

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
Public Hearing Preliminary 2015 Budget
October 20, 2014

OPENING

by Supervisor Fred Heisler Jr.

6:30PM

ATTENDANCE in addition to Supervisor Heisler
Councilman Bob Whitmore
Councilman Karl Ludwig
Councilman Tom Pollard
Councilman John Cammarata

ALSO:

Highway Sup't Harry Schultes
Town Clerk Alison Owens
Jim Kozak, Enf. Officer
Ken Whitmore III
Louis Merlino, resident
Bill Rudy, Engineer
Jackie Centerwall, PB Chair

LATE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REMARKS

Item of correspondence C1 and NB3 Jr. Grange request for \$300. for the annual Christmas party

PUBLIC HEARING—2015 Preliminary Budget as declared OPEN by Supervisor Heisler @ 6:32pm
The Legal notice as published in the Chenango American was read by Town Clerk Owens. Supervisor Heisler asked for Public Comment. There were no comments. Supervisor Heisler declared the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget closed at 6:33pm. There was no further action on the Preliminary Budget.

CORRESPONDENCE

6:55PM

C1) Notification of filing of Local Law # 1 2014 at the NYS Records and Law Bureau
C2) Thank you from Grange for Harvest Festival

NEW BUSINESS

7:00PM

NB1) Town Barn Engineering Plans: discussion about repairs/addition to the Town Barn. Members of the Town Board had previously toured the Afton Town Barn and had found the process/design similar to what is hoped for in Smithville. Mr. Bill Rudy was recommended as an Engineering firm who could work with the Town of Smithville. Mr. Rudy presented samples of buildings he has designed/worked on. He indicated it would take about 8 weeks to finish the drawings (put on paper/make floor plan), then work in design development. Mr. Rudy's firm will not design to build over old in ground tanks—the Town must work with the DEC to remove tanks and fill in with gravel. It was mentioned the Town had possibly had old tanks uncovered and filled in about 25 years ago.

Mr. Rudy was also designing a probable 36x90' (approx. cost) \$180,000. addition to the Town Barn. A pole barn would be easier to construct; a metal building would ascetically be a mismatch to the existing building. His recommendation was to put the new addition out to bid first, and then have the existing building fixed. He had a concern about asbestos in the current barn as it was built in the late 1960's. The cost for writing the proposal would be \$8,000. but does not include the clerking cost which can be added in. Supervisor Heisler asked Board members if they wanted to move forward with the Engineering plan for the Town Board addition. Board members were affirmative in the following Resolution.

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RESOLUTION # 36 (2014): CONTRACT WITH BILL RUDY ENGINEERING FOR DESIGN OF ADDITION TO TOWN BARN

On a motion by Councilman Cammarata, 2nd by Councilman Pollard the following Resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore, Heisler
NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to contract with Bill Rudy Engineering for design of the Town Barn addition, modifying the dimensions of the addition and adding the "clerking" for a total cost of \$8,000.

NB2) sales tax reimbursement

Purchases for the Town cannot have sales tax reimbursement to those requesting so.

NB3) request from Jr. Grange for \$300. to the Children's Christmas party. Board members noted there was only \$200. left in the A7550.4 account for celebrations and that the amount in that line item had already been increased in the 2014 Budget.

RESOLUTION # 35: DENY REQUEST FROM JR. GRANGE FOR ADDITIONAL MONIES FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Cammarata, the following Resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore, Heisler
NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to deny the Jr. Grange their request for an additional \$100. for the Children's Christmas Party. The line item account A7550.4 shows a balance of \$200. which can be vouchered for and used for the event. The line item, which is used for children's events, was increased to \$400. in 2014 from 2013's amount of \$300.

OLD BUSINESS

7:40PM

OB1) Time Warner Cable contract: no new information. Several complaints town-wide have been expressed about the service. Supervisor Heisler will contact TW and ask additional questions.

OB2) Town entrance signs on State Hwy 41. No new information.

OB3) Cowles Cemetery Eagle project update: There will be a work session at the Cemetery on Sat. Oct. 25th from 1-5pm under the direction of potential Eagle Scout Scott Lord.

OB4) Community Center building repair by IOK Carpentry: The Town Insurance co. said IOK could do the repair project on the outside of the building. The Town insurance comp will cover the repair.

OB5) The JCAP grant was mailed certified mail and return receipt received.

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REPORTS

7:50PM

R1.) Highway: late report submitted

The Town of Coventry is in the process of purchasing the '99 MACK truck and possibly will buy one of the old boxes from one of the other trucks. The Highway Committee talked about getting rid of the red 550 p/u which does not have a plow. Hwy Sup't Schultes said this month's warrant will be over budget on the contractual for repairs. He requested the Board move \$15,000 out of new equipment DA5130.2 to contractual repairs DA5130.4 help with grader tire purchases and vehicle repairs to the pick/u and Volvo. This was put to Resolution.

RESOLUTION # 36: TRANSFER \$15,000. FROM HIGHWAY NEW EQUIPMENT TO CONTRACTUAL REPAIRS

On a motion by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilman Ludwig, the following Resolution was ADOPTED.

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

RESOLVED to transfer \$15,000. From Highway New Equipment DA5130.2 to Contractual Repairs DA5130.4 to help with purchases of tires for the grader and vehicle repairs to the 550 p/u and Volvo.

R2.) Assessor: no report submitted

R3.) Enforcement Officer: report submitted. A replacement Enforcement Officer will be needed for January. The Holding tanks—about 6 which are mostly at Echo Lake—the new Enforcement Officer will need to make sure those are pumped out.

It was asked what kind of training is available for Enforcement Officers? EO Kozak replied, None really. The County will do a semi-training for Town Code Enforcement Officers, but there is no specialized training available. He also explained several scenarios which will require the Town to do some updates on. A letter was also written by a County Code Enforcement Officer to Wes Geib reminding him of his need to interact with the Town and County to fix the septic situation on his property. The Town had denied his septic permit variance in April 2014.

County: report of building permit applications submitted

R4.) vacant

R5.) DCO: late report submitted. There is an ongoing problem between 2 residents on Collyer Rd. regarding dogs. One owner is still coming to the DCO's place of employment to talk to her.

R6.) Attorney: no report submitted. The Attorney has given notice he will not be available in 2015.

R7.) Smithville Day: no report submitted

R8.) Custodian: report submitted. The new air conditioners seem to be running constantly.

R9.) Playground Committee: report submitted.

R10) Town Clerk: report submitted

R11) Planning Board: report submitted. Gerst Subdivision needs to be modified to include a separate driveway for the 2nd lot on the subdivision. If the Site Plan Review Local Law had been in place, several items in this subdivision would not have been problematic.

3 Recommendations from the County were given on the Site Plan Review. Those changes will be made and then the Local Law will be presented to the Town Board.

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No new information on the Road Preservation Local Law. The Town can use the McDonough law as a template. The Town Fee schedule will be reviewed again. And the Town Survey is available on the website and at the Clerk's office.

R12) Supervisor's Report: report submitted. A motion to accept the Supervisor's report was made by Councilman Cammarata, 2nd by Councilman Ludwig. All 4 Board members: Cammarata, Whitmore, Ludwig and Heisler were in favor, Councilman Pollard was absent. Motion carried.

PAYMENT FOR THE NEW HIGHWAY TRUCK

Supervisor Heisler suggested taking \$124,000. From Highway Savings and the remaining amount of \$60,983. From the Highway Major Equipment Account. The reimbursement monies received from CHIPS in December will go back into Highway Savings. Board members discussed this and agreed in the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION # 37: TRANSFERS TO PAY FOR NEW HIGHWAY TRUCK

On a motion by Supervisor Heisler, 2nd by Councilman Whitmore, the following Resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore, Heisler
NAYES: 0

Whereas the final cost of the new Town truck is \$184,983., be it therefore resolved to pay for the new Highway truck as follows: 1.) transfer \$124,000. From Highway Saving Acc't 8001634217, to Highway Checking and 2) transfer \$60,983. From the Highway Major Equipment Acc't to Highway Checking. The reimbursement from CHIPS will go back into Highway Savings.

(This Resolution was completed before Councilman Pollard left the meeting at 8:13pm)

\$26,000. Residual money received from FEMA was auto deposited into General Savings, will possibly move it into Highway Savings at a later date.

MINUTES APPROVAL for Sept. 15th and Oct. 2nd

8:45PM

A motion to accept both sets of minutes was made by Councilman Cammarata, 2nd by Councilman Whitmore. All 4 Board members: Cammarata, Whitmore, Ludwig and Heisler were in favor, Councilman Pollard was absent. Motion carried.

WARRANTS

8:50PM

General Warrant # 10 with Vouchers # 128-142 in the amount of \$2,989.47 was submitted for payment. Some minor changes to the vouchers had been made previous to the meeting. A motion to pay these vouchers with noted changes was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Cammarata. All 4 Board members: Cammarata, Whitmore, Ludwig and Heisler were in favor, Councilman Pollard was absent. Motion carried.

Highway Warrant # 10 with Vouchers # 92-102 in the amount of \$16,288.44 was submitted for payment. A motion to pay these vouchers was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilman Ludwig. All 4 Board members: Cammarata, Whitmore, Ludwig and Heisler were in favor, Councilman Pollard was absent. Motion carried.

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Public Hearings Resolution:

RESOLUTION # 38: ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR 3 FIRE CONTRACTS, SNOWMOBILE, SEASONAL ROADS

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Cammarata, the following Resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES: Ludwig, Cammarata, Whitmore, Heisler

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: Pollard

Resolved to advertise in the Chenango American for Public Hearings for the Genegantslet and Smithville Center fir contracts for 2015; the Oxford fire contract for 2015-2019, and also for the Snowmobile and Seasonal roads for the period Nov. 1, 2014-April 1, 2015. The Public Hearings will start at 6:30pm on Wed. Nov. 5th at the Community Center in Smithville Flats.

There was no other business to come before the Board. Supervisor Heisler declared the meeting adjourned at 9:08PM. The next meeting will be Nov. 5th (Public Hearing) and Nov. 17th (regular meeting).

Alison B. Owens

Smithville Town Clerk