

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board  
September 21, 2015

OPENING by Supervisor Fred Heisler @ 6:30PM.

ROLL CALL/PLEDGE

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, Chris Lum, Hwy workers  
Joan Barker  
DCO Christine Stark

CORRESPONDENCE

6:35PM

C1) Proposed merger of Time Warner Cable with Charter Communications; Public Hearings Sept 17-24<sup>th</sup> in 3 locations in NYS.

C2) Notification from NYSEG regarding switch from Ambit to NYSEG, effective 9/30-10/27; rates will be \$.03 p/kwh for street lighting and \$.05 p/kwh for the other 3 accounts. These are variable rates as NYSEG does not have fixed rates.

C3) BioEnergy Lab/Heating Equipment Demo Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>

C4) Assoc. of Towns Electric Savings through Pro-Star. Pro-Star's rates were found to be higher than NYSEG's.

NEW BUSINESS

6:50PM

NB1) Joan Barker was recognized and spoke concerning the condition of the playground/pavilion. In an incident on Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>, she spoke of garbage, etc., strewn around the pavilion and wording on the slide. Even with the one surveillance camera she feels more efforts should be made to control the vandalism. The Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> incident she was referring to was reported to the Chenango County Sheriff's Dept. Councilman Cammarata said there are considerations for additional cameras for the playground-- one facing the pavilion, and one near the 2<sup>nd</sup> storage building. The cameras currently on the property need adjustment at this time.

OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES)

6:50PM

OB1) Town Barn contract has been signed by the low bid contractor Randy Hay and Supervisor Heisler. The building permit has been signed and construction is expected to start soon. The SAM grant money from NYS has been approved.

OB2) Town signs at entrance: signs are ½ completed and should be finished shortly; Hwy Sup't. Schultes said signs should be 50' from the roads according to Chenango County. There are still 2 additional locations to be selected for the large signs and 6 locations for the smaller signs.

Lights on poles, outside bathrooms: still waiting, no word when the bathrooms can be completed. It was suggested to check with Bob Mertz for completion of the lights on the electric poles. An Electrical certificate for the outside bathrooms has been approved.

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OB3) **JCAP Grant Update**; consider new Resolution to allow Justice to apply for 2016 JCAP grant which will include heating units to replace 4 downstairs heating units (for Court), purchase of a recording system for the Judge, PA system for Judges bench, outside lighting for parking lot, and 2 flags.

**RESOLUTION # 41 (2015) : AUTHORIZE THE TOWN JUSTICE TO APPLY FOR THE 2016 JCAP GRANT**

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize the Town Justice to apply for the 2016 JCAP Grant, with projects to include replacement of 4 downstairs heating units (for Court), recording system, PA system, outside lighting, and 2 flags.

OB4) A Basketball hoop donation ck from the Raymond Corporation in the amount of \$313.87. The replacement Boards/hardware have been ordered.

REPORTS

7:15PM

R1.) Highway: report submitted late. Hwy Sup't Schultes said the current time clock is not working, cannot be fixed, and will need to be replaced.

Hwy Sup't Schultes also recommended getting rid of the '93 Volvo and the red '04 Ford 550 to put money toward something new in the near future. He asked for authorization to advertise these 2 vehicles plus a used western plow. 2 Highway employees present at the meeting concurred these vehicles/equipment were not usable or were not needed. Sup't Schultes also asked for wording in the ad to reflect payment within 10 business days noting the last equipment sale fell through and had to be re-bid. Town Board members made the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION # 42 (2015) : SELL ' 93 VOLVO, '04 FORD 550, WESTERN PLOW AS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

On a motion by Supervisor Heisler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Cammarata, the following Resolution was ADOPTED.

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

RESOLVED to advertise in the Chenango American for 2 weeks and to accept bids for a used '93 Volvo truck, a used '04 Ford 550 and a used Western Plow. Payment will be required within 10 days. Funds from the sale will be put into the Highway major equipment.

R2.) Assessor: report submitted, has been doing data entry/updating and will be taking photos this fall and into next year in preparation for a re-val. There has been a lot of traffic during her Saturday office hours.

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

R4.) unassigned

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R5.) DCO: no report submitted. DCO took care of dog complaint w/James Reisling on Echo Lake. Dogs were running at large. There was also dog bite on Round Pond Rd., people got rid of dog; there was another dog bite at Dennis Smith's on State Hwy 220.

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: report submitted. Monolith site plan has been approved. One resident, not in favor of the site plan, continued to voice an opposing opinion. Monolith will continue to work with that person to obtain some blockage of the view of the solar garden from the neighbors yard, at a reasonable expense.

R12) Supervisor's Report: report submitted and discussed. A motion to accept the Supervisor's report was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Cammarata. All 5 Board members were in favor, motion carried.

Also discussed was the replacement of the tractor used to mow the Town park, and also whether it was feasible to co-own a tractor with the Fire Dept.

MINUTES APPROVAL for Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 8th

8:00PM

The minutes for the above meetings were reviewed. Councilman Whitmore said of the Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes that he and Councilman Ludwig abstained from approving the minutes of the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting because of their absence. Town Clerk Owens will make the correction. A motion to approve the 3 sets of minutes with changes to the August 17<sup>th</sup> minutes was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Pollard. All 5 Board members were in favor, motion carried.

WARRANTS

8:05PM

**General Warrant # 9**, Claims # 111-122 in the amount of \$2,560.16 was presented for payment. Payment for Claims # 107-110 in the amount of \$906.87 has already been made. A motion to accept and pay these claims was made by Councilman Cammarata, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Pollard. All 5 Board members in favor, motion carried.

**Highway Warrant # 8**, Claims #100-105, in the amount \$4,318.58 was presented for payment. A motion to accept and pay these claims was made by Councilman Cammarata, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Ludwig. All 5 Board members in favor, motion carried.

TENTATIVE BUDGET WORK

8:15pm

Genegantslet Fire Co. Budget increase will be \$1,000. (\$700 Smithville/\$300. Smithville Center)

Another Town Board budget work session was scheduled for Tues. Sept 29<sup>th</sup> @6:30pm

There was no other business to come before the Town Board. Supervisor Heisler adjourned the meeting at 8:27PM.

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**ADDENDUM Sept. 30, 2015:**

The Town Board held an informal budget workshop on Sept. 29, 2015 to discuss items in the 2016 budget. At that time Groundskeeper Keith Sabin approached the Board with information on a used 2007 JD tractor 2305 with 525 hrs, 62" lawnmower and 47" snow blower for \$9500. Board members suggested this piece of equipment could be purchased instead of trying to finance it in the 2016 budget. Board members also suggested Mr. Sabin make an appointment to look at the tractor and perhaps get some pictures. The current lawn tractor and snow blower can be sold with the money being used to purchase a cab for the new tractor.

Snowmobile/Seasonal Roads: It was recommended to hold the Public Hearing for these roads during the regular meeting of Town Board Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>.

**RESOLUTION # 43 (2015) : PUBLIC HEARING FOR SNOWMOBILE/SEASONAL ROADS SET FOR OCT. 19TH**

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

AYES: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore, Heisler

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to advertise in the Chenango American for 1 week a Public Hearing for Snowmobile and Seasonal roads, set for Oct. 19, 2015, during the regular meeting of the Smithville Town Board.

It was also recommended to contact Burt Adams Disposal in Chenango Bridge to find out rates for disposal pick-up. The current trash carrier has been very unreliable.

**ADDENDUM October 5, 2015:**

The Town Board, having received pictures of the 2007 JD used 2305 tractor with mower and snow blower, has decided to purchase this piece of equipment from Cazenovia Equipment, funds to be taken from General Savings. The following Resolution was done by polling the Town Board by phone.

**RESOLUTION # 44 (2015) : PURCHASE USED 2007 JD 2305 TRACTOR WITH MOWER, SNOWBLOWER**

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

AYES: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore, Heisler

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to purchase from Cazenovia Equipment, a used 2007 JD 2305 Tractor with mower and snowblower for \$9,000., funds to be used will be from General Savings.

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**2016 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

The 2016 Tentative Budget was emailed by the Town Bookkeeper to the Town Clerk and the Board members on Oct. 5, 2015. Board members will continue to review the figures in the Budget, making some modifications, and will prepare those changes to become the adopted Preliminary Budget at the Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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