

MINUTES OF THE SMITHVILLE TOWN BOARD
PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR GENEGANTSLET, SMITHVILLE CENTER FIRE CONTRACTS;
SNOWMOBILE & SEASONAL ROADS; 2013 PRELIMINARY BUDGET
November 7, 2012

The meeting for the purpose of holding Public Hearings for the Genegantslet & Smithville Center Fire Contracts, Snowmobile & Seasonal Roads, and the 2013 Preliminary Budget was called to order at 6:35pm by Supervisor Fred Heisler Jr.

Present were the following:

Supervisor Fred Heisler Jr.
Councilman Bob Whitmore
Councilman John Cammarata

Also Present:

Alison Owens, Town Clerk
Bruce Kinney
Richard and Sally Crow

Councilman Karl Ludwig (arrived at 6:52pm)

Absent: Councilwoman Vanderweyde

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Supervisor Heisler declared the meeting for the Preliminary Budget open at 6:35pm. Town Clerk Owens read the legal ad as advertised in the Chenango American. Supervisor Heisler opened the floor for questions/comments:

Sally Crow: Is this budget the same as last year's budget?

Supervisor Heisler: The Budget is locked to a 2% cap; we are about \$5,000. under the 2% cap.

Crow: Are the fire budgets included in the Town budget? Is the tax base the same as last year?

Heisler: Yes. Tweaks were made to the Budget from the 2012 to keep it within the 2% cap.

There were no other questions but there was some additional general discussion on the Budget, including a comment that it should be placed on the Town website. It was also mentioned the Public Hearings announcement could have been placed on the Town website as well.

Supervisor Heisler declared the Public Hearing CLOSED at 6:43pm.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR GENEGANTSLET FIRE DISTRICT CONTRACT

Supervisor Heisler declared the meeting for the Genegantslet Fire District Contract open at 6:44pm. Town Clerk Owens read the legal ad as advertised in the Chenango American.

Supervisor Heisler opened the floor for questions:

Supervisor Heisler explained there was no raise in taxes for this contract.

Councilman Whitmore: LP gas instead of Fuel Oil is now being used for heating and it is saving the Fire Co. money. \$50,000. was realized from the sale of the old Fire Station and fund raisers have helped to keep budget costs down.

There were no other comments.

Supervisor Heisler declared the Public Hearing CLOSED at 6:48pm.

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR SMITHVILLE CENTER FIRE DISTRICT CONTRACT

Supervisor Heisler declared this Public Hearing OPEN at 6:50pm. Town Clerk Owens read the legal ad as advertised in the Chenango American. Supervisor Heisler opened the floor for questions/comments:

Supervisor Heisler indicated there is no change in rates here either. The Town additionally uses Oxford and Brisben to provide fire protection to the Town. The Village of Greene provided fire protection for Smithville Center until the end of last year.

Councilman Whitmore indicated the transition has gone smoothly.

There were no other comments.

Supervisor Heisler declared CLOSED at 6:54pm.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEASONAL HIGHWAYS IN THE TOWN OF SMITHVILLE

Declared OPEN at 7:00pm by Supervisor Heisler. Town Clerk Owens read the legal ad as advertised in the Chenango American. Supervisor Heisler opened the floor for questions/comments:

Highway Sup't Kinney asked to have a couple of changes for next year:

Change to "Plowed" to "Plowed or maintained"

Change: # 8 "from Fred Wilcox Rd westerly" adding "to the Dead End"

Change: "Skillman-Hofmann Rd from Seyler's driveway north" adding "to the Town Line"

These changes will be reflected in the legal notice appearing next year.

Supervisor Heisler declared the Public Hearing CLOSED at 7:09pm.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SNOWMOBILE ROADS IN THE TOWN OF SMITHVILLE

Declared OPEN at 7:10pm by Supervisor Heisler. Town Clerk Owens read the legal ad as advertised in the Chenango American. Supervisor Heisler opened the floor for questions/comments:

Sally Crow: asked a question with respect to snowmobiles/ATV's following traffic laws and signals on roads.

Supervisor Heisler responded that snowmobiles have to obey the same rules as an automobile or truck. 4 Wheelers are not allowed on Town roads.

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Road Name Changes:

Also discussed was a change of names involving Round Pond Spur, Tarbell Rd., and Upper Round Pond Rd, not with respect to Snowmobile roads. Roads were renamed when they did the 911 addressing changes several years ago and are not consistent with regard to Historical or logical needs. It was suggested to remove the name Upper Round Pond Rd. and rename it Tarbell Rd. from the intersection with the bridge to its dead end near the old Tarbell Farms, remove the name Round Pond Spur (from the bridge to the intersection of Round Pond Rd.), and rename the entire length of the road from the old fire station to the intersection of Round Pond Rd. as Pearl St. Councilman Whitmore will take lead on discussing this with County officials.

The Public Hearing was declared CLOSED at 7:28pm by Supervisor Heisler

ACTION:

RESOLUTION # 49 (2012): APPROVE SEASONAL HIGHWAYS AND SNOWMOBILE ROADS FOR THE PERIOD NOV. 1, 2012- APR. 1, 2013.

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Supervisor Heisler, the following resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES	Whitmore, Ludwig, Cammarata, Heisler
NAYES	0
ABSENT	Vanderweyde

RESOLVED to approve the list of Seasonal Highways and Snowmobile Roads in the Town of Smithville from Nov. 1, 2012 to Apr. 1, 2013 as published in the Chenango American.

RESOLUTION # 50 (2012): APPROVE GENEGANTSLET AND SMITHVILLE CENTER FIRE DISTRICT CONTRACTS FOR 2013

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Cammarata, the following resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES	Ludwig, Cammarata, Heisler
NAYES	0
ABSENT	Vanderweyde
ABSTAIN	Whitmore

RESOLVED to approve the Genegantslet Fire Contract amounts and the Smithville Center Fire Contract amounts as published in the Chenango American.

The 2013 Budget will be discussed/approved at the Nov. 19th meeting.

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OTHER:

Tax Collection System:

Town Clerk Owens presented information on a tax collection system which would facilitate collections, allow taxpayers to make online payments, and provide tax status information to banks, mortgage/abstract companies. Two quotes have been obtained from BAS and from the Allen Tunnel system, listed below:

BAS system about \$3000. for the 1st year; \$950. annually afterwards

Tunnel system: \$2,000. 1st year; \$1600. annually afterwards

Either one would be acceptable to use. Town Clerk Owens does have a couple of questions for these vendors and will ask them before the next Town Board meeting.

Driveway Construction & specs:

Highway Sup't Kinney said there have been difficulties recently with regard to driveways installed without correct pipe underneath them. He is asking that as of Jan. 1, 2013 driveways installed from a property to a Town Road have a contract drawn up according to Hwy Sup't. specs. The Highway Sup't must be contacted and a contract signed before work can begin. It will be necessary to change the "new building construction" sheet. It was also suggested to put driveway construction specs into the Site Plan review Local Law, currently under review by the Planning Board.

There was no other business to come before the Board. The next meeting will be the regular monthly meeting on Nov. 19th.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Cammarata. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Alison B. Owens

Smithville Town Clerk