

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
October 19, 2015

OPENING

6:30PM

ATTENDANCE in addition to Supervisor Heisler:

Councilman Tom Pollard
Councilman John Cammarata
Councilman Karl Ludwig
Councilman Bob Whitmore

ALSO:

Alison Owens, Town Clerk
Gloria Micha, Assessor
Harry Schultes, Highway Sup't
Jackie Centerwall, PB Chair
Ken Whitmore, Hwy workers
BarbaraAnn, Terry Whitmore
DCO Christine Stark

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEASONAL ROADS (6:35PM) AND SNOWMOBILE ROADS (6:40PM)

The Seasonal Road Public Hearing was declared OPEN @ 6:35pm by Supervisor Heisler, and the legal notice as published in the Chenango American was read by Town Clerk Owens. There was no Public Comment. The Hearing was declared CLOSED @ 6:36pm.

The Public Hearing for Snowmobile Roads was declared OPEN @ 6:39pm by Supervisor Heisler. Town Clerk Owens read the legal notice as published in the Chenango American. Councilman Pollard commented that snowmobiles were piling snow from the sled treads onto his driveway, creating a hump, and asked if the 5mph speed limit on Art Lake Rd. would still be in effect. Councilman Whitmore said that names of 2 of the roads on the snowmobile list had changed and should be reflected in the list of Snowmobile roads. The Public Hearing was declared CLOSED @ 7:43pm.

RESOLUTION # 45 (2015) : NAME CORRECTION OF 2 ROADS ON LIST OF SNOWMOBILE ROADS

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

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

RESOLVED to correct the names of 2 roads on the 2015/16 Snowmobile list for the Town of Smithville; changing Round Pond Spur to **Pearl St** and Tarbell Spur to **Tarbell Rd.**

CORRESPONDENCE

6:50PM

There were no items of correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS

6:50PM

NB1) Trash pick/up at the Town Barn. Information has been given out for rates from Bert Adams Disposal. The current company, Tefft Trucking, has lagged in picking up trash, but Superintendent Schultes said trash was picked up this week. The current company charges \$60. per month including recyclable pick/up whereas Bert Adams charges \$130. per month and extra for recyclables. Board members decided to keep the same trash vendor and monitor the situation. Supervisor Heisler will write a letter to Tefft Trucking expressing concern for the late service.

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NB2) Holiday wreath letter from SHS: The Historical Society has concluded that many of the wreaths are not in good enough shape to hang this year. The letter suggests replacing them with banners or flags which will be easier to hang and will not require electricity. They would still need to be put on the current poles. Christine Buck is willing to contribute 2 flags and the SHS may make a contribution for flags. Councilman Whitmore would like to see banners, taking the money from signs account. Councilman Cammarata suggested the Recreation account. Councilman Pollard is against purchasing; Councilman Ludwig is in favor. The following Resolution was introduced to purchase holiday banners:

RESOLUTION # 46 (2015) : PURCHASE HOLIDAY BANNERS FOR FLAG POLES NOT TO EXCEED \$400.

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

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

RESOLVED to purchase Holiday banners for the flag poles in the Community not to exceed \$400. for flags, materials and hardware.

Board members advised that some of the wreaths which are in better shape could be used to supplement the banners if the \$400. allotted would not purchase sufficient banners for all of the poles. It was also suggested the SHS could hold a fund raiser to help fund additional banners.

OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES)

7:15PM

OB1) Town Barn: further work should begin tomorrow 10/20/15

OB2) Town signs at entrance—the full invoice is \$2100. and will be donated by John Auwarter

- lights on poles outside the Community Center: Bob* Mertz will take a look at them.
- Outside bathrooms: water has to be drained and anti-freeze used. Supervisor Heisler will talk with Mr. Eaton to see if he can finish the bathrooms before the end of the month.

OB3) JCAP Grant update: Councilman Cammarata said the JCAP grant was filed for \$34,800.; return receipt has been received.

OB4) Town Barn grant: mini-seqr report may be needed

REPORTS

7:30PM

R1.) Highway: no report submitted. Hwy Sup't Schultes provided information that the Highway crew are cleaning ditches, readying trucks for winter, and handling beaver problems. Additional maintenance work is being done on the yellow 550. The Hwy Sup't is considering stone and oil next year on Stone Quarry from Hammerle to County Rd 3.

There were no bids on any of the surplus equipment advertised in the Chenango American. Hwy Sup't Schultes recommended Auctions International, a company that will come, take pictures of what is being sold, advertise and sell it on auction with charges going to the buyer. Board members were ok with proceeding.

R2.) Assessor: report submitted. There have been at least 2 properties that were not on the assessment roll from 2007-2010. The Assessor is having difficulty getting accurate photos because she is not familiar with the people in the area, and many do not have 911 address signs on the property. All previous photos in the computer seem to have disappeared. The idea of picture ID was discussed again, especially since the Assessor is going into the field. Supervisor Heisler will check with the Sheriff's Dept. again regarding picture ID.

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R3.) Enforcement Officer: no report submitted. Enforcement Officer Kinney was present. He has signed a couple of building permits (more under Planning Board). County: report submitted.

R4.) unassigned

R5.) DCO: no report submitted. DCO Christine Stark was present. There has been a problem at 1100 Stone Quarry Rd. with 3 dogs running at large, a verbal complaint being given by a neighbor to the DCO. 1 dog is being given away. Supervisor Heisler asked the DCO to keep on top of the situation. The DCO can take the dog at the Town's expense.

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.

R11) Planning Board: no report submitted.

- An update on Monolith Solar is that they are still waiting on a NYSEG decision and the sale has not taken place yet.
- Site Plan questions continue to come up, one on Echo Lake and one on Round Pond. The Echo Lake building permit app did not have the sketch filled in so set backs were not known and a decision could not be made. The owners were referred to the County but nothing has been learned of the outcome. The Round Pond Rd. building permit app was for a storage structure only but the Planning Board was told it was for a livable structure. Again, no sketch/setbacks were noted on the building app and nothing more was known concerning the permit. Supervisor Heisler will check with the County tomorrow to see if the County did issue permits.

R12) Supervisor's Report: report submitted. Mang Insurance wants a Builders risk policy for the contractor who is building the Town Barn addition at an additional cost of \$800. The contractor's insurance company will give him a rider for about the same amount of money. This would be for a catastrophic loss/reconstruction on the project. Councilman Pollard feels we should have the insurance; Councilman Whitmore suggested the Town pay half and the contractor pay half. Supervisor Heisler will ask the contractor if that is a possibility.

RESOLUTION # 47 (2015) : ADD BUILDER'S RISK POLICY WITH POSSIBLE NEGOTIATED SPLIT COST

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

AYES: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore, Heisler

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to add a Builder's Risk Policy recommended by Mang Insurance to the Town Barn contractor Randy Hay for catastrophic loss/reconstruction needs on the Town Barn project. RESOLVED also to split the cost of the *[approximated] \$800. policy with the contractor and to negotiate a split amount acceptable to both parties.

The Supervisor's report was reviewed. A motion to accept the Supervisor's report was made by Councilman Pollard, 2nd by Councilman Cammarata, all 5 Board members present in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL for Sept. 21st

8:10PM

The minutes of the Sept. 21st meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilman Pollard to approve the minutes, all 5 Board members present in favor, motion carried.

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WARRANTS

8:15PM

General Warrant # 10, including Vouchers # 124-140 in the amount of \$12,151.20 was presented for payment. Funds for the purchase of the JD lawn tractor will be taken from General Budget Large Unexpected Expenses, "XXX0024" @ NBT. A motion to pay claims # 124-140 was made by Councilman Pollard, 2nd by Councilman Cammarata. All 5 Board members present in favor, motion carried.

Highway Warrant # 10, including Vouchers #106-114, in the amount \$6,891.59 was presented for payment. A motion to pay these claims was made by Councilman Pollard, 2nd by Councilman Ludwig. All 5 Board members present in favor, motion carried.

OTHER

RESOLUTION # 48 (2015) : SET NOV. 4TH DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2016 BUDGET, 2 FIRE CONTRACTS.

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

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

RESOLVED to set November 4th at 6:30pm for the Public Hearing on the 2016 Preliminary Budget, and 2 Fire Contracts: Genegantslet and Smithville Center.

Previous to that there will be a Budget Workshop on October 22nd @ 6:30pm.

The 2016 SPCA contract for the Town of Smithville has been received and signed by Supervisor Heisler. There were no changes from last year.

There was no other business to come before the Board. Supervisor Heisler declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Alison B. Owens
Smithville Town Clerk

*revised at the Town Board meeting Nov. 16, 2015