

York Town Board Meeting  
June 27, 2013

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

Absent: None

Others: Patricia Gardner, Henry Fuller, Carl Peter (Zoning & Code Officer), Roger McCracken (Water & Sewer Operator), Joe Welburn and Andrew Emborsky (Town Attorney)

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:33 p.m. and invited Councilman Gates to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the minutes of the June 13<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

\*\* With the absence of Mr. Worden no report was given for the Highway Department this evening.

WATER/SEWER

Mr. McCracken reported the department completed and verified all water reads this week for the July billing cycle. Billing Clerk, Mrs. Messana informed Clerk Harris that she will be mailing out the bills tomorrow afternoon. Mr. McCracken stated he and Mr. Grant continue to proceed with the daily duties for the Water & Sewer Department, which has been smooth thus far. Mr. McCracken reported effective tomorrow, June 28<sup>th</sup> his retirement begins, after almost 36 years with the Town of York. Supervisor Deming commented to Mr. McCracken, the Board appreciates all he has given to the job over the years and wished him a wonderful retirement.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Insurance Renewal:

The Board reviewed the comparison sheets prepared by Insurance Agent, David Boyce of Tompkins Insurance Agencies Inc. for our yearly renewal. Mr. Boyce's proposal outlined coverage with Selective Insurance and New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR), with the Board to decide which coverage to proceed with.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mr. Rose authorizing Supervisor Deming permission to renew Insurance coverage with Selective Insurance for the year 2013-2014, with a premium not to exceed \$ 32,277.42. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

2) Senior Citizen's plaque:

The Board discussed briefly at the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting purchasing a plaque recognizing the Town of York Senior Citizens who have been chosen "Senior of the Year". The Board asked to obtain pricing on different plaques in order to decipher which size to purchase. Clerk Harris reviewed with the Board quotes received by Mrs. Barefoot from American Custom Engraving Company in Geneseo.

Walnut 45 Plate Board	\$ 198.00
Piano Finished 60 Plate Board	\$ 292.00

\*Header engraving will be \$30.00 and plates engraved are \$5.00 each with purchase of a plaque (\$10.00 thereafter).

Mrs. Harris commented due to the number of plates that will need to be printed at this time (beginning in 1981-2013, which totals 33), she suggested the Board consider purchase of the 60 plate board.

The Board agreed with the purchase of the larger plaque, we will be able to add recipients for many years to come at minimal expense. Councilman Deuel asked how the individual is chosen each year from the communities. Supervisor Deming and Mrs. Gardner replied the program is organized through the Livingston County Office for the Aging, with any senior able to be nominated.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve purchase of one (1) Piano Finished 60 Plate Board (\$292.00), Header Plate (\$30.00) and engraving of 33 plates (\$165.00) for the Senior Citizen Plaque to be located at the York Town Hall, recognizing individuals in our community chosen as "Senior of the Year". Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Total: \$ 487.00

3) Parker letter status:

Mr. McCracken reported he along with Mr. Worden measured the distance on McVean Road for water purposes. From the last water customer (The Striker residence) to Telephone Road (Route 20) the distance for possible municipal water is .9 of a mile. Within that distance there are a total of 9 homes in our township, and if we were to include additional homes it could potentially benefit our system further by keeping the line fresher, even with proposed 4 inch pipe.

Supervisor Deming asked Mr. McCracken to contact Rick Henry of Clark Patterson to assist further with this area to document the cost estimates.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Water/Sewer Resolutions:

a- Removal:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to remove Water & Sewer Operator, Roger McCracken from the Town of York payroll due to his retirement, effective June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

b- Consultant Position:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Deuel to create a Part-time Water & Sewer Consultant Position for the Town of York. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

2) Planning & Zoning Sessions:

Supervisor Deming stated he received a request from Planning & Zoning Secretary, Donna Falkner asking the Board to consider granting permission to her members for a training session. Four sites have been selected, with the Town of Bath in closest proximity to us, at a cost of \$ 80.00 to attend. Topics for such sessions include: Planning & Zoning Case Law update; Environmental Quality Review: New Forms and Proposed Changes; Cell Towers and Telecommunications Issues for Planning & Zoning Boards; Site Plan Reviews; Interpreting Zoning Court Decisions; and Planning for an Aging Population.

The Board agreed to authorize any Planning or Zoning member to attend a summer session.

3) Valley Fest update:

Council Member Parnell gave a brief overview of the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> Annual York Valley Fest. Mrs. Parnell stated that the committee met this week to discuss and further organize the event. Food vendors have been secured and numerous craft vendors as well, with more certainly to follow. The committee has invested wisely by renting a 40 x 80 tent to encompass the entertainment and festival goers. Mrs. Parnell commented Councilman Deuel will be taking over the Agricultural display this year from Jerry Ayers, with a few changes in store. Mr. Deuel stated he along with Heather Grant have been focusing the Ag portion more toward educational rather than just machinery. Mr. Deuel commented there will certainly be equipment and antique tractors to view, but with the assistance of Meghan Rodwell of the Livingston County Farm Bureau, we hope to have several educational booths to visit. Mr. Deuel added he is also trying to speak with Mr. Beardsley about the possibility of a horse educational booth as well.

4) Youth update:

Supervisor Deming reported that the current Baseball Coordinator, Brenda Schlageter, had a successful baseball/softball season. Mr. Deming expressed the need to schedule a youth meeting with Director, Pete Robinson within the next few weeks for the purpose of reorganizing and review of the upcoming season as well as any personnel changes.

Mrs. Gardner commented as the Town of York's representative to the Livingston County Youth Board, she stated they too are preparing for some revamping to take place. The main focus of the Youth Bureau is to gather from the individual towns their input as to what they want or need from this program in order to address it and hopefully assist with the situation(s). Mr. Deming added the programs are available not only during the summer months but throughout the school year. Mrs. Gardner commented the Youth Board is available to assist in anyway needed and asked to participate in the reorganizational meeting that will be taking place shortly with Mr. Robinson. Supervisor Deming agreed to notify Mrs. Gardner when the meeting has been scheduled.

5) Joe Welburn:

Mr. Welburn attended tonight's meeting to thank the Town of York for the ditch work completed at his property last week. Mr. Welburn commented the men did a wonderful job and he is very pleased.

6) Henry Fuller:

Mr. Fuller asked the Board if the Town of York has been approached by New York State Office of Parks and Recreation regarding the Greenway Trail. Mr. Fuller reported he attended a meeting a week ago, stating how disappointed he was and how unorganized they were, ultimately feeling no one had any idea what was going on. The parking lot on Fowlerville Road near the river bridge was and is an issue that has not been resolved. Discussion took place that evening about the lot, but no mention was made of the fact that the school uses the turn-around for their buses and the Town for their snow plows, Mr. Fuller commented if Parks & Recreation have their way, it could create a huge problem for each agency. Mr. Fuller stated the State gave the impression at this meeting that all towns associated with the Greenway are completely behind all aspects of any and all plans going forward. Supervisor Deming replied he and the Board have not been approached by anyone to discuss and review their plans for the trail. Mr. Deming asked who will be maintaining the Greenway. Mr. Fuller replied according to Parks & Recreation they will address sluice pipe and a few other issues, but will not conduct any paving. Mr. Fuller added the Town of Mt. Morris recently applied for and received a grant and then turned the funds over to the Friends of the Greenway, which has upset their residents. Mr. Fuller stated Parks & Recreation conducted these meetings in three locations: Belfast, Mt. Morris and Scottsville. Mr. Fuller asked the agency when the signs were changed on the gates reflecting new hours (6am-10pm), but received no reply.

Councilman Deuel stated he wished to comment further on the "zoning violation letter" the Board received and discussed at previous meetings. The fact that it was an unsigned letter, he feels now the Board should have handled the matter differently. What transpired is done and over with but perhaps we can learn for the next time. Supervisor Deming stated he also feels the issue should have been dealt with another way. Instead of presenting the letter at the regular meeting, it should have been given to Zoning Officer, Mr. Peter for review and verification first. The Board agreed.

8:10 P.M.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to enter into Executive Session to discuss a Legal Matter, to include Town Board, Town Attorney and Clerk Harris. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

8:30 P.M.

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to end Executive Session. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Supervisor Deming reported no action was taken in Executive Session.

OTHER

1) Highway position:

Supervisor Deming reminded the Board of the decision made at the June 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting to advertise for one (1) MEO position at the York Highway Department. All interested persons must submit their completed application by 12:00 noon, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

2) Standard Work Hours:

The Board briefly discussed the Standard Work Hours set for each Town of York position, at the yearly Organizational Meeting. After review of the outlined positions and hours posted, the Board agreed we must review what has been recorded in order to verify any possible changes.

3) Easement Agreement:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve modification of the existing easement agreement for 2668 Main Street (York Town Hall). Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0, Abstain-1, Gerald L. Deming.

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.

General Fund Claim	# 179-202	\$ 39,875.80
Joint Water & Sewer	# 168-178	\$ 3,181.95
Youth Fund Claim	# 8-9	\$ 1,272.30
Highway Fund Claim	# 92-101	\$ 4,218.49

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until July 11<sup>th</sup>. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk