

# MINUTES OF THE SMITHVILLE TOWN BOARD

January 16, 2012

The regular meeting of the Smithville Town Board was called to order at 6:30pm by Supervisor Fred Heisler Jr.

Present were the following:

Supervisor Heisler

Also

Councilpersons:

Bruce Kinney, Highway Sup't

Elizabeth Vanderweyde

Alison Owens, Town Clerk

Bob Whitmore

Jackie Centerwall, PB Chair

Charles Schultes

Patti Heisler

John Cammarata

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS: adding C4 2 items of Correspondence from Mang Ins./Selective Ins.

COMMENTS BY SUPERVISOR HEISLER

Supervisor Heisler would like Committee reports for next month.

Voting on Town Board Resolutions should include the Supervisor.

## CORRESPONDENCE

C1: Nornew Letter: a notice of intent has been filed by Norse Energy with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission seeking approval for the consumptive use of water for drilling and the development of a natural gas well on the Nowalk property on Enggaard Rd.

C2: copies of signed Fire contracts for Genegantslet and Smithville Center Fire Districts have been filed with the Town Clerk.

C3: Assoc. of Towns material regarding the sponsored Resolutions for 2012 was read by Supervisor Heisler. They are summarized as follows:

- Preserve and strengthen home rule
- Mandate relief
- Publication of legal notices
- Road preservation securities and road use agreements
- Preserve land use authority for natural gas drilling
- Funding local costs associated with gas extraction
- Requesting meaningful participation in the siting of major power generation facilities
- Reform real property tax system
- Highway bridge and transportation funding for 2012/2013 Budget
- Eliminate requirement to collect State animal surcharge for the animal population control program
- Fund local FEMA cost share
- Authority to charge gross receipts tax on utility bills
- Surcharges to fund Justice Courts and Town prosecutors
- Preserve dedicated funds for local purposes

Town Clerk Owens will call to see if the Resolutions need formal approval.

C4: notification from Selective/Mang Ins. regarding renewal. Renewal is by March 17<sup>th</sup> but there are some changes being made in the coverage. Mang usually makes a presentation to the Board before the renewal date.

## OLD BUSINESS

OB1: Citizens Bank accounts: Citizens, owned by the Royal Bank of Scotland, will no longer collateralize funds. This will take effect after 2012. Supervisor Heisler asked what would the Board like to do with regard to the accounts affected by the decision of Citizens? Tioga State Bank and NBT are other options. Board members will consider these options.

OB2: Town Clerk counter window covering: A quote of \$850. was given by Overhead Door for a replacement window covering, a metal rolling device, on the Town Clerk counter window. In addition, Supervisor Heisler spoke of 3 other items (listed under NEW BUSINESS) also needing replacement and asked the Board to consider them as well.

MINUTES OF THE SMITHVILLE TOWN BOARD

January 16, 2012

NEW BUSINESS

NB1: Change Community Center key: Many of the original keys are unaccounted for. Supervisor Heisler indicated an approximate cost of \$200. to rekey the lock on the Community Center door. This includes labor, lock and \$2.00 for each key.

NB2: Water cooler in kitchen: This item no longer works properly and should be replaced at an approx cost of \$100.

NB3: Light Post outside the Community Center: this was blown down by a storm last summer and will cost approximately \$60. to replace.

Supervisor Heisler would like to see all of these items replaced or attended to for the approx cost of \$1100-1200. The money would come from the \$1000. encumbered by the previous Town Board in December 2011, and any additional would come from the Community Center account A1620.4.

Councilman Cammarata suggested a keyless entry, available at Lowe's for approx. \$140. He will obtain more information and contact Town Clerk Owens.

Based on the discussion the following Resolution was brought forth:

**RESOLUTION # 4 (2012): APPROVE WINDOW COVERING, WATER COOLER AND LIGHT POLE REPLACEMENT**

On a motion by Councilwoman Vanderweyde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Schultes, the following Resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES: Vanderweyde, Schultes, Whitmore, Cammarata, Heisler

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to set approval of the purchases of the Town Clerk's window covering, the water cooler for the kitchen and the light post for outside. RESOLVED also to table discussion on replacing locks until Councilman Cammarata has a chance to look at keyless entry locks.

MINUTES APPROVAL: minutes of December 21, 2011 and January 2, 2012 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Cammarata, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Vanderweyde. All five Board members: Vanderweyde, Schultes, Whitmore, Cammarata and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

REPORTS

R1.) Planning Board—PB has re-scheduled a Public Hearing for Jan. 23, 2012 on Lyon subdivision

R2.) Assessor: no report

R3.) Enforcement Officer: no written report but is working on a problem in the Town County: no report

R4.) Justice: December 2011 report submitted; Annual report submitted and ready for audit

R5.) DCO: no report

R6.) Attorney: report submitted

R7.) Smithville Day: no report

R8.) Community Center: verbal report given by Town Clerk Owens. Complaints were received from Church members using the building about propane burner on north wall of main room being excessively hot. After 2 trips for repairs/adjustments to the burner, a Mirabito repairman has said the burner is working fine and there is no reason for alarm, even if the burner seems hot.

R9.) Playground Committee: verbal report given by Elizabeth Vanderweyde. Spring project is to finish the insides of the new restrooms.

R10) Town Clerk: report submitted

# MINUTES OF THE SMITHVILLE TOWN BOARD

January 16, 2012

R11) Highway: report submitted and on file in the minute book.

- “93” side dump has been repaired, plow has not been repaired.
- “02” needs wing repair.
- New tires for different trucks/will try some studding.
- FEMA estimate on Windham Rd.
- FEMA creek work on Pond Creek @ Stan Emert’s and also at Art Lake
- The Town Board will tour the Town Barn Friday to see what changes/repairs could/should be made
- Phone tree listing as typed puts a Highway person in charge in Hwy Sup’t absence. The Union Rep does not like the word “on call” because that person would have to be paid for a minimum 4 hr. block of time. After discussion it was suggested to replace the words “on call” with “listed” and call it an emergency phone tree.

R12) Supervisor’s Report: approved in a motion by Councilwoman Vanderweyde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Schultes. All 5 Board members: Vanderweyde, Schultes, Whitmore, Cammarata and Heisler were in favor, motion carried. Board members asked if an audit be conducted? It was suggested to call the State Comptroller’s Office in Binghamton to ask if an audit was necessary, especially when changing from 1 Supervisor to another.

## WARRANTS

General Warrant # 1, Vouchers # 1-14, in the amount of \$2870.51 was submitted for payment. A motion was made by Councilwoman Vanderweyde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Cammarata to accept and pay these claims. All 5 Board members: Vanderweyde, Schultes, Whitmore, Cammarata and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

Highway Warrant # 1. Vouchers # 1-14, in the amount of \$9957.21 was submitted for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Schultes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Whitmore to accept and pay these claims. All 5 Board members: Vanderweyde, Schultes, Whitmore, Cammarata and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

**FYI items:** were mentioned

NYSEG: new transmission line in Chenango Co.

NYSEG: confirmation of change to 5 Town accounts

There was no other business to come before the Board. The next Town Board meeting will be February 20, 2012. A motion was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Schultes to adjourn. All 5 Board members: Vanderweyde, Schultes, Whitmore, Cammarata and Heisler were in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Alison B. Owens

Smithville Town Clerk