

York Town Board Meeting
December 7, 2017

Present: Supervisor Gerald L. Deming, Councilmembers: Lynn Parnell, Norman Gates, Amos Smith and Frank Rose Jr.

Absent: None

Others: George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt.) and Kirk Richenberg

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

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes of the November 9th Regular Town Board Meeting and November 29th Public Hearing and Emergency Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Mr. Worden reported the following for the Highway Department:

- The department had to replace a culvert
- Mowing roadside
- Patching roadside
- Recently we have been plowing and salting

Mr. Worden stated that we recently bid for two new pickup trucks, one for the Highway Department and the second for Water & Sewer. The bid opening took place this morning, receiving two bids for each vehicle but unfortunately they do not meet the specifications. The Board agreed if they do not meet the criteria we will then need to throw out the bids and rebid.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Rose to reject all bids submitted for the two pickup trucks and authorize Mr. Worden to re bid. Voted on and approved, Yes- 5, No- 0

Mr. Worden reported that the Town received three applications for the advertised position with our Highway Department. The committee consisting of Councilmen Gates and Rose, Mr. Worden and Deputy Highway Supt Mr. Wolfe conducted interviews. Mr. Worden on behalf of the committee, recommends to the Board that Jakob Powell be hired as the new highway employee effective January 1, 2018 pending all pre-employment screening.

Councilman Rose added that the interviews went well and that the Town had very good applicants to choose from.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to hire Jakob Powell to the York Highway Department with the start date to begin January 1, 2018 contingent upon passing drug testing and physical.

Mr. Worden stated that the new 10-wheeler should be arriving next week.

WATER/SEWER REPORT

Mr. Worden reported the following for the Water & Sewer Department:

Water:

- Quarterly water samples have been taken but we have yet to receive results. We will need to be under 50 to alleviate the advertisement requirement.
- Water personnel have begun reading meters for the January billing cycle.
- We have been researching the GridBee website, and may have to conduct some updates. Due to more volume of water going in, updates may benefit us.

Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Worden, if we place a GridBee on the Tuttle Road and Linwood tanks, do we still need the upgrade. Mr. Worden replied even with placement of two additional Grid Bees, the upgrade will help our numbers. Councilman Smith inquired as to the cost for such upgrade. Mr. Worden answered he is not certain as of yet, he will need to calculate the volume before knowing the costs involved.

Sewer:

- We experienced a switch problem at the Tabtronics pump station. We had to order parts, which should be in next week, but until then we need to manually proceed.
- Personnel attended re-certification classes. Mr. Grant attended two classes and Mr. Hodges one in order to keep current with license requirements.
- Mr. Worden stated that the pump station on Genesee Street (Tabtronics) is currently connected to propane and wondered if he should inquire about pricing to change over to gas, due to the new line being installed. The Board replied yes, he should follow through with quotes.

Councilman Smith asked if there is a timetable to fix the waterline on York Road East. Mr. Worden answered that he would like to correct it as soon as possible. Supervisor Deming inquired if our personnel could do the work. Mr. Worden replied they could, but not until springtime, which Mr. Deming commented to please plan for it.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

1) Kirk Richenberg:

Mr. Richenberg began by expressing his thanks to Mr. Worden for fixing part of Cowan Road, and added per previous conversations, who will be paying for it, and have any additional conversations taken place with the local farm located there. Supervisor Deming answered that he has not had conversations recently with the local farmer. Mr. Worden reported what the Highway Department did in that area was a patch job not a cure. If we want them to contribute, hopefully it will be toward the upcoming larger/corrected fix. Mr. Deming stated that we talked about doing a fix back to the bridge. Mr. Richenberg asked if it is a County project, which Mr. Worden replied it is not, it's not large enough. Mr. Richenberg clarified, whatever size you put in if it is over 21 feet, does it become the County's responsibility? Mr. Worden replied yes. Supervisor Deming commented that the County recently purchased (6) spans from the Tappan Zee Bridge. Mr. Deming added when Mr. Worden prepares the actual figures regarding complete correction, conversations will then take place.

Mr. Richenberg asked the Town Board to have 1 or 2 members present when the repairs are being made, additional eyes to verify.

Mr. Richenberg asked if there is an agreement yet with Covington for the water tower. Supervisor Deming replied that Covington now has the document and had a few questions and a couple minor changes. Mr. Deming continued that the Covington Supervisor stated that what we proposed is not a large enough service area and wanted it extended. The survey has been completed, but has not been turned over to us at this point. Part of the tower is up, but we do not have ownership.

Mr. Richenberg questioned what protection the Town will have once the tower has been built and then we take ownership, since we have no say prior. Supervisor Deming stated there have been on-site inspectors and we have had employees there to witness the process and verify that specifications have been met. Mr. Worden added when the footer/foundation was put in, our employee who has had extensive experience was present to make sure it was done properly, which it was. Mr. Worden stated that Mr. Wolfe expressed that this outside firm did a very good job.

Mr. Deming commented that the Wyoming County Board is waiting for the land to be turned over to the Town of York and will then grant an abatement.

Mr. Richenberg stated from the prospective of a taxpayer, it is good to hear that the company conducting the work for the tower is reputable.

Mr. Richenberg then questioned if Clark Patterson the engineering firm is representing the Town of Covington? Supervisor Deming replied they are. Mr. Richenberg followed by asking the Board if that gives any "red flags" to which Mr. Deming answered that we have our concerns too but have discussed them with Clark Patterson.

Mr. Richenberg stated that we are fortunate that the weather has cooperated for such an extended period of time with the concrete work recently done but it still needs to fully

cure for 30 days and it hasn't been that long. Foundation work and inspections are equally as important as the tower work.

Mr. Richenberg asked Mr. Worden as to the status of the Highway grant shared between York, Caledonia and Geneseo. Mr. Worden replied he has not received any word as of yet.

Mr. Richenberg questioned if we have made any headway with the Health Department regarding THM's. Supervisor Deming stated that not much conversation has taken place with the Health Department but the individual towns have discussed potential steps. Geneseo has been talking recently about a mixer to assist with the THM numbers.

Mr. Richenberg asked if any solar committee meetings have occurred and if so, are there any minutes from them. Councilman Smith replied one meeting has taken place but no minutes were prepared. Mr. Richenberg questioned if the meetings will be open to the public which Mr. Smith answered they will not as we are trying to get the committee to express their individual prospective and once something more concrete is established then make a recommendation to the Town Board. Supervisor Deming asked Councilman Smith if minutes could be taken and suggested discussing it with his committee. Mr. Richenberg commented that with previously formed committees (Steering Committee for Fracking, and Conservation Advisory Council /CAC) each had posted minutes reflecting their discussions, don't they have to adhere to the Open Meetings requirement. Supervisor Deming stated that he will confirm with Attorney Campbell on the matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) New York State Paid Family Leave Act:

Supervisor Deming reported effective January 1, 2018 New York State's Paid Family Leave Act will provide employees job protected paid time off. As a municipality, we have the option to provide leave to the employees, but have chosen to opt out at this time because deductions would have to be taken from their pay, which must be addressed at the next negotiations contract. We will revisit this matter at such time.

2) Inter-municipal Agreement:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Smith to renew the Inter-municipal Agreement with Livingston County for Machinery, Tools, Equipment and Service Sharing for a period of one year, effective January 1, 2018- December 31, 2018. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

3) Planning & Zoning Appointment:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the following appointments and re-appointments:

York Planning Board	Christopher Wall	Jan. 1, 2018- Dec. 31, 2022
York Planning Board	Davies Nagel (Alt. 2)	Jan. 1, 2015- Dec. 31, 2019

* Mr. Nagel will be filling the vacancy of Frank Rose Sr.

** Current member Christopher McLouth will now be Alt. #1 on the Plan. Board.
Term: January 1, 2015- December 31, 2019

Zoning Board of Appeals	Jerry Sturm	Jan. 1, 2018- Dec. 31, 2022
Zoning Board of Appeals	Dustin Geiger	Jan. 1, 2018- Dec. 31, 2022

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

4) Water Filing:

Supervisor Deming reported that Clark Patterson Lee Engineer, Rick Henry submitted the Map, Plan and Report for the Town of York Consolidated Water District Anderson Road Extension for filing. Mr. Deming asked the Board to review the document for discussion and a decision at a later date.

BILLS:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Gates to approve all claims brought before the Board. Voted on an approved, Yes-5, No-0.

- General Fund Claim	#330-370	\$12,377.44
- Joint Water/Sewer	#262-283	\$ 11,184.69
- Street Light	# 12	\$ 1,798.58
- Highway Fund	# 204-219	\$ 8,505.89

ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until December 28th. Voted on approved, Yes-5, No-0

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk