

Minutes of 5 Public Hearings
November 5, 2014

OPENING

by Supervisor Fred Heisler Jr.

6:40PM

ATTENDANCE in addition to Supervisor Heisler
Councilman Bob Whitmore
Councilman Karl Ludwig
Councilman Tom Pollard, initially absent, arrived at 7:10pm
Councilman John Cammarata, absent

ALSO:
Highway Sup't Harry Schultes, arrived late
Town Clerk Alison Owens

The purpose of the meeting was to hold Public Hearings on 3 Fire Districts and the Snowmobile and Seasonal roads. Additionally, it was mentioned the Oxford Fire Contract final budget figure would be \$16,700. rather than \$16,865. as the original contract stated and was printed in the Preliminary Budget.

Genegantslet Fire Company Budget Public Hearing: The amount of the contract for 2015 is unchanged from 2014 @ \$87,285.00. The Public Notice was read and Supervisor Heisler declared the Hearing open. There was no Public Comment and Supervisor Heisler declared the Public Hearing closed.

Smithville Center Fire District Budget Public Hearing: The amount of the contract for 2015 is unchanged from 2014 @\$10,000.00. The Public Notice was read and Supervisor Heisler declared the Hearing open. There was no Public Comment and Supervisor Heisler declared the Public Hearing closed.

Oxford District Budget Public Hearing: This is a 5yr contract with the following amounts having been recalculated in discussion between the Oxford Fire Dept and Supervisor Heisler (including the Towns of Preston and Oxford):

2015: \$16,700.

2016: \$17,034.

2017: \$17,375.

2018: \$17,725.

2019: \$18,081.

The Public Notice was read and Supervisor Heisler declared the Hearing open. Councilman Whitmore commented that there is no other contract with similar Fire companies that are 5 year contracts. He questioned the feasibility of having a 5 yr. contract with incremental raises. There was no other Public Comment and Supervisor Heisler declared the Public Hearing closed.

Smithville Seasonal Highways Public Hearing: The Public Hearing notice with the list of proposed Seasonal Roads was read by Town Clerk Owens and Supervisor Heisler declared the Public Hearing open. There was no Public Comment. Supervisor Heisler declared the Public Hearing Closed.

Smithville Snowmobile Roads Public Hearing: The Public Hearing notice with the list of proposed Snowmobile Roads was read by Town Clerk Owens and Supervisor Heisler declared the Public Hearing open. There was no Public Comment. Supervisor Heisler declared the Public Hearing Closed.

It was noted that there have been some road name modifications that should be changed for next year's Snowmobile and Seasonal road list.

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ACTIONS:

RESOLUTION # 38 (2014): APPROVE GENEGANTSLET AND SMITHVILLE CENTER FIRE DISTRICT CONTRACTS FOR 2015

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Supervisor Heisler, the following resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES	Ludwig, Pollard, Heisler,
NAYES	0
ABSENT	Cammarata
ABSTAIN	Whitmore

RESOLVED to approve the Genegantslet Fire Contract amounts and the Smithville Center Fire Contract amounts as published in the Chenango American for the period 1/1/2015 thru 12/31/2015.

RESOLUTION # 39 (2014): APPROVE OXFORD FIRE DISTRICT CONTRACT FOR 2015-2019

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Supervisor Heisler, the following resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES	Ludwig, Pollard, Heisler
NAYES	0
ABSENT	Cammarata
ABSTAIN	Whitmore

RESOLVED to approve the Oxford Fire Contract in the amounts as follows and as published in the Chenango American: 2015:\$16,700.; 2016:\$17,034.; 2017: \$17,375.; 2018: \$17,725.; 2019: \$18,081. These rates are for 1/1/2015 thru 12/31/2019

RESOLUTION # 40 (2014): APPROVE SEASONAL HIGHWAYS AND SNOWMOBILE ROADS FOR THE PERIOD NOV. 1, 2014- APR. 1, 2015.

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Pollard, the following resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES	Whitmore, Ludwig, Cammarata, Heisler
NAYES	0
ABSENT	Cammarata

RESOLVED to approve the list of Seasonal Highways and Snowmobile Roads in the Town of Smithville from Nov. 1, 2014 to Apr. 1, 2015 as published in the Chenango American.

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2015 Budget Discussion:

The Board then discussed the 2015 Budget going over the figures line by line to determine if all accounts and calculations were correct. Four errors were noted:

- A3120.1 and A3120.4 (Constable) back into the line items. Because this was zeroed out in the Budget last year, the bookkeeper's software program deleted it this year. Due to the recent vandalism in the Flats, the Board is considering hiring part-time off duty patrols of the area. Citizens have requested this.
- Moving the \$1,000 in A8020.1 to A8020.4. The Planning Board does not receive a salary, but rather a stipend amount. This was changed a few years ago under Supervisor Johnson but somehow this year the change was made by the software program.
- There were also questions to the bookkeeper about the error in last year's budget and how the figures should read in the Preliminary Budget under DA5142.1
- The final figures in the last column on the right side of each page have not been filled in. This will need to be done before the Board finalizes the Budget.
- On the next to last page, the calculations for the tax rate are inconsistently produced. Under 2015 in the 1st column under "Assessed Value" there are no decimal points at the end of the value and there is an extra column which reads "Assessed Value/1000" and which rounds up the figures if the 1st column values are used. Supervisor Heisler will ask the bookkeeper to clean up the 1st column and delete the "Assessed Value/1000".

Another meeting will take place Nov. 10th 6:30pm to go over the corrections in the Preliminary budget figures prior to adoption to a finalized budget. The following Resolution was brought forth to add line items back in the 2015 Budget:

RESOLUTION # 41 (2014): REVISE 2015 BUDGET TO INCLUDE A3120.1 AND A3120.4

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Pollard, the following resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES	Whitmore, Ludwig, Cammarata, Heisler
NAYES	0
ABSENT	Cammarata

RESOLVED to revise the 2015 Preliminary Budget to include the Constable line item of A3120.1 and A3120.4, which at this time will both be zero amounts.

There was no other business to come before the Board. Supervisor Heisler declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.

Alison B. Owens

Smithville Town Clerk