

TOWN OF PHELPS REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 13, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Norman Teed Supervisor  
Carl Beechler Councilman  
Dennis King Councilman  
Kent Ridley Councilman  
Arthur Ruthven Councilman  
Peggy Scharett Deputy Town Clerk  
Terry Featherly Highway Superintendent

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: See listing in minutes book.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Teed called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilman Ruthven led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIATION: Supervisor Teed asked Ron Allen, Planning Board Chairman if he wished to address the Town Board regarding the Landscape Law. Mr. Allen said he thinks the two Boards should have a workshop together and go over the Law.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 8, 2013 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MTG. MINUTES: Councilman King, offered the following Resolution. RESOLVED that, the April 8, 2013 Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes be approved as written. The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Ridley, who moved its adoption. 5 AYES. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Approve Mowing Contract with Ontario Co. for 2013 (see attached).

RESOLUTION: Approve Transfer of Land on Co. Rd. 23 to Ontario Co. (see attached).

RESOLUTION: Accept Audit Report for the Town Bookkeeper (see attached).

RESOLUTION: Approve Town Assessor's Attendance at Conference (see attached).

RESOLUTION: Approve Water Structure Resolution (see attached).

RESOLUTION: Approve MRB Group to Prepare a Map, Plan and Report for the Proposed Pelis Road Water District (see attached).

RESOLUTION: Approve MRB Group Structural Engineer to Exam the Beams and Clock Tower at the Town Hall (see attached).

HIGHWAY: Highway Superintendent Featherly gave his report for the month of April 2013 (see attached).

Superintendent Featherly said he is looking to replace the pressure washer that was damaged in the fire. He said they were getting by with it; but it is not working anymore. He said to replace it would be between \$4,500-\$5,000. The Board agreed that it needs to

be purchased. Superintendent Featherly said regarding the extra \$50,000 in CHIPS money that we are to receive, he checked with all the other Towns and they are going to add road work to their projects. He said they will amend their 284 Agreement and add whatever roads they are going to do. Supervisor Teed said he had never run into that. He said we would have to check with Attorney Graff to make sure we do it legally. Councilman King asked if Superintendent Featherly had received confirmation of the extra \$50,000. Superintendent Featherly said he had gotten confirmation of the extra money. He said we are supposed to get an extra \$50,000 again next year. He said he would incorporate that into his 284 Agreement for next year.

ZONING REPORT: The Zoning Report for the month of April 2013 is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

MONTHLY REPORT: The Town Clerk's April 2013 report was reviewed by the Board Members for their approval.

DISCUSSION WITH THE SUPERVISOR: A) Supervisor Teed reminded everyone that the Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 27, 2013. Those participating in the parade have to be at the American Legion on Rt. 96, Phelps at 10:15 AM. Board Members attending will be Supervisor Teed, Councilmen Beechler, Councilman King and Councilman Ridley.

B) Councilman Beechler said we have been having small meetings regarding the new Highway Garage but have not gotten together as a whole Board. He said we could probably break it down into 2 major components: Number 1 being we have \$1.1 million dollars. Some of the numbers we have heard to put up a new building would cost in the neighborhood of \$1.5-\$1.7 million. He said those numbers are far above the amount of money we have available now. He said the question is do we want to put up the best building we can for the \$1.1 million that we have or do we want to build an all-out building and try to bond the other \$600,000. He asked what the Board's feelings were. Councilman King said he would prefer the smaller one that we could afford so we do not have to go out and bond. He said he does not believe we need to build a garage to house the trucks and we should be looking out for the taxpayers which we always do. He said there are plenty of things to spend money for in this Township that we have not been able to fund and he feels that to go out and bond money to build a place to house the trucks is not in the best interest of the people that elect us. He feels the scaled down project would be better at this time. Councilman Ridley said he does not see a problem downsizing as long as we put something up to put the trucks in. He does not feel the trucks should be outside because there are too many issues in the wintertime. He said they could be put in the cold storage building and plugged in. Councilman King said the State parks their vehicles outside 24/7/365. He said if you go up to Canandaigua on the bypass, you will see their trucks are outside year round. He said if you go up to Midlakes, the school buses that carry our children are also out year round. Victor's trucks sit out all year round. Councilman Ridley said he still would like to see them inside out of the winter weather. He said he has talked to State men and they are getting out of leaving them outside in the winter. He said it is also a safety issue because the guys are climbing all over trying to get the snow and ice off of them. Supervisor Teed said that is basically

the issue he thought of when this was proposed to build a smaller building. He said it started to be about a million dollar project and all of a sudden, the last numbers we got was approximately 2 million because of everything involved. He said if we could cut that in half and he would be in favor of keeping it a separate project, not incorporated in with this design, put up the new building with a 4 bay shop, lunchroom/break room, offices, bathrooms and then go across the street and put a pole barn in on our own, simple specifications, have overhead doors in it that are big enough to back the trucks in and plug them in and that way you do not have the snow and ice on them. He said you have to get out and going quickly. He said when this all started, he stated he would not borrow money to do this. He said the Town has never had a debt for a building and he hates to start that. Superintendent Featherly said if you are going to do it, do it right so that it fits everything. He said the new one is not enough room for everything. He said right now everything we can put indoors is indoors. Councilman Ruthven said then you are saying we are building a bigger one and there is not enough room to put everything. Superintendent Featherly said part of his job title is to make sure our equipment and the stuff that we own is safe and secure. Councilman King said he would back up a little. He said he honestly did not think about the safety. He said it is dangerous to climb up on a plow to clear the snow and ice. Councilman Ruthven said when they are plugged in they will fire right up and in 30 years he never had any problems with them. He said the State and the Thruway have been doing it for years. He said you are right, there is a safety factor involved that is why he suggested going across the street and use the cold storage building. He said he wants to tear the old building down and build a new one. Superintendent Featherly said he would rather save the money and do it right. Supervisor Teed said we are doing it right. Superintendent Featherly said he disagreed. The Board Members and the Superintendent went on to have a heated discussion. Supervisor Teed said the land that was bought from the school was specifically bought and is stated in the Resolution that it was for the future expansion of the Highway Garage. He said because we allowed people to use that land for baseball, volleyball etc., that constituted a park. He said we now have to go through the process of Alienation of Parks, and we have to have equal property to substitute for that property. He said now we have to go out and buy 3.3 acres of property to replace the land we bought for the sole purpose of expanding the highway garage. He said we have people that are posing opposition to that also.

**OPEN FORUM:** Supervisor Teed asked if anyone wished to address the Board. There was no participation.

**SPECIAL TOWN BOARD** The Board decided to hold a special meeting regarding the Highway Garage, with the hope that Pat Nicoletta from MRB can attend. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held at the Phelps Town Court/Meeting Facility, 1331 Rt. 88, Phelps, NY.

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING:** The next Regular Town Board Meeting will be Monday, June 10, 2013 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Phelps Town Court/Meeting Room, 1331 Rt. 88, Phelps, NY.

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**BILLS:** Councilman Beechler made the following Resolution. **RESOLVED** that **PREPAID GENERAL "A" - #123 - #130** in the amount of \$34,210.70,

GENERAL "A" - #131 - #162 in the amount of \$79,477.78,  
GENERAL "B" - #35 - #44 in the amount of \$11,167.02,  
PREPAID HIGHWAY "DB" - #91 in the amount of \$4,940.11,  
HIGHWAY "DB" - #92 - #131 in the amount of \$43,608.67,  
PREPAID SEWER - #7 in the amount of \$55.60,  
SEWER - #8 - #12 in the amount of \$20,668.81,  
PREPAID WHITE RD. WATER DISTRICT - #4 in the amount of \$587.45,  
WHITE RD. WATER DISTRICT - #5 in the amount of \$5.08,  
PREPAID RT. 96/488 WATER DISTRICT - #14 in the amount of \$255.58,  
RT. 96/488 WATER DISTRICT - #15 - #17 in the amount of \$717.88,  
ORLEANS WATER DISTRICT - #12 - #13 in the amount of \$1,396.89,  
PREPAID SPAFFORD RD. WATER DISTRICT - #13 in the amount of \$5,012.00,  
SPAFFORD RD. WATER DISTRICT - #14 - #17 in the amount of \$47.38,  
MELVIN HILL RD. WATER DISTRICT - #12 - #18 in the amount of \$976.10,  
PREPAID TRUST & AGENCY - #12 in the amount of \$2,104.13  
TRUST & AGENCY - #13 - #14 in the amount of \$613.09 be approved. The Resolution was seconded by Councilman King, who moved its adoption. 5 AYES. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman King offered the following Resolution. RESOLVED that, the meeting be adjourned. The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Ruthven, who moved its adoption. 5 AYES. Motion carried.

TIME:

8:13 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Scharett  
Deputy Town Clerk