

## **Town of Smithville Board Meeting**

**February 21, 2011 @ 6pm**

The regular Smithville Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6pm by Supervisor Allan Johnson. Supervisor Johnson started the meeting by taking attendance.

**Board Members Present:** Supervisor Allan Johnson  
Town Board Member Holly Mohr  
Town Board Member Liz Vanderwede  
Town Board Member Charles Schultz

**Board Members Absent:** Town Board Member Roger Connelly  
Smithville Town Clerk, Allison Owens

**Others Present:** John & Karen Cammarata, David Craine and Kelly Pinney, from Mang Insurance, Smithville Highway Superintendent Bruce Kinney, Dennis Smith, Smithville Deputy Town Clerk, Beverly Giles, and Town of Greene Deputy Town Clerk Colette Sands for Allison Owens.

### **Presentation of Town Insurance for 2011/2012 by David Crane**

David Crane from Mang Insurance gave a presentation to the board in reference for re-up for insurance with selective. After Mr. Crane's presentation, Town Board member Liz Vanderwede wonders if personal questions about board members will be on the policies, under the premium summary for public officials. Mr. Crane answered all of the town board members questions, and stated if there was anything further, to contact

him. Mr. Crane then turned the meeting over to his colleague Kelly Pinney, who is a representative for health savings accounts for Mang Insurance. Ms. Pinney went on to talk about making towns aware of how to use health insurance savings accounts wisely, and how to make your money work for you. I.e. paying in too much, not benefitting greatly for what they're spending. How employees can retain money if it is not spent and how to defer it to something they can use such as dental. How to take accounts with you when employees retire. Ms. Pinney explained how this is not a Flex Plan. Flex Plan is when if you don't use it, you lose it.

After speaking briefly with the town board members, Ms. Pinney left her business card with packets of information for each board member in case they had any questions. Mang was then done with their presentations and left at 6:35.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1:** Consider appointment of John Cammarata to Planning Board

Motion by Board Member Vanderwede second by Board Member Schultz to add John Cammarata to the Planning Board.

**4 Ayes**

**1 Absent**

**Motion Carried.**

Supervisor Johnson welcomed Mr. Cammarata to the Planning Board. Supervisor Johnson thanked Mr. Cammarata for his interest in the Planning Board and told him that the next Planning Board meeting was March 14, 2011.

**NB2:** Consider suggestion to purchase Defibrillator

Supervisor Johnson spoke about the purchase of a defibrillator for the Town of Smithville. Board members looked over there information packets in reference to this, and Highway Superintendent Kinney made a few comments about how it would be a good idea to have one of these defibrillators. Superintendent Kinney and Board Member Schultz also spoke about how there should be (1) located in the highway garage. Board Member Schultz along with Supervisor Johnson and Board Member

Mohr didn't like the way the pricing looked. Supervisor Johnson suggested that this matter be looked into a little further and some price shopping be done.

**NB3:** Consider appointment of Karen Cammarata to BAR

Motion by Board Member Vanderwede second by Board Member Mohr to add Karen Cammarata to the Board of Assessment Review.

**4 Ayes**

**1 Absent**

**Motion Carried.**

Supervisor Johnson welcomed Karen Cammarata to the BAR and thanked her for her interest in said position.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**C1:** Dept Ag & Market: Outstanding Technical Issues w/dog licenses. Supervisor Johnson and the Town Board Members agreed to let Town Clerk Allison Owens take care of this as it is her department.

**C2:** NYS ACH payment \$315.00 January Justice Amount. Supervisor Johnson stated that this was already paid to NYS.

Supervisor Johnson spoke about the bond payment that was due on February 19, 2011, and was paid on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February which = \$33,250.97.

Fire District checks will be going out this week. These will be left with Deputy Town Clerk Beverly Giles to be mailed out.

CHIPS: Payment to stay the same according to Randy Gibbon, Chenango County Highway Superintendent.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**OB1:** Action on Justice Position. Board Member Vanderwede wants to get started taking action on this. Supervisor Johnson is going to advertise an ad in the Chenango American or the Evening Sun to take Justice from 2 to 1 justice. This will be discussed more at the March meeting.

No other Old Business to report.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** January 17, 2011, minutes approval.

Supervisor Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the January board meeting. Board Member Vanderwede approved the minutes from the January 17, 2011, meeting second by Board Member Schultz.

**4 Yes**

**1 Absent**

**Motion Carried Minutes Approved.**

## **REPORTS**

R1.) **Planning Board** – Nothing new

R2.) **Assessor** – Nothing New

R3.) **Enforcement Officer**- County – Nothing New

R4.) **Justice** – Covered previously

R5.) **DCO** – Christine DCO needs a new dog cage because hers was destroyed by a huge dog in Smithville. Supervisor Johnson feels bad and wants to replace it. Supervisor Johnson suggests looking in the Norwich Penny saver for a dog cage. Need to check with Christine to find out what size needs to be replaced.

**No action taken.**

R6.) **Attorney** – Nothing New

R7.) **Smithville Valley Grange** – Nothing New

R8). **Community Center** – The water cooler in the kitchen is not cooling the water. Board Members Mohr and Vanderwede do not think that it should be replaced. Board Member Vanderwede and Mohr think that the water cooler should be junked. Board Member Vanderwede advocates that the Community Center groups should be buying their own water. Highway Superintendent Kinney states that if the water cooler is junked, then the Town of Smithville should **not** be charging rent. Board Member Mohr agrees with Highway Superintendent Kinney. Board Member Vanderwede wanted to know if there was any cooking going on in the Community Center, because there is not supposed to be. Board Member Vanderwede stated that she thought

the Community Center was cooking. Board Member Vanderwede stated that the Community Center is only supposed to be warming food, not cooking. Supervisor Johnson wanted to know how the agreement for the Community Center reads. Deputy Town Clerk Beverly Giles found the agreement and read it aloud. The Community Center rental agreement states that food may be brought in for warming purposes only. No cooking allowed. Board Members and Supervisor along with Highway Superintendent thinks that the rental agreement should be changed to state different terms in reference to drinkable water or rent. Highway Superintendent Kinney also pointed out that the Board of Health should be coming in. Supervisor Johnson, along with Highway Superintendent, to review rental agreement further.

R9.) **Playground Committee** – Supervisor Johnson likes the presentation that Virginia gave. Board Member Vanderwede brings to Supervisor Johnson’s attention about Mindy’s notes and reports. Board Member Vanderwede indicates there seems to be a chemistry problem between Neal Root and Darren Mills. Supervisor Johnson is aware of this and stated it will be further discussed at next town board meeting.

R10.) **Town Clerk** – Referring to Town Clerk Report # 7 where Allison Owens the Town Clerk speaks in her report about needing a Resolution to pay utility bills, in a timely manner to avoid penalties. Board Member Vanderwede has some questions. Board Member Vanderwede wants to know why the Board is just finding out about penalty charges on bills? Supervisor Johnson takes full responsibility for the bill problems. Supervisor Johnson states that from now on, all the bills when received need to be paid when they are received. Supervisor Johnson makes a motion that the Town Board Members authorize payment of [UTILITY] bills when received. Board Member Vanderwede seconds the motion.

**4 Yes**

**1 Absent**

**Motion Carried**

**[Added per request of Town Board at the March 21, 2011 meeting]**

R11.) **Highway** –Highway Superintendent Kinney, informed the Board that the voting machines will be moved as soon as the weather permits. Also, Highway Superintendent has received a couple of phone calls from Nornew the gas company, in reference to Dieter Hill gas lines. Highway Superintendent Kinney recommends speaking to the Town Attorney. It seems as though gas companies want to put gas lines under roads in the Town of Smithville, Dieter Hill is just one of a few. Highway Superintendent Kinney spoke about the Route 12 corridor. Supervisor Johnson to check with Board Member Connelly.

R12.) **Supervisor's Report** – Board Member Mohr makes a motion second by Board Member Vanderwede to approve Supervisor's Report.

**4 Yes**

**1 Absent**

**Motion Carried**

## **WARRANTS**

**General** – Motion to pay items 11 – 26 Motion from Board Member Schultz, second by Board Member Vanderwede to approve bills paid.

**4 Yes**

**1 Absent**

**Motion Carried**

**Highway** – Highway Superintendent Kinney states there are a lot of bills this month from Highway. List includes salt, ice chains, Mirabito Fuel, Cook Brothers, Tri-City Springs, Fleet Pride, Wayne's Welding, Lyles Transmission, Tallmadge Tire, Kevin's Garage, etc. Highway Superintendent Kinney states there has been a lot of equipment breakage, Routes 220 and 41 are in bad shape, thus adding to equipment failure, such as needing tires and springs. Board Member Schultz wants Highway Superintendent Kinney to switch over front and lowers and upper ball joints. Highway Superintendent stated some of the work done by Town of Smithville Highway, and some of the work had to be sent out.

New equipment that may need to be purchased would be an automatic generator. Supervisor Johnson wants Highway Superintendent Kinney to do some price shopping. Supervisor Johnson states there needs to be a Motion to pay items 9 – 29 on Highway. Motion made by Board Member Schultz second by Board Member Vanderwede to pay Highway items 9-29.

**4 Yes**

**1 Absent**

**Motion Carried**

There are no JRC Warrants this week, but bill is coming up soon from Gray & Sons.

**OTHER** – Board Member Vanderwede and Supervisor Johnson stated that they received a few phone calls in reference to hazardous road travel a couple of weeks ago. This was due to the weather turning really bad quickly with ice on the roads and Highway Superintendent Kinney being out of town. Highway Superintendent Kinney indicated that it was lack of communication between himself and one of his employees. Highway Superintendent Kinney stated that he would take full responsibility for that mishap, and that it will not happen again. Board Member Schultz asked Highway Superintendent Kinney to put someone in charge as a Deputy Highway Superintendent only in Highway Superintendent Kinney's absence. It was stated that if this should occur, that the Deputy Highway Superintendent be paid \$1.00 more an hour when needed. Board Member Mohr reminded Supervisor Johnson and other Board Members that the Deputy Highway Superintendent must be sworn in by the Town Clerk and an Oath of Office book signed. The Board asked Highway Superintendent Kinney to make a decision on who he wished to hold this position. Superintendent Kinney would think about it and let the Board know.

**Supervisor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8pm.**