

York Town Board Meeting
March 7, 2019
7:30 pm

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

Absent: Amos Smith

Others: George Worden (Hwy Supt), Henry Fuller and Kirk Richenberg.

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board Meeting at 7:31 pm and invited Councilman Rose to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the minutes of February 7th, 2019 Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Mr. Worden reported the following for the Highway Dept:

- Still continue to plow and salt; salt update: we bid 1700 ton and to date have used 1250.
- The heavy winds we experienced knocked down several signs which we will re install once the snow melts a bit. We were very fortunate that we did not suffer major tree damage with the high winds that took place, the main reason for that is probably due to the trimming work done by Nelson's Tree Service.
- Our equipment has held up very well through the season.
- CHIPS info: Many of the Highway Supt's met earlier this week with our Representatives in Albany to discuss the CHIPS funding (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program). Gov. Cuomo's proposed budget does not include an increase this year and hasn't for several years and the funds are much needed. Mr. Worden added that we are also asking our officials to re appropriate \$65 million for "extreme winter recovery". We are not sure if we will see any of the funding from this but any money would certainly help cover the overtime hours and costs incurred for the equipment repairs and fixing of pot holes in the Spring.

1) Mowing Services:

Mr. Worden reported that we did bid out the lawn mowing services and received one bid from Genesee Valley Lawn & Landscape. Mr. Worden stated prior to the opening of the bid he prepared numbers reflecting what it cost us last year to mow in order to compare with the quote given at this time. The hours needed to mow all areas at least once per week:

- Using part time help -\$920.00 per week
- Using full time help - \$1124.00 per week
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** Councilman Rose asked if a breakdown was given for the quote and Mr. Worden answered that the bid from Genesee Valley was very detailed breaking down the cost for each location, totaling \$740.00 per week for the period of April 15th through November 15th (32 service dates).

Mr. Worden added that if the Board approves such services prior to the mowing, he would want to take pictures in the cemeteries in order to have a base to refer back to. Mr. Worden commented that one location was added to the mowing service, referring to the Town's Recycling Center on River Road. Over the years the Highway Department has maintained the area when able but feels a mowing service would be able to care for it on a regular basis especially in the front of the building. Mr. Worden stated that Genesee Valley is fully insured and the Town would be listed as an Additional Insurer on his policy.

Supervisor Deming commented as discussed at previous meetings, we have a number of projects ahead of us this year. If mowing can be done cheaper than what we have been doing it for and frees the department up for these projects, we might want to proceed.

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose approving the bid for mowing services submitted by Genesee Valley Lawn & Landscape in the amount of \$740.00 per week, for one year. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

2) Interviews

Mr. Worden informed the Board that interviews were conducted for the previously advertised Highway position. Mr. Worden and Deputy Highway Supt. Mr. Wolfe met with each candidate but feels we should re advertise for the position.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mrs. Parnell at the request of Highway Superintendent Mr. Worden to re advertise for the position of one Full time Heavy Motor Equipment Operator for the Town of York Highway Department. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

WATER/SEWER REPORT:

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

WATER:

- Water system has been functioning well. No issues to speak of.
- A meter on Chandler Road failed a short time ago with the bottom of the meter rotting out. We changed it out and all is running properly now.
- Water Department is reading meters now for April cycle.

SEWER:

- The pumps at the Tabtronics lift station failed a week ago. A vac truck was needed to help pump the system. Both pumps at this location failed at the same

time. Barefoot Septic assisted us and we were up and running the same day. Mr. Worden stated that the cause was a great deal of flushed material lodged into the system and suggested that we send a letter to the sewer customers outlining what should not be flushed down.

Mr. Fuller suggested perhaps sending such notices to the local businesses as well to have them post in their restrooms. Mr. Worden thanked Mr. Fuller for the suggestion and stated that we certainly will.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR:

1)Kirk Richenberg:

Mr. Richenberg inquired if anyone took a ride up to Cowan Road after the last board meeting on February 7th. Supervisor Deming & Mr. Worden both replied that they drove up to the area. Mr. Deming stated that Cowan Road was certainly a mess and needed clean up. Mr. Richenberg asked if they saw anything else on site such as cattle in the road. Mr. Deming replied that they had not seen any cattle in the roadway when they arrived which was roughly 20-30 minutes after Mr. Richenberg had left the meeting but could attest to the fact that the road was the worst he had seen it. Mr. Richenberg asked if a telephone call had been made which Mr. Worden replied there was to Rob Donnan. Mr. Richenberg then asked if anything was actually done with Mr. Worden answering not that evening.

Mr. Richenberg stated at the close of February's meeting, he had asked for a bit more detailed breakdown of debt service numbers and wondered if anything was available. Supervisor Deming replied that he did receive a print out from the Town's accounting firm which he will give to Mr. Richenberg.

Mr. Richenberg commented that he has asked at several meetings about the culvert matter on Casey Road and wondered if any discussions have taken place with the owners who cleared the property. Mr. Richenberg expressed once again that their actions caused damage to our culverts and the taxpayers should not have to pay for the repairs. Mr. Worden stated no discussions have occurred.

Mr. Richenberg addressed the pumphouse and pump on Craigs Corner (2909 Federal Road). Clark Patterson Lee is supplying the pump and electricity...why? Supervisor Deming replied that Clark Patterson is paying for the pump and electric bill but billing DFA directly for the electric.

Mr. Richenberg questioned isn't the existing service a public utility? Mr. Deming answered that until the Town takes ownership this is how we will proceed which has Health Department approval.

Mr. Richenberg commented that people in Linwood are connecting now and feel this is not being handled properly. Supervisor Deming stated again that the Health Department is aware of the current procedures.

Mr. Richenberg asked about the pump delay and questioned if the delay was due to the mistakes made throughout this project by Clark Patterson Lee.

Supervisor Deming answered the delay for the pump was not because of Clark Patterson, many changes occurred in this project backing up the time table. We are also waiting for our Attorney, Mr. Campbell to finalize ownership documentation. Mr. Richenberg questioned the pump being ordered late and if this was the reason why this existing pump is in place. Supervisor Deming stated the design changed a few times creating delays and the reason for this pump.

Mr. Worden stated that the new time table for the pump is April. We have signed off on the design but we are not sure on the bidding timeline.

Mr. Richenberg asked, the pump being built was not part of the specifications for the original build.

Mr. Deming answered the delay was the number of change orders on how to put the line in.

Mr. Richenberg asked, in the agreement with the Town of Covington for 50,000 gallons per day, can our system handle that.

Supervisor Deming replied that Covington will need to put a pump in but that our system could handle it.

Mr. Richenberg questioned about the status of Anderson Road formation. Supervisor Deming stated that we were recently made aware that additional information is required for the Rural Development funding grant, which will need Comptroller's approval. When we initially began the process the yearly figures were under the Comptroller's threshold, but unfortunately the threshold changed this year, requiring further documentation. Supervisor Deming added that he along with Mr. Henry met with Rural Development regarding the grant and loan requirements, as well as obtaining the best interest rate possible. We are encouraged that we will be receiving the funding and will certainly comply with whatever additional paperwork is needed.

Mr. Richenberg asked what the plans are for the \$300,000 highway grant. Mr. Worden replied that the Geneseo Highway Superintendent has been in touch with representatives on how to proceed in order to get the most out of the funding, a priority list has been prepared. Mr. Richenberg questioned what was at the top of the list. Mr. Worden answered that a double drum roller was first, followed by a mini excavator, bulldozer and skidloader. Mr. Worden commented that each town will have to put in \$35,000.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Water Service Shut-off:
 - a- 4031 Main Street

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the Water Service Shut off request for property located at 4031 Main Street. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

2) Town of Pavilion water:

Supervisor Deming reported previously that Gary Graham and Gary Swede have expressed to our Board their interest in receiving town water. Both residences are located in the Town of Pavilion. Our current waterline goes directly past Mr. Swede's property and Mr. Graham has a portion of his land in the Town of York. After discussions with the Town of Pavilion it was determined that we could service these two locations as out of the district customers, with a 1 inch tap and for residential purposes only. We are unable to bill them directly, but can bill the Town of Pavilion quarterly, as well as for debt service. They in turn will bill their residents.

OTHER

1) Bicentennial event:

Councilwoman Parnell informed the Board that the next scheduled Bicentennial event will take place on Tuesday, March 26th at 6 pm at The Yard of Ale. The event is called, "Tap, Trivia and Treats" and is based on Mary Root's book, The History of the Town of York. Mrs. Parnell added that the 26th is the Town's actual Birthday !

BILLS

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

General Fund	# 60-82	\$ 14,990.87
Highway Fund	# 42-65	\$ 40,493.60
Consolidated Water/Sewer	# 38-59	\$ 21,123.87
Lighting District	# 3	\$ 1,794.36
Youth Fund	# 3	\$ 80.00

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until April 11th. Voted on and approved Yes-4, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine M. Harris
Christine M. Harris, Clerk

