

York Town Board Meeting
August 8, 2013

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

Absent: None

Others: Kirk Richenberg, Roger McCracken (Water and Sewer Department) and Andrew Emborsky (Town Attorney)

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:32 p.m. and invited Councilman Rose to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the minutes of the July 25th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Mr. Worden submitted his report to Clerk Harris prior to his vacation:

Black top and shoulders on Craig Road and York Road East are complete for this year. Both projects are to be paid for with CHIPS funding.

Put shoulders on Old State Road, River Road, Chandler Road and Retsof Road, but not completely finished as of yet.

Started mowing roadsides once again.

We will begin shortly on Anderson Road trimming trees, replacing piping and shoulders to prepare for resurfacing.

The Department will still need to resurface Batzing Road and River Road from Chandler to the Town line.

WATER/SEWER REPORT

Mr. McCracken reported we received a tank inspection last Thursday, with very favorable results. It was conveyed to the Department the exceptional quality of our water. The front tank was done 15 years ago and is still in perfect condition. The inspector commented to Mr. McCracken how impressed he was with the clarity of the water and found no sediment in the tank.

Mr. McCracken informed the Board he was called out Tuesday evening at 11:30 p.m. for the alarm at the Rt. 36 pump station across from Davies Nagel. Fortunately there was no emergency to contend with.

Mr. McCracken suggested the Board consider having Engineer Eric Wies of Clark Patterson prepare an estimate to replace some of Rt. 36, from Greigsville proceeding south. The existing line is a 6 inch and was installed in 1941. Mr. McCracken commented due to the age of the line with all of the probable rust inside, we are more than likely at a 4 inch line at this point and is in major need of replacement.

Mr. McCracken stated the department was given a demonstration last year of a bar screen, but due to the cost (\$5,000.00) we did not proceed. Mr. Worden and Mr. McCracken discussed the matter once again and feel they might be able to construct one. Mr. McCracken stated he will keep the Board informed if they begin the project.

Mr. McCracken stated Water/Sewer employee, Mr. Hodges will be returning to work next Monday and Mr. Grant will be back from vacation.

Councilman Deuel asked if we will be seeking a new employee anytime soon for the Water and Sewer Department, and wondered when the next Civil Service exam will be given. Councilman Gates stated he believes the upcoming test is slated for Wednesday, August 21st at the County Building. Councilwoman Parnell commented once the exam has been given, we will be able to obtain the test results usually within a week.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Steering Committee comments:

Supervisor Deming stated we recently received Attorney Campbell's comments pertaining to the report prepared by the Town of York Steering Committee. The Board now has a copy to review in order for further discussion at the August 22nd Town Board Meeting.

2) Signs:

Councilman Deuel asked what if any progress has been made on the Right to Farm signs. Supervisor Deming stated the status of the signs will be a question for Mr. Worden. Mr. Deuel commented we hope to have two signs on Route 63 (Genesee Street), two on Route 20 (Telephone Road), two on Route 36 (Main Street) and one on Fowlerville Road.

3) York Valley Fest:

Councilwoman Parnell reported the 5th Annual Valley Fest on July 27th went very well. The crowd was the largest we have had and welcomed a few new attractions to the event. We now are underway for next year, which is slated for Saturday, July 26th, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Board of Elections:

Supervisor Deming reported he received a letter from the Livingston County Board of Elections confirming Voting District #2, previously the Retsof Fire Hall, will now be located at the York Town Hall. The Town Hall will now house all districts for every primary, special election and general election.

2) Youth Board:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to reappoint Patricia Gardner to the Livingston County Youth Board for an additional two year period, term expiring August 31, 2015. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

3) Jack Ellis Letter:

Supervisor Deming read aloud a letter the Board received from resident Jack Ellis regarding concerns and necessary repairs to Anderson Road:

After living on this road for 39 years and the only work that has been done in that time frame is oil/stone twice. The shoulders and edges of this road are breaking off due to farm machinery, trucks, vehicle traffic, and not to mention wing of snow plowing.

This road needs immediate attention due to the amount of traffic that uses it. Presently there are four farms that constantly use this road (Donnan, Lawnel, Morgan, Frazier) along with 30 homes, each with at least 2 cars per home, not to mention Donnan Horse farm with horse trailers hauling back and forth daily. With this amount of traffic and the conditions of this road and the edges, a serious accident is deemed to happen. Two vehicles can hardly squeeze by, let alone the idiots that seem to go by +/-90 miles per hour.

Another BIG complaint is the manure, paper bedding, silage, mud being tracked out onto roadway from Donnan heifer operation. I have spoken to Greg Donnan on several occasions about this to no avail. This is also a safety issue, try walking thru manure to get your mail. I know we are in an ag district but this does not happen at other farms.

Are we waiting for a serious accident to happen before we do something about this or is this work being planned? I know this probably concerns all who reside on this road along with others who live elsewhere.

Another concern is that this road was not built to handle today's heavy machinery and truck traffic which is now "beating this road to death".

I would like to know when/if any work is being planned or what the Town's intention on resolving these issues.

Awaiting your response.

Clerk Harris reported she prepared a copy of the letter for Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden to review as well. Supervisor Deming stated once Mr. Worden returns we will discuss road construction itself, but also need to address the manure, paper bedding being tracked onto the roadway.

4) Jean Donnan Letter:

Supervisor Deming stated a second letter was received, this from Jean Donnan expressing concerns she has pertaining to several intersections within our township. Ms. Donnan's letter reads as follows:

To the York Town Board:

I am writing regarding some intersections that I feel are in need of stop signs to make them safer. In lieu of the tragic accident in Riga, which is a mile from where I grew up, I want to be proactive in trying to change dangerous areas in our neighborhood.

One intersection is the Linwood Road/Federal Road intersection. There are hills on Linwood Road that prevent the person traveling on Federal Road from seeing the car coming. Linwood Road has been so groomed that drivers are traveling too fast (I ride horses and run on it). If a driver on Federal Road crosses Linwood Road when the driver on Linwood Road is in the dip of the hill, there is little time to slow down for the vehicle crossing Linwood. Many milk trucks and farm vehicles cross that intersection and they require more time to cross it. I will not drive my horse trailer through that intersection, instead, I take the long route and cross on Limerick Road. If a 4 way stop were put there it would make it safer and force the traffic to slow down. Perhaps more 4 way stops on the country roads are needed to slow the traffic down to 55 miles per hour. Luckily our road (Anderson) hasn't been beautified like Linwood and traffic is kept to 55 miles per hour. Please save the tax dollars and do not fix it up into a road where people drive 70 miles per hour. I see many people walking strollers, riding horses, running, and biking on our road. I personally experience that it is much safer than the "super highway" country roads like Linwood Road when I am doing many of these activities.

The other intersection I have personally had "close calls" with is Tuttle Road/Old State Road. When heading east on Old State Road and turning left onto Tuttle, the driver cannot see if a car is heading west on Old State and must cross it's path. After driving this route many times I learned that you must drive past the turn then have to turn hard left in order to see drivers coming toward you. Many drivers don't know to do this and it should be made safer. It would benefit from being made into a 3 way stop.

Perhaps if we started implementing more stop signs on the side roads, drivers would drive the main roads instead of “taking shortcuts”-speeding down our country roads. It would make intersections safer and force traffic to slow down.

I hope this letter makes a positive change so that our community doesn't suffer a tragedy that occurred in my home town.

Sincerely,
Jean Donnan

The Board agreed Ms. Donnan's traffic concerns are valid and wish to discuss them further with Mr. Worden, Livingston County Highway Superintendent, Don Higgins and then forward onto the Livingston County Traffic Safety Board for review.

5) NYS Comptrollers Audit:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board that the Town of York was recently contacted by Justina Forbes of the New York State Comptroller's Office to begin preparations for an audit. Mr. Deming will be meeting with Ms. Forbes on Monday, August 19th for pre-audit discussion. The records and information requested will primarily consist of the 2012 calendar year. Ms. Forbes expressed her desire to begin the process sooner if allowed, which the Town has no objections to.

OTHER

1) Francis Burger:

The Board discussed due to Mr. Worden's vacation, Mr. Burger was asked to increase his duties at the Highway Department and feel should be compensated for it. The Board agreed although no one has been appointed Deputy Highway Superintendent, Mr. Burger should receive \$.50 more per hour in Mr. Worden's absence.

2) Kirk Richenberg:

Mr. Richenberg expressed to the Board his traffic concerns regarding Craig Station Creamery's project, presented to the Planning Board last week. Mr. Richenberg stated he would like to obtain a copy of the traffic counts from Mr. Worden once he returns from vacation. Supervisor Deming stated the information presented reflected an average of 118 trips daily on Stewart Road. Mr. Richenberg commented according to what was presented at the Public Hearing, they propose a potential 5% increase in traffic to an already very busy area. Supervisor Deming stated it was discussed and broken down in detail the evening of the meeting all the truck routes and use by certain farms, and commented he would obtain a copy of the traffic count for Mr. Richenberg. Councilman Rose added we need to also take into consideration AJAC Trucking

(Rob Noble) had 8 trucks of his own that are no longer running, which eliminates some truck traffic.

3) Digester:

Councilman Deuel reported that Noblehurst Farms hosted their Ground Breaking Ceremony today for the new digester project.

** Mr. Richenberg stated he will be submitting additional questions to the Planning Board prior to the scheduled deadline for the Creamery project.

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	# 244-260	\$ 10,292.02
Joint Water & Sewer	# 210-222	\$ 106,427.13
Youth Fund Claim	# 14	\$ 40.00
Light District	# 8	\$ 1,484.27
Highway Fund Claim	# 118-132	\$ 51,580.12

TRANSFERS

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to approve the following transfers:

CONSOLIDATED WATER

Transfer From:	Unanticipated Revenue	
SWUB	Unexpended Balance	\$ 131,830.00
	TOTAL:	\$ 131,830.00

Transfer To:	SW8310.4 Admin. Contractual	\$ 12,270.00
	SW8340.1A Medical Reimb. Hodges	\$ 329.00
	SW8340.4 Trans & Distr. Contract.	\$ 115,353.00
	SW8340.1A H.R.A	\$ 3,878.00
	TOTAL:	\$ 131,830.00

RETSOF SEWER DISTRICT

Transfer From: SS8120.2 Sewage Coll. Syst. Equip.	\$ <u>654.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ <u>654.00</u>

Transfer To: SS1670.4 Central Print. Contr.	\$ 19.00
SS8130.1A Medical Reimb. Hodges	\$ 31.00
SS9060.8A H.R.A	\$ <u>604.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ <u>654.00</u>

SEWER DISTRICT #1

Transfer From: SS1-8120.2 Sewage Coll. Syst Equip.	\$ <u>3,612.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ <u>3,612.00</u>

Transfer To: SS1-1670.4 Centr. Print. Contr.	\$ 89.00
SS1-8340.1A Medical Reimb. Hodges	\$ 217.00
SS1-9060.8A H.R.A	\$ <u>3,306.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ <u>3,612.00</u>

SEWER DISTRICT #2

Transfer From: SS2-8120.2 Sewage Coll. Syst. Equip	\$ <u>670.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ <u>670.00</u>

Transfer To: SS2-1670.4 Cent. Print. Contr.	\$ 19.00
SS2-8130.1A Medical Reimb. Hodges	\$ 31.00
SS2-9060.8A H.R.A	\$ <u>620.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ <u>670.00</u>

GENERAL FUND-TOWNWIDE

Transfer From: A1620.4 Bldgs. Contractual	\$ 895.00
Unanticipated Revenue	
A1090 Int & Pen Real Prop. Taxes	\$ 1,700.00
A1170 Franchise Fees	\$ 4,900.00
AUB Unexpended Balance	\$ <u>20,861.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ <u>28,356.00</u>

Transfer To: A1420.4	Attorney Contractual	\$	475.00
A1440.4	Engineer Contractual	\$	11,119.00
A1460.4	Records Mgmt. Contract.	\$	485.00
A1620.2	Buildings Equipment	\$	895.00
A1680.41	Data Payroll Process Contr.	\$	775.00
A5010.1A	Highway Supt. Med Reimb.	\$	657.00
A7550.4	Celebrations Contractual	\$	450.00
A8010.4	Zoning Contractual	\$	500.00
A9060.8A	H.R. A	\$	<u>13,000.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$	<u><u>28,356.00</u></u>

HIGHWAY FUND-TOWNWIDE

Transfer From: DA5130.2	Machinery Equipment	\$	<u>25,183.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$	<u><u>25,183.00</u></u>

Transfer To: DA5142.1A	Snow Rem-Medical Reimb.	\$	657.00
DA5142.4	Snow Rem. Town Contract.	\$	14,162.00
DA9008.8	Employee Benefits- Bereav.	\$	160.00
DA9060.8A	H.R. A	\$	<u>10,204.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$	<u><u>25,183.00</u></u>

SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Transfer From: SF1930.4	Judgement & Claims	\$	<u>61.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$	<u><u>61.00</u></u>

Transfer To: SF3410.4	Fire Protection District	\$	<u>61.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$	<u><u>61.00</u></u>

Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until August 22nd. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk

