

York Town Board Meeting  
July 25, 2013

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

Absent: Frank Rose Jr.

Others: George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt.), Carl Peter (Zoning & Code Officer) and Patricia Gardner

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. and invited Councilwoman Parnell to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to approve the minutes of the July 11<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Mr. Worden reported the Highway Department has been busy grading and sealing York Road East and Craig Road over the last two weeks. Within that period the weather has cooperated well with very warm temperatures. The grader experienced a small issue and was out of service a short time, but is now running smoothly once again. The “low shoulder” signs are up and the projects should be completed by next week.

Mr. Worden stated after the last heavy winds, he was made aware of a tree partially down on Federal Road near Ken Roger’s property. The Highway Department took the rest of the tree down and trimmed others in the area.

Mr. Worden reported that the committee conducted six interviews thus far for the Highway position and will proceed with the remainder of applicants who have the necessary qualifications.

Mr. Worden commented due to the large pile of brush currently at the recycling center he pushed a great deal back today away from the parking lot to make additional room. Supervisor Deming stated we and other State agencies received permission last year from NYSDEC to burn the pile, but does not believe that will happen again this year. Mr. Worden stated after the burn last year we collected additional brush and was able to haul it to Caledonia where they had a company (Zoladz) chipping. Mr. Worden commented he will contact Zoladz directly to see if they would be willing to come to us this year and if so, the cost involved. Mr. Worden added depending on the cost, he will then touch base with DEC about the possibility of permission to burn once again at the recycling center.

## WATER/SEWER REPORT

Mr. Worden reported the department experienced an issue with the pump station on York Road East. The control panel needed to be replaced and once the new one was installed it too did not work. We contacted the company for a second panel and fortunately after installation, was corrected.

Mr. Worden stated he contacted Clark Patterson Lee Engineer, Eric Wies again about obtaining estimates for water for the McVean Road area. Mr. Wies stated he is preparing the information and will keep the Board updated. Mr. Wies also asked if EFC contacted us recently about remaining on the list for possible grant funding. Even though we have not received any calls or emails from EFC, we are certainly interested in obtaining any and all information pertaining to grant funding and conveyed that to Mr. Wies. Supervisor Deming stated once we receive the documentation from Clark Patterson we will then inform resident Pat Parker and all remaining McVean Road residents of the findings.

Mr. Worden reported Water & Sewer Operator, Mr. Grant continues to handle the day to day duties well. Mr. McCracken is now part-time, assisting only a few days per week. Mr. Worden commented due to the limited amount of employees, with Mr. Hodges injury and Mr. McCracken's retirement, the mowing has suffered a bit. Mr. Worden suggested perhaps using part-time Highway or Recycling employees to help "catch up" with water and sewer mowing duties. The Board stated whomever Mr. Worden contacts for assistance will be fine as long as the work is completed.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 1) Steering Committee:

Supervisor Deming reported Town Attorney, Mr. Campbell conveyed all comments and suggestions regarding the Steering Committee's document will be made available to the Board by the first week of August.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1) Livingston Co. Ag Tour:

Supervisor Deming reported we received an invitation to participate in this year's day long agricultural bus tour of Livingston County slated for September 13<sup>th</sup>. The tour visits farms and agri-businesses to hear about the benefits and challenges of the local ag industry. Mr. Deming stated they are offering two pre-sale reservations (\$50 each) to each municipality, and asked who would like to join him. Council Members Deuel and Parnell commented they have both attended several times, if other Board members wish to attend. Councilmen Gates and Rose stated they must verify their schedules before confirming.

### 2) Insurance:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board of an issue encountered by an employee at their recent Optometrist visit, pertaining to insurance coverage. The employee knew they no longer had vision coverage, but believed they were able to use the swipe card for payment purposes, but was not taken. Mr. Baron (Union representative) notified Mrs. Barefoot of the situation, which was then quickly resolved. All employees currently with Town insurance coverage will now be able to use their card for eye care related services.

3) Court of Honor:

Supervisor Deming reported he received an invitation to attend the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony honoring Jason Canaan on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at the York Town Hall. Unfortunately Mr. Deming is unable to make it and asked the Board if anyone was able to attend on behalf of the Town. Mr. Deming stated he will RSVP for 1 member of the Board to attend the ceremony.

4) Budgets:

Supervisor Deming stated all department heads have received the budget form to complete by August 16<sup>th</sup> for estimated expenditures for 2014.

OTHER

1) York Valley Fest:

Council Member Parnell reminded the Board of the upcoming festival this weekend from 10:00 am- 4:00 pm. Mrs. Parnell stated the York Valley Fest is celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> year and hope the weather cooperates on Saturday.

2) DOT letter:

Zoning & Code Officer, Mr. Peter discussed with the Board a letter received by Clerk Harris and passed along to him pertaining to sign regulations on State roadways. Mr. Peter stated New York State Department of Transportation is required by FHWA, to conduct an annual sign surveillance of all roads. Within that surveillance they must send removal notices to owners having illegal off-site signs on the property. The routes NYSDOT controls in our township are 20,36 & 63.

Mr. Peter stated as he understands the law, any sign on an off-site parcel if in front of the business or near the driveway, is permissible. Any sign located off site away from the driveway or building will require a permit.

3) Property boundary meeting:

Supervisor Deming stated a meeting has been scheduled with Mr. & Mrs. Giglio, Mr. & Mrs. Clancy, Ms. Chwiecko, Town Attorney, Mr. Deming and one Town Board Member to further discuss the drainage matter on Retsof Avenue. The meeting has been slated for Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Supervisor Deming stated Annie Chwiecko requested Clerk Harris attend as well to document the discussion.

4) Planning Board:

Supervisor Deming stated the Planning Board will be conducting a Public Hearing for Craig Station Creamery's project on Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the York Town Hall.

BILLS

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

General Fund Claim	# 224-243	\$ 17,983.23
Joint Water & Sewer	# 197-209	\$ 6,397.84
Youth Fund Claim	# 13	\$ 80.00
Highway Fund Claim	# 112-117	\$ 21,173.56

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Deuel to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until August 8<sup>th</sup>. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk