

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
September 19, 2016

OPENING by Supervisor Fred Heisler Jr. 6:30PM

ROLL CALL/PLEDGE:

Board members:

Supervisor Fred Heisler Jr.,
Karl Ludwig
John Cammarata
Bob Whitmore
Tom Pollard

Also Present: Alison Owens, Town Clerk
Jackie Centerwall, Planning Board Chair
Gloria Micha, Assessor
Tracy Oliver, Hwy Sup't
Bruce Kinney, Enforcement Officer
Larry Nelson, Genegantslet Fire Co. rep

LATE ADDITIONS: Motorola Communications rep Curtis Engleman

CORRESPONDENCE 6:33PM

- C1) Correspondence from Wade Leonard, 2174 County Rd 2 regarding the "Town of Smithville" signs. The sign has been removed by the Highway Dept. but has not been reinstalled. Supervisor Heisler will speak with Mr. Leonard to find out if and where the sign can be placed on his property.
- C2) County Delinquent Sales re-bid: 2 properties are on the list from Smithville for rebid in October.
- C3) 2017 Budget information for the Genegantslet, Smithville Center and Brisben FD's
- C4) letter from Selective Insurance regarding claim: a stone thrown against a resident's car windshield at Lake Ludlow when all the work was going on. The situation is being resolved. Tarp installation on the truck may have prevented the incident but are not on all Town trucks. The cost would be about \$1500. to put a tarp on 1 truck. Board members felt this should be considered. Hwy Supt. Oliver will price out tarps for the trucks.

NEW BUSINESS 6:38PM

NB1) Signing of 2016 Genegantslet FD Contract. The contract as written up by the Attorney was for a 2 year contract, for the years 2016 and 2017. The Genegantslet Fire Co. will consider a 2 year contract but the current contract cannot be signed until there is a Public Hearing on the 2017 contract. It was recommended to hold that Public Hearing before the next Board meeting on October 17th. This was put to Resolution:

RESOLUTION # 25 (2016): PUBLIC HEARING FOR GENEGANTSLET FIRE BUDGET FOR 2017 TO BE HELD
OCT. 17TH, 6:15PM

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

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

RESOLVED to hold a Public Hearing October 17, 2016 at 6:15pm on the Genegantslet, and Smithville Center Fire Contract budgets for 2017. Such amounts to remain the same as 2016 at \$87,985.00 and \$10,300.00 respectively, and such Public Hearing to be advertised in the Chenango American.

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NB2) Consider Resolution for Justice audit to be completed. Information has been received by Councilman Cammarata in regards to the audit but the Resolution will not need to be done until the audit has been completed.

OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES)

7:00PM

OB1) lights on poles: lights on order, then will come to install and hook up, outside bathrooms: no update

OB2) Consider Resolution to sign contract with NYSDEC for fishing access on Town Barn property.

Will ask Att’y if a Public Hearing is needed and to review the NYSDEC document for the lease.

OB3) discussion of Cincinnatus Lake Dam repairs/Association. Additional discussion later in the meeting.

OB4) fees associated with the Cable franchise: Attorney Berger has the file folder from the Town Clerk’s office and is in the process of reviewing the paperwork received over the years.

OB4) speed limits on County Rd 2 and State Hwy 41: Hwy Sup’t Oliver said that flashing speed limit signs have been up around the Town in various places. He will receive shortly a print-out of the report generated by the signs. It was asked if the Town can buy a flashing speed limit sign? The answer was yes but some Board members were concerned about vandalism. Councilman Whitmore said the solar ones in Lisle work well.

OB5) possible change of street lighting fixtures to LED bulbs: Enforcement Officer Kinney said the Village of Greene changed to LED in the center of the village. He will check with them to find out the cost.

OB6) Notice of Defective Conditions on Collyer Rd. no new business

OB7) bridge replacement on State Hwy 41: This communication is ongoing as no set time has been given for the replacement. Supervisor Heisler will ask about crosswalks, in addition to the sidewalks.

REPORTS

7:15PM

R1.) Highway: report submitted. Hwy Supt Oliver distributed quotes from Tri-County Communications, Inc. for continuing efforts to connect Town trucks with a communication system as per agreement with the Teamsters Union.

Curtis Engelman was recognized and gave a presentation and sales quote for (1) Intermod/Coverage Studies/FCC license/Repeater & license on Cook Park tower/New radios @ \$12,897.89.; also (2) a quote for a new antenna and feedline to the Town Barn. The antenna on the Town Barn quote includes 1 repeater and 2 walkie talkies for \$1075.85. The Town’s current repeater cannot be used on a new tower.

The Tower at Cook Park is new and part of the County wide system being rebuilt. Part of the quote includes testing to make sure the signal/frequency will be sufficient for the Town of Smithville. There is no 100% guarantee that the radio equipment will get a signal and that there would be 100% coverage in a truck. If there is an interference problem, it could be intermittent or permanent. The Town can apply to the FCC to get a new frequency but coverage holes are always possible. Councilman Whitmore indicated that wind and clouds affect the signal. Tri-County Communications needs to make sure the Cook Park location will work for Smithville and does not interfere with other locations.

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It was asked about the channel available from Greene Central School which was discussed last month. The reply was that the school had a repeater for maintenance which was ground level and would not have given the coverage needed. Enforcement Officer Kinney said there was an old tower used by B/B concrete at the end of Engaard/King Rd but it is not known what its use is now for. Of the other limited options in Smithville, the only one being considered is property at Virginia Smith's on County Rd. 3.

Board members were reluctant to purchase the entire package if there was not a guarantee there would be a good signal for most of the areas in the Town. It was then asked if it were possible to pay for \$275. for the initial coverage test to see if/where coverage would fall within the Town. Mr. Engleman replied it would certainly be possible to start the procedure that way. The following Resolution was made:

RESOLUTION # 26 (2016): AUTHORIZE TRI-COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS TO CONDUCT A COVERAGE TEST FOR THE TOWN OF SMITHVILLE AREA, COST OF WHICH IS \$275.

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize Tri-County Communications to conduct a coverage test for the Town of Smithville for a potential communications system at a cost of \$275.

The results of this test should be available by the October 17th meeting.

Other from Highway Report:

- CAT roller has had some replacement parts
- Certification Tire training reimbursement for the tire cage.
- Power steering issue on the F550
- Has \$27,000. More in CHIPS work that can be completed—any suggestions? Or possibly put toward the new F550? If not, it will be used on a 2017 CHIPS project for 2017 (German Hollow)

Board members recommended carrying it over to 2017. Board member Whitmore recommended using the money toward a new F550.

R2.) Assessor: report submitted. Oct. 7th NYS is coming to Smithville. Councilman Karl Ludwig has been steadily working on the inventory.

The question was asked about Cincinnatus Lake: if it is a private lake, can Town funds be used to maintain property values? There was some discussion on how the Association got started and why the dam is on private property, and whose responsibility (liability) it is; half of the lake is in Cortland County. More/ongoing information is needed.

R3.) Enforcement Officer: no report submitted. In his verbal report Enforcement Office Kinney said there have been septic and building permits submitted. He has attended the Planning Board meeting and has asked questions about building permits.

County: report submitted

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R4.) Planning Board: no report submitted. Chair Jackie Centerwall submitted minutes from the previous meeting. The proposed Road Use Local Law is with the Att’y for review.

R5.) DCO: no report submitted

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: monthly report submitted. Discussed was the graffiti damage to the slide on the playground. The camera on the Community Center can’t catch all of the activities because of the birch tree in the way. It was recommended to ask the Groundskeeper to trim the birch tree. It was also recommended that law enforcement be called if there is an instance of vandalism on the playground or other areas of the park.

R11) vacant

R12) Supervisor’s Report: report submitted.

- Ludlow Bridge is being monitored by NYS. At the last evaluation of the bridge structure it was at the lowest point allowed by law for approval. Chenango County has not decided on a course of action but cannot afford to replace it.
- Supervisor Heisler will soon make transfers to the Highway Equipment and Major Equipment Account.
- SAM Grant update: the bank statements used were questioned and Supervisor Heisler issued a response. Nothing more has been heard.

A motion to accept the Supervisor’s report was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Cammarata. All five Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

Discussion on the possible sale of 3 acres of land to the Genegantslet Fire Co. was discussed. There was concern about selling Town property because it would have to be approved by the voters first and it was unknown if there was enough time to put this in with the Board of Elections to be on the ballot for November 2016. It was also mentioned that, potentially, a water treatment system for the hamlet may need to be considered. The best location for a treatment system would be on Town property located at that site.

MINUTES APPROVAL for August 15th

8:30PM

The minutes of the August 15th meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve these minutes was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilman Cammarata. All five Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

WARRANTS

7:50PM

General Warrant # 9, Vouchers # 115-122, in the amount of \$1,928.04 were reviewed for payment. A motion to approve and pay these claims was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Whitmore. All five Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

Highway Warrant # 9, Vouchers # 106-129, in the amount \$156,243.61 were reviewed for payment. A motion to approve and pay these claims was made by Councilman Cammarata, 2nd by Councilman Pollard. All five Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

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2017 Budget: Since the Genegantslet Fire Company is holding the 2017 Budget requests to the same as 2016 figures and Brisben is asking for only \$38.00 more, the realized savings would be enough to add another \$600. To the road sign budget A3310.2, making it a total of \$1200. The revised tentative budget will need to be presented to the Town Board before Sept. 30th.

The next Town Board meeting will be October 17th, with the Public Hearing on the Genegantslet and Smithville Center Fire District Budgets being held @ 6:15pm.

There was no other business to come before the Board. Supervisor Heisler declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. The next monthly meeting will be October 17th.

Alison B. Owens

Smithville Town Clerk