

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
November 17, 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
Jackie Centerwall, PB Chair
Christine Stark, DCO

LATE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REMARKS
Adding C1) Municipal Energy Program opportunity

CORRESPONDENCE 6:40PM
C1) Association of Towns: A survey and email from the Association regarding a Municipal Energy Program was received earlier and the results were also emailed to municipalities. This program is being tested in various markets and can be applied for if the Town is interested. Supervisor Heisler suggested waiting until other municipalities had had experience with the energy program to see how well it does.

NEW BUSINESS 6:45PM
NB1) positions to advertise in Chenango American. For 2015, the following positions will be vacant: Enforcement Officer, Attorney, Deputy Town Clerk, 1 Planning Board member. The following Resolution to advertise these positions in the Chenango American was brought forth.

RESOLUTION # 42 (2014): ADVERTISE VACANT 2015 POSITIONS IN THE CHENANGO AMERICAN

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

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

RESOLVED to advertise the 2015 vacant positions of Enforcement Officer, Attorney for the Town, Deputy Town Clerk and 1 Planning Board member in the Chenango American for 2 weeks.

NB2) appointment of Suzette Valachovic as Clerk, part-time (for Planning Board); application approved by Chenango County.

RESOLUTION # 43 (2014): APPOINT SUZETTE VALACHOVIC AS CLERK, PART-TIME

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

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

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RESOLVED to appoint Suzette Valachovic as Clerk, part-time for the Town of Smithville, specifically to work in the Planning Department, effective December 1st.

OLD BUSINESS

7:00PM

OB1) Time Warner Cable contract. Supervisor Heisler has had difficulty getting in touch with Dave Whalen of Time Warner Cable. He has made attempts to contact Mr. Whalen but there has been no response.

OB2) Town Barn Engineering Plans: Mr. Rudy is ill and will not be able to complete the engineering design of the Town Barn project. Supervisor Heisler is investigating other options and will invite perspectives to the December 15th Town Board meeting.

OB3) Town entrance signs on State Hwy 41: SHS needs more examples. Supervisor Heisler will meet with Rapp Signs tomorrow to obtain more samples.

OB4) Cowles Cemetery Eagle project. The initial clearing of the cemetery has taken place and while it looks much better, there will still be additional work done.

OB5) Community Center building repair by IOK Carpentry. The repair will probably not be done until spring. Painting quotes for the Community Center also in the spring.

OB6) Adopting of 2015 Preliminary Budget as Final. With no more changes to the 2015 Preliminary Budget to be made, Supervisor Heisler asked for a Resolution adopting the final budget.

RESOLUTION # 44 (2014): ADOPT THE 2015 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS THE FINAL 2015 BUDGET

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

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

RESOLVED to adopt the Town of Smithville 2015 Preliminary Budget as the Final 2015 Budget.

REPORTS

7:30PM

R1.) Highway: no report submitted. State contract for salt is not from Cargill this year so salt was ordered separately from another vendor. CHIPS check should be available in December. Was the money transferred from last month's meeting? Supervisor Heisler advised that it is in the process. Hwy Sup't Schultes would like the financial spreadsheet a few days earlier.

R2.) Assessor: report submitted.

R3.) Enforcement Officer: report submitted County: no report submitted

R4.) Vacant

R5.) DCO: report submitted. Current problems from last month are resolving themselves. 2 dogs lost, 1 was found.

R6.) Attorney: no report submitted

R7.) Smithville Day: no report submitted

R8.) Custodian: no report submitted

R9.) Playground Committee: no report submitted

R10) Town Clerk: report submitted

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R11) Planning Board: report submitted. Mullenax/Gerst subdivision final plan was submitted to the Town Clerk. The Public Hearing will be December 8th and monies from the fees of the subdivision application will be put into "green"/open spaces projects.

The Site Plan Review plan has been completed and was presented to the Town Board for their review and then Public Hearing. Surveys are available and will be mailed out to some 1300 individuals. Supervisor Heisler said there appears to be a County fund available for Planning Dept.'s, perhaps to update the Comprehensive Plan. Heisler suggested something could be applied for if it was to be used as a planning or economic tool.

R12) **Supervisor's Report:** report submitted. Supervisor Heisler reviewed some transactions on the Supervisor's report with Board members. A motion to accept the Supervisor's report was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Pollard. All 5 Boardmembers: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore, Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

Christmas wreaths: Local Resident and business owner Tim Braman has agreed to put up and take down the hamlets Christmas wreaths and flags, but would like some compensation for gas, etc.

RESOLUTION # 45 (2014): AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF \$200. PER YEAR TO BRAMAN FOR PUTTING UP/TAKING DOWN OF WREATHS AND FLAGS ON TOWN POLES

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

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

RESOLVED to pay Braman \$200. Per year to Braman for his services in putting up and taking down the Christmas lights and U.S flags on the street poles in the hamlet. Such funds will be taken from Highway contractual A5110.4

The new Oxford Fire Contract has been signed by Supervisor Heisler; the Genegantslet and Smithville Center contracts will be signed.

Senator Libous office: another application re: grant will be in the mail soon.

MINUTES APPROVAL for Oct. 20th, Nov. 5th, Nov. 10th 8:15PM

The minutes were reviewed and Councilman Whitmore motioned to approve all 3 sets of minutes. This was 2nd by Councilman Pollard and all 5 Board members: Whitmore, Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

WARRANTS 8:20PM

General Warrant # 11, Vouchers # 143-157 in the amount of \$2,825.22 were submitted for payment. After review of the claims, Councilman Cammarata motioned to approve the payment of these claims, 2nd by Councilman Ludwig. All 5 Board members: Whitmore, Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

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Highway Warrant # 11, Vouchers # 103-111 in the amount of \$12,324.82. were submitted for payment. After review of the claims, Councilman Ludwig motioned to approve the payment of these claims, 2nd by Councilman Pollard. All 5 Board members: Whitmore, Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Heisler were in favor, motion carried. It was noted that significant repairs have been made to the '02 International truck.

There was no other business to come before the Board. Supervisor Heisler declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38PM. The next meeting will be December 15th.

Alison B. Owens
Smithville Town Clerk