

MARCH 9, 2009 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Norman Teed Supervisor
Carl Beechler Councilman
Doris Day Councilwoman
John Dole Councilman
James Mattoon Councilman
Terry Featherly Highway Superintendent
Linda Nieskes Town Clerk

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: See listing in book.

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

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: WILLIAM SMITH, 2530 WADDELL ROAD, CLIFTON SPRINGS: Mr. Smith thanked the Board for the answers to his questions. Mr. Smith said he had a question regarding the 20 pounds of pressure at his house. He said his house registered at 15.5 pounds on Sunday. He said he has a gauge at his home and checks the pressure quite frequently. He said Mike Vienna does the best that he can and he commends him for it. He said the NYS Department of Health Public Water Systems Manual 1992, Chapter 5-127 states that the water will operate at 20 pounds. He said his house is the first one on the main and that is from where the pressure should be taken. He said this has been ongoing since the tank was put in there. He said he had an engineer do a footprint on the complete layout of the tank and the elevation. He said something needs to be done about this.

CORRECTIONS TO THE FEBRUARY 9, 2009 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES Councilwoman Day, offered the following Resolution. RESOLVED that, the February 9, 2009 Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes be approved as corrected. The amount of the new truck for the Highway is \$22,872.50 not \$42,872.50 as stated in the draft minutes. The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Beechler, who moved its adoption. 5 AYES. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Appoint Zoning and Planning Board Secretary (see attached).

RESOLUTION: Modify Budget for Demolition of Unsafe Buildings (see attached).

RESOLUTION: Approve Glen Wilkes' Appointment to the Ontario Co. Planning Board (see attached).

RESOLUTION: Permission to Install Flashing Sign on Smith Road (see attached).

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HIGHWAY:

Highway Superintendent Featherly gave his February 2009 Highway Report.

Superintendent Featherly said he is getting the pumps rebuilt for the roller. He said he would like to replace the broom on the broom tractor. It will be about \$9,000. He said he would like to get it fixed and get rid of it while it is still working. He said he could get a decent roller for around \$45,000. Superintendent Featherly said he had gotten prices for the 5 garage doors from Finger Lakes Door. He said the R-Value 8 price is \$8,600 and the R-Value 14 is \$11,200. Supervisor Teed asked Superintendent Featherly to obtain 2 more quotes for the doors. Superintendent Featherly said he had gotten a quote from Caledonia Diesel to paint parts of the 6-wheel Mack. He said the amount to paint the body of the truck would be \$3,600 and the frame is an additional \$1,390. Superintendent Featherly said this is truck #5, which is Lee G. Walters' truck. Councilman Dole asked how soon this truck would be replaced. Superintendent Featherly said next year. He said he would like to paint a different truck every year.

Superintendent Featherly said he would like to have an equipment reserve fund and when equipment is sold at the auction the money can be put into that account to purchase new equipment.

Superintendent Featherly said he had applied for and received an Economic Stimulus Grant of \$150,000 for Bankert Road.

Superintendent Featherly said he talked to 3M and had gotten a grant to update signs by 2012. All the street signs have to be 12".

Superintendent Featherly was asked how the quantity of salt is. He said we should be good, as long as the weather holds.

ZONING REPORT:

The Zoning Report for the month of February 2009 is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

MONTHLY REPORT:

The Town Clerk's February 2009 report was reviewed by the Board Members for their approval.

DISCUSSION WITH THE SUPERVISOR:

A) Supervisor Teed said we received word from NYSDOT approving the Spafford Road speed reduction to 40 mph.

B) Supervisor Teed said he had answered Mr. Smith's questions that were given to the Board last month.

C) Supervisor Teed said the Town Clerk has information regarding the upcoming Sulphur Springs Festival. Clerk Nieskes told the Board the parade would be Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 6:00 PM. She said it is still early, but would need to know those members that will be attending this year.

D) Supervisor Teed said he had received word that Paul Russell, formerly of

JR Engineering, has filed bankruptcy. He said we will still pursue this; but does not know where it will end.

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NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: The next Town Board Meeting will be held Monday, April 13, 2009, at the Phelps Town Court/Meeting Room, 1331 Rt. 88, Phelps at 7:00 PM.

BILLS: Councilman Mattoon offered the following Resolution. RESOLVED that the following bills:
GENERAL "A" - #58 - #87 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,980.55,
GENERAL "B" - #23 - #30 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$339.71,
SEWER - #5 - #8 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66.63,
HIGHWAY "DB" - #29 - #58 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$123,703.45,
WHITE ROAD WATER DISTRICT #5 - #6 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23.84,
RT. 96/488 WATER DISTRICT - #7 - #11 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,952.21,
ORLEANS WATER DISTRICT - #8 - #14 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,296.70,
SPAFFORD RD. WATER DISTRICT - #3 - #6 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$132.67,
MELVIN HILL WATER DISTRICT - #7 - #9 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36.86,
TRUST & AGENCY - #8 - #9 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,856.66
be paid. The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Beechler, who moved its adoption. 5 AYES. Carried.

OPEN FORUM: Supervisor Teed asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

DONALD ROMEISER, 1600 MELVIN HILL ROAD, PHELPS: Mr. Romeiser asked if it was correct that the Village Crew removed the buildings from the County Rd. 6 property site? Supervisor Teed said he was correct. He said Superintendent Featherly did not want to use our rubber tire machine, so the Village used their track machine.

RICK ELDRIDGE, SMITH ROAD, CLIFTON SPRINGS: Mr. Eldridge said he is very concerned about the reassessments that are being done in the Town of Phelps. He said with the economy in the shape it is, people cannot afford to pay more money. He said with the housing market going down, it would seem the assessments should be going down not up. Supervisor Teed explained that the State mandates the Towns to be at 100% assessment. He said when people pay more for the housing than it is assessed for, it drops that percentage and reassessments have to be done to bring the percentage back up to 100%. Mr. Eldridge said the assessors are driving around looking at homes and taking pictures and they have no signs on their vehicles to identify who they are. He said he feels it is very bad timing to be doing reassessments now.

WILLIAM SMITH, WADDELL ROAD, CLIFTON SPRINGS: Mr. Smith said he

agrees with Mr. Eldridge. He said how would you like to live with a water tank behind your house, with low water pressure, not feel safe in your house and then have your assessment go up \$6,000 to \$7,000.

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ADJOURNMENT: Councilwoman Day offered the following Resolution. RESOLVED that, The Town Board Meeting be adjourned. The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Mattoon, who moved its adoption. 5 AYES. Motion carried.

TIME: 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Nieskes
Town Clerk