

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
June 19, 2017

OPENING of Town Board meeting by Supervisor Fred Heisler Jr.@ 6:30PM

ROLL CALL/PLEDGE:

Board members:

Fred Heisler, Supervisor

Karl Ludwig, Deputy Supervisor

John Cammarata

Bob Whitmore

Tom Pollard

Also Present: Alison Owens, Town Clerk
Jeff Lowe, Town Assessor
Tracy Oliver, Hwy Sup't
Jackie Centerwall, Co-Chair Planning
Richard Buckley, resident Hattie Clark
Bruce Kinney, Enforcement Officer
Al Gumney, resident State Hwy 220
Christine Stark, DCO

LATE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REMARKS:

NB3) Consider request for Fireworks Display on Windham Rd. 6/24/17.

R1) Requests for dust oil on road have been received by 3 residents

Mr. Richard Buckley, Hattie Clark Rd. was recognized. He indicated there is a lot of traffic on his road and would like to know when dust oil will be applied to the road. Hwy Sup't Oliver assured Mr. Buckley it would be done as soon as it stops raining.

CORRESPONDENCE

6:35PM

C1) list of Smithville property to be offered at Chenango County tax sale.

NEW BUSINESS

6:35PM

NB1) Consider purchase of propane tanks for Town or continue with having them supplied by fuel company. A service person from Mirabito had suggested it.

Councilman Whitmore said it would probably not be worth it due to liability, record keeping, pressure testing and maintenance. Councilman Pollard said Mirabito maintains his personal one. After a few minutes discussion Supervisor Heisler said it would probably not be worth the effort. Board members were in agreement.

NB2) Consider quotes from Mang for Cyber attack insurance. 2 quotes were available but Supervisor Heisler said he will address it next month during Budget process. It was suggested to choose July 10, 6:30pm as a work session to start the 2018 budget process.

NB3) Consider request for Fireworks Display on Windham Rd. 6/24/17. John and Jennifer Banks of 234 Windham Rd. have applied for a fireworks permit at their residence at 234 Windham Rd on June 24, 2017. Ms. Banks was apprised when she brought in the application earlier in the day that it would have to come before the Board because of the complaint received last year from the neighbor. Ms. Banks indicated later in an email the surrounding neighbors would all be notified. Also last year the fireworks were not displayed during the time listed on the application. Board members discussed the situation and all agreed that if the fireworks were

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REPORTS

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R1.) Highway: report submitted.

- Flags and mowing done, speed signs installed.
- Truck repairs, equipment repairs,
- sweeping, ditching and culvert pipes. Final grading and dust oil starting next week. After that reconstruction of roads.
- Title for wrecked truck has not yet been received. Town of Sherburne is ready to turn over the newer truck to Smithville

Councilman Whitmore described a situation with placement of the new flashing speed limit sign on County Rd. 2 that could potentially be dangerous. Hwy Sup't Oliver agreed to correct the problem.

R2.) Assessor: no written report submitted.

- On Grievance Day May 31st, 9 properties were grieved.
- The Assessor has questions on splits/mergers/Subdivision Local Law and will discuss them with the Planning Board.
- Solar company did not submit an application for tax exemption so their property will be taxed at value.
- Data collection starts next week.

R3.) Enforcement Officer: no written report submitted County: report not submitted.
The Enforcement Officer reported he has had many calls on building permits.

R4.) Planning Board: report submitted.

- The Road Use Agreement was returned to the Planning Board. After review the Planning Board has proposed a minimum of \$1,000. if an individual or company fails to obtain a Road Use Agreement permit. This also comes with an option to increase the penalty if the circumstances require it. Boardmembers were ok with these changes.
- An updated Comprehensive Plan was presented to the Board for their review.

R5.) DCO: no written report submitted. Stone Quarry Rd. resident has been told to license their dogs. 3 offensive, unlicensed dogs behind Roger's Auto Body have been licensed.

R6.) Attorney: voucher submitted for May 2017 Town Board meeting attendance

R7.) vacant

R8.) Custodian: no report submitted

R9.) Playground Committee/Eagle Scout project: Questions by Mindy Eldred to the Town Board included whether the Town's tax exempt status could be used to purchase items for the Eagle Scout project and whether a checking account should be opened to take care of grant monies and fund raiser monies associated with the Eagle Scout project. Board members indicated the Town's tax exempt # could be used but that the Scout would have to take care of his own checking account for the Eagle project.

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R10) Town Clerk: report submitted. 107 Tax bills were returned to Chenango County, all accounts were balanced and a check for May interest was written to Supervisor Heisler.

R11) vacant

R12) Supervisor's Report: report submitted .

- The tax cap for the Town of Smithville is expected to be around 1.8% for the 2018 Budget. Board members set up the 1st Work session for the 2018 Budget for Monday July 10th, 6:30pm.
- Quarterly sales tax revenue of \$11,625., some of which will be transferred to Hwy
- Pay out for the SAM grant is still in limbo. Heisler will contact Rep. Akshar if there is no response from the contact people for the SAM grant.

A motion to accept the Supervisor's report was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Whitmore. All 5 Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL for May 15, 2017 *

7:45PM

The minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilman Cammarata. All 5 Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

WARRANTS

7:55PM

General Warrant # 5, Vouchers # 63-76, in the amount of \$ 2736.16 were reviewed for payment. A motion to accept and pay these bills was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Cammarata. All 5 Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

Highway Warrant # 6, Vouchers # 94-110 in the amount of \$14,256.50 were reviewed for payment. A motion to accept and pay these bills was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Cammarata. All 5 Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried

OTHER

Councilman Whitmore mentioned the Town of Pharsalia is re-negotiating their contract with Time-Warner cable. He suggested Smithville look into what Pharsalia's contract says. There was no other business to come before the Board. Supervisor Heisler declared the meeting adjourned @ 8:15pm. Next meeting is July 10th, 6:30pm Budget work session; regular meeting July 17th.

Alison B. Owens
Smithville Town Clerk