

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
September 17, 2012

OPENING by Supervisor Fred Heisler Jr. 6:30PM

ATTENDANCE BY ROLL CALL:

Supervisor Fred Heisler Jr.

Board members Present:

Elizabeth Vanderweyde

Bob Whitmore

Karl Ludwig

John Cammarata

Others Present:

Town Clerk Alison Owens

Playground: Mindy Eldred

Planning Board: Jackie Centerwall &
Tom Pollard

Highway Sup't Bruce Kinney

DCO Christine Stark

About 6 Townspersons

LATE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REMARKS: none

CORRESPONDENCE 6:35PM

C1: Thank you from Brian Brock, presenting Geologist from last month's meeting.

C2: letter from Donald Wittling requesting to have name of Whittling Rd. changed to Wittling. Supervisor Kinney will order the signs with the corrected spelling. A letter will then be written to Mr. Wittling.

REPORTS 6:45PM

R1.) Planning Board: At last week's meeting the Planning Board met with Hwy Supt. Bruce Kinney to talk about the Town Barn and what would be on a wish list for a new one, the possibility of visiting other Town Barns in the area and identifying tentative site locations in the Town. Minor changes to the Comprehensive Plan were noted and given to Tim Hanna to change. Changes should be made by this weekend and resubmitted to the website.

R2.) Assessor: no report submitted

R3.) Enforcement Officer: report submitted

R4.) Justice: no report.

R5.) DCO: report submitted. There is a dog bite situation in the Town which the DCO is handling. There has also been a complaint about dogs-at-large on Shipton Rd., and the DCO is continuing to monitor a dogs-at-large problem on County Rd. 3. She asked the Town to consider an official Town picture identification badge she can carry with her on calls. Supervisor Heisler will check at the County level about ID. The DCO also needs a cage. The one returned by the former DCO has disappeared from the 2nd storage building.

R6.) Attorney: report submitted

R7.) Smithville Day: no report submitted

R8.) Community Center: Mindy Eldred asked if the front door could be fixed so it can be fully closed-- Supervisor Heisler replied yes. This Saturday some pre-work will be done by United Way Volunteers to ready the floors for sealing. They may or may not get to the sealing this week.

R9.) Playground Committee: report submitted. The Committee and others are recommending a security camera purchase; some money will be donated by Firemen and some money will be raised by the Jr. Grange. Signs posted to deter vandalism in the Park have been ordered. Locks have been updated on the doors so they can't be broken through. The Village of Greene will come and fix the parking lot light.

R10) Town Clerk: report submitted. Dog fees were discussed. Town Clerk Owens said the Town Board could add a replacement tag fee and a late dog license fee without disturbing the Local Law. This was confirmed by Att'y Monaco. DCO Stark was in favor of both the replacement dog tag and late license fee. The Board will further discuss this next month.

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R11) Highway report:

- Engaarrrd Rd was finished with 2 coats of stone and oil.
- Shim paving on King, Hammerle and Pollard; stone and oil on Pollard and Hammerle.
- Working on Echo Lake for turn-a-round.
- Mini excavator has been used every day.
- Stone laying ready for Pond Creek.
- Stone set on Tarbell Rd, ready to do Hammerle and Round Pond. Sand almost set for winter.
- Fed. Gov't funding for Town inventory, called a Comprehensive Maintenance Plan, of sluice pipes, cross-overs, conditions of roads, material of roads, dead ends or seasonal, feeder or main rd., etc. Other Towns have also been participating. There is no cost to Town.

The Highway Sup't was asked for a prioritized list of roads needing repairs. He was also asked if counters could be used to track traffic on the roads for these priority purposes. The Highway Sup't replied they can be used but the Town does not have any; other Towns might have some and the County does have some.

R12) Supervisor's Report: report submitted and reviewed. A motion to accept the Supervisor's report was made by Councilwoman Vanderweyde, 2nd by Councilman Whitmore. All 5 Board members: Vanderweyde, Whitmore, Ludwig, Cammarata and Heisler were in favor, motion carried. Additional comments include:

- the Citizens accounts have been officially closed and moved to NBT.
- the Town Barn fund of \$15,000. should be done as an InterFund transfer this year. The following Resolution was brought forth:

RESOLUTION # 41 (2012): INTERFUND TRANSFER TO TOWN BARN BUILDING FUND

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize inter-transfer of \$15,000. from DA9950.9 to the Town Barn building fund.

NEW BUSINESS

7:20PM

NB1: Supervisor Heisler received a letter from Gary Huttleston with regard to neighboring chickens being a nuisance on his property. Photos were submitted. The owners of the chickens live in the hamlet and have already had one verbal complaint against them. Supervisor Heisler has spoken to the offending owners who have made an attempt to partially but not completely fix the problem. DCO Stark said if these are free range chickens then any neighbor has the right to take a chicken if it is on their property. She also suggested talking to Ag & Markets. Supervisor Heisler asked Councilwoman Vanderweyde to check with the Dept of Environmental Health in Norwich.

NB2: request from Sally Crow for 5 min. time. Mrs. Crow was not at the meeting. Carol Omalyev speaking for Sally Crow read a list of "Is it ok..." questions to the Board with respect to the effects of gas drilling on properties.

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OLD BUSINESS

7:40PM

OB1: Info from John Cammarata re: parking lot lights. It was decided to have the one light in the parking lot repaired by the Village of Greene first, check to see how the light works/coverage and then revisit the question next month to see if additional ones are needed

OB2: JCAP grant. No new information. The Justice has moved from the area and will be submitting a letter of resignation. Justice Hosford is not interested in taking over the upcoming vacancy. The 6th Judicial Court will probably make an appointment.

OB3: NYS&Local Retirement System: Adoption of the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution--RS 2417-A (# 42-2012)

This is a requirement by the NYSLRS for newly elected officials or officials starting a new term to keep a record of their activities for 3 months or to fill out a form good for up to 8 years that is a Certification of Continued Accuracy of Retirement Record of Activities RS2417-B. The Standard workday is 6 hours with 3 employees currently subscribed: Town Clerk Owens, Hwy Sup't Kinney and Assessor Klein. This was put to Resolution by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilwoman Vanderweyde with a roll call vote as follows:

Councilwoman Vanderweyde	AYE
Councilman Whitmore	AYE
Councilman Ludwig	AYE
Councilman Cammarata	AYE
Supervisor Heisler	AYE

The RESOLUTION is included in its entirety on the following page. Supervisor Heisler's name will be added to the list after his 3 month report of activities.

OTHER

There is no new information on the speed limit reduction requested. Supervisor Heisler will check with Shawn Fry at the Chenango Co., Highway Dept.

Owners of the Hansmann Mill property and adjacent home have been cleaning up the property and have listed it for sale.

MINUTES APPROVAL FOR Aug. 20th

8:00PM

Reviewed by Board members and moved for approval by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilwoman Vanderweyde. All 5 Board members in favor, motion carried.

WARRANTS

8:05PM

General Warrant # 9, Vouchers # 118-128 in the amount of \$2811.10 was submitted for payment. A motion to accept and pay these bills was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilwoman Vanderweyde. All 5 Board members in favor, motion carried.

Highway Warrant # 9, Vouchers # 113-132 in the amount of \$56,367.48 were submitted for payment. A motion to accept and pay these bills was made by Councilwoman Vanderweyde, 2nd by Councilman Cammarata.. All 5 Board members in favor, motion carried.

The rest of the meeting was dedicated to a Budget work session. There will be an additional work session on Tues. Sept. 25th @6:30pm.

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There was no other business to come before the Board. Supervisor Heisler declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Smithville Town Clerk

Alison B. Owens

FYI Items: numerous gas drilling emails