raymond owner of Caledonia Diesel. Mr. Raymond conveyed to Mr. Worden the desire of his insurance company to remove the structure that caught fire two months ago. Mr. Raymond stated the outer shell cover of the building is damaged, but the metal siding is still in good shape, and wondered if the Town of York may be interested in purchasing it or, he will scrap it himself for the money.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mr. Rose authorizing Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden permission to negotiate with Mr. Raymond on the metal siding currently located at Caledonia Diesel. If the siding is in good condition, the Town would be willing to purchase the metal at scrap metal price. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Website:

Councilman Deuel reported he and Council Members: Parnell and Gates met two weeks ago with the three companies to discuss and review website options. Conesus Town Clerk, Annette McNinch was gracious enough to show the Board the Digital Towpath program, which she uses and Robert Deming was in attendance once again to review the features from his program, as well as Becki and Lari from Design FM, whom we currently contract with. Mr. Deuel commented the Digital Towpath program would have been most economical if we had it from the beginning, but now is a bit after the fact, and ultimately we would need to have a staff member input all information.

Deputy Supervisor Parnell asked if Mrs. Barefoot made copies of the Design FM bills for the past two years in order to verify what has been spent for the Town's website. Town clerk, Mrs. Harris stated she was unaware if Mrs. Barefoot was asked to make such copies, and did not see any documentation on the conference table.

The Board agreed to table a decision regarding the website until the December 16th meeting, in order to review Design FM's previous charges.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Local Law #2 of 2010:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mr. Gates to approve Local Law #2 of 2010 entitled, "Dog Control Law of the Town of York", and to further authorize Town Clerk, Mrs. Harris to file with the Secretary of State. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

2) Fees:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the fee increase for licensing of dogs, effective January 1st, 2011, as follows:

spayed/neutered	from	\$ 5.50 to \$ 7.00
unspayed/unneutered	from	\$13.50 to \$15.00

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

3) Separate bank account:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel authorizing Town Clerk, Mrs. Harris permission to open an account at the Bank of Castile for the purpose of depositing funds associated with the dog licensing program before they are submitted to the State. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

4) Water Class:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mr. Rose authorizing two Water employees permission to attend the training seminar in Batavia on December 29th, 2010. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

OTHER

1) Court update:

Councilman Deuel informed the Board that Jon Norris of Clark Patterson Lee will be coming to the Town Hall tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. to discuss options and view the existing court setup. All Town Board Members are welcome to attend.

2) DDS:

Town Clerk, Mrs. Harris informed the Board of a recent email she received from Janette Baez, Project Engineer of DDS Companies. Ms. Baez stated her company is working with RG&E, to install a new 12” gas main in the York and Leicester areas. Currently they are in the preliminary stages of identifying the best possible route for construction and cost, and ask what the Town of York will require for a permit process and the fees associated with it.

After a brief discussion the Board asked Clerk Harris to respond via email to Ms. Baez informing her before any further action or decisions can be made, they must first attend a Town Board Meeting to outline their upcoming plans.

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	# 185-188	\$ 4,236.49
Consolidated Water	# 241-246	\$ 2,145.86
General Fund Claim	# 394-408	\$ 8,927.78
Street Lights	# 11	\$ 1,700.45
Highway Fund Claim	# 178-184	\$ 10,232.17

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until December 16, 2010. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk