

York Town Board Meeting  
January 17, 2013

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

Absent: None

Others: Patricia Gardner, Andrew Emborsky (Town Attorney) and Carl Peter (Zoning & Code Officer)

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the minutes of the December 13<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 Organizational Meeting and January 8<sup>th</sup> Special Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Cuzzo waterline:

Clerk Harris stated the Board briefly discussed last year the possibility of billing the Town of Leicester for the Joe Cuzzo line on Retsof Road and wondered if Supervisor Deming had spoken with Leicester Supervisor Lisa Semmel about the matter.

Mr. Deming commented he has not confirmed with Mrs. Semmel yet, but will contact her after the meeting tonight. Mr. Deming stated the Town of Leicester already bills Sam Swearingen and does not foresee an issue with the Cuzzo water account.

Clerk Harris stated once the matter has been confirmed she will then send a letter to Mr. Cuzzo informing him of the Board's decision and a copy of such letter to the Town of Leicester as well.

2) Valley Fest:

Council Member Parnell informed the Board that the Valley Fest Committee is gearing up once again for the festival, slated for July 27<sup>th</sup>. To date, the bands have been confirmed and now are seeking prices for tents. Mrs. Parnell stated whether it is for sunshine or rainfall, the committee feels a large tent to encompass the bands and festival goers, is the way to proceed. We were given a quote by the Geneseo Hardware for a 40 x 60 tent in the amount of \$ 595.00, but are unsure if it will be large enough for our needs. Mrs. Parnell asked Mr. Peter to contact York Fire Department Secretary, Donna Falkner to verify the size of the tent they use for their carnival each year, he believes it to be 40 x 100. Supervisor Deming commented the tent used by the Fire Department may be a bit too large and suggested a 30 x 75 size. Mr. Peter stated he will speak with Mrs. Falkner within the next few days and notify Mrs. Parnell of the result.

Council Member Parnell also commented that the Sponsorship letters have been prepared and will be mailed out within the next two weeks. Clerk Harris stated the craft and food vendor applications have been mailed to previous participants.

### 3) Industrial Appraisal:

Councilman Deuel informed the Board that he received the yearly documentation from Industrial Appraisal. Mr. Deuel stated he gave the informational sheets to Clerk Harris to submit to Mr. Worden and Mr. McCracken for verification and completion. Mr. Deuel asked Supervisor Deming and the Board if they feel it is necessary to complete each year or should we complete every other. The Board agreed the appraisal is a necessary record of inventory for each department, but feel every other year would be appropriate for our needs.

## HIGHWAY

### 1) 10 Wheel truck:

Councilman Rose updated the Board on a recent purchase made by Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden. The Towns of Geneseo, Nunda and York visited the Federal Surplus site in Pennsylvania because they were made aware of 10-wheel Freightliners available. They actually had several onsite for \$ 3,500 each. Mr. Rose stated with that asking price each of the towns purchased one, and once we are done with the equipment we will certainly be able to get at least that amount back in scrap metal. Mr. Rose commented Mr. Worden is trying to get rid of the single axel we currently have.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1) Planning Board:

Supervisor Deming discussed with the Board the last meeting of the York Planning Board, as it was conveyed to him. The Board solely discussed hydraulic fracturing at such meeting. The Town Board agreed the members are more than welcome to discuss fracking on their own time, but during regular meetings the Planning Board and Zoning Board should only be discussing issues before them. Supervisor Deming stated he will contact Planning Board Chairman Russo to inform him of the Board's discussion this evening.

### 2) Steering Committee:

Council Member Parnell updated the Board on the progress of the Steering Committee. Clark Patterson Lee has prepared draft discussions for review. The next scheduled meeting date is slated for February 6<sup>th</sup>. Attorney Emborsky commented CP Lee Engineer, Norm Gardner compiled a great deal of information from the Wind Energy section of our Zoning Ordinance, to use as a guide for potential oil and gas regulations. Mr. Emborsky added some areas of the regulations may be more restrictive than the State's, with DEC not regulating setbacks of principal aquifers, only primary ones. Mr. Emborsky stated moving forward we certainly don't want our regulations to be challenged, constant balance is the key. Mr. Emborsky added the committee does not feel they are acting too quickly, but if language is completed, they may be ready to present to the Town Board shortly, which could be end of February to early March. Supervisor Deming stated protection of the aquifers is extremely important. Mr. Emborsky commented that the committee has requested a map of the aquifers in our township, and Mr. Gardner further agrees we must protect the principal aquifers if the State only protects Primary. Mr. Emborsky confirmed the Salt Mine area is zoned Light Industrial and Arkema is in a flood plain, so potential fracking operations would not be permissible in either area, which leaves only agricultural.

### 3) Verizon statement:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board of a conversation Mrs. Barefoot had with a representative from Verizon Wireless regarding our current cell phone coverage and potential options. As the policy exists each of the Highway, Water & Sewer employees and Supervisor are

covered. The way they have listed the employees, the largest users (Mr. Deming, Mr. Worden and Mr. McCracken) are using the brunt of the plan minutes, and questioned how to arrange or change in order to share the minutes more efficiently. The representative from Verizon offered a municipal discount of 19% if we sign on to the new online coverage, but stated all future purchases and inquiries must be handled by them directly, we would no longer be able to use our local Verizon vendor.

The Board stated even though the discount is offered, not having the ability to deal with our local representative in an emergency situation would be an inconvenience. Supervisor Deming stated currently local customer service is done in a timely manner, when employees experience unexpected issues with their phone/equipment. If we have to resort to online ordering it would slow the process dramatically.

The Board agreed at this time they feel more comfortable staying with our current plan.

### OTHER

#### 1) Union:

Supervisor Deming stated as of January 11<sup>th</sup> the Union was notified that the Town had Declared Impasse regarding Union Negotiations pertaining to the contract. Mr. Deming added he received an email from Bill Baron confirming receipt of the submittal. Mr. Deming stated shortly thereafter he was asked by two employees what the Union charges the Town for current coverage. The employees are aware that the coverage is through the Syracuse office, but wanted to verify the costs from the Rochester branch as well. Supervisor Deming stated we have previously contacted Rochester and their coverage is cheaper. The employees then asked Mr. Deming if a meeting could be scheduled with Blue Cross/Blue Shield to review other policies to see what's available. Supervisor Deming stated he will contact the necessary representatives to schedule a meeting at the Town Hall for all employees covered by Town insurance.

#### 2) Retsof Post Office:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board that our local post offices will be experiencing changes. Piffard conducted their meeting first and Retsof recently had theirs. The decision was made that Piffard will be open Monday-Friday for 6 hours, and Retsof for 4 hours per day, from 1-5 pm Monday- Friday, and Saturdays from 10 am-12 noon. The Retsof change will occur in September of 2014.

Councilman Gates added the Pavilion post office is also experiencing changes, they too will be open for only 4 hours per day. Supervisor Deming commented before too long all post offices will be strictly part-time.

### BILLS

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve all claims brought before the Board with exception of the CCS claim, which is pending verification. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

General Fund Claim	#1-29	\$ 196,902.75
Joint Water & Sewer	#1-33	\$ 84,612.75
Youth Fund Claim	#1	\$ 1,554.00
Street Lights	#1	\$ 1,934.96
Highway Fund Claim	# 1-16	\$ 41,921.05

3) Meeting:

Mr. Deming, Mr. Peter and Attorney Emborsky will be meeting at 9:15 Wednesday morning the 23<sup>rd</sup>, to discuss upcoming zoning matters. Any Board member wishing to attend is welcome to do so.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until February 14<sup>th</sup>. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk