

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
December 16, 2013

OPENING Supervisor Fred Heisler Jr. 6:35PM

PRESENT:

Council members:

Elizabeth Vanderweyde

Bob Whitmore

Karl Ludwig

John Cammarata

Also:

Alison Owens, Town Clerk

Harry Schultes, Hwy Supt.,elect

Tom Pollard, Planning Board

Shane Butler, Larry Sherwood

Christine Stark, DCO

Jackie Centerwall, PB Chair

LATE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REMARKS

Adding C4 payment from CHIPS, R2 report from Assessor Keith Klein

CORRESPONDENCE

6:40PM

C1) Chenango County Council of Arts: applications for grants for cultural initiatives in 2014. The Smithville Day Committee is applying for a grant to help with Smithville Day's theme of Flag Day June 14th.

C2) Upstate NY Towns Association application/membership info. A new grass roots organization is starting an Association to better service the Towns in upstate New York. Application, fees are \$400. per year. Supervisor Heisler recommended to wait and see what the new organization does in the next year.

C3) NYS Dept of Public Service: literature on managing energy costs this winter.

C4) CHIPS payment of \$160,877.20 received by EFT payment today.

NEW BUSINESS

7:00PM

NB1) A new contract with NYSDEC for a new licensing program is available and should be signed before the Town can sell licenses under the new program. After light consideration, the Board approved the contract to be signed in the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION # 63(2013): APPROVE SIGNING NEW NYSDEC CONTRACT FOR SPORTING LICENSE SALES

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

AYES: Heisler, Vanderweyde, Whitmore, Ludwig, Cammarata

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to approve (the Town of Smithville) signing a new contract with NYSDEC to sell sporting licenses under the new system when it becomes available.

NB2) Set date for end of the year bills, authorization to pay bills, set date for Organizational meeting:

The Town Board set the date of Dec. 30th to meet to pay end of the year bills. The meeting will be held at 6:30pm.

The Board also set Tues. Jan. 7th @ 6:30 as the Organizational meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

6:50PM

OB1) Security badges, written reports, attendance at meetings (memo for all 3 items)Town Clerk Owens will write a memo to all Town Officials asking them for written reports for each Town Board meeting, to attend the

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
December 16, 2013

Board meetings and to obtain security badges if their position requires it. Supervisor Heisler will make contact with the Chenango County Sheriff's office to re-affirm availability of the security badges.

OB2) Cable Franchising info: Councilman Cammarata spoke with Lee Haefle of Haefle TV who said he would not attend the December 16th Board meeting because 13% of the current subscribers are non-paying customers and there was no need for further discussion about a contract. He was not interested in extending the cable any further than it presently is. The cable company may be sold.

According to the NYS Cable Commission, after the 5 yr. extension is up, the cable company can still operate to provide cable service. The Town could re-do a contract but Haefle TV would not commit. Time Warner will not come into the Town because the Town supposedly has a contract with Haefle TV. At the moment the situation is at a standstill. Supervisor Heisler asked Councilman Cammarata to call NYS to see if anything can be done with this scenario.

OB3) Positions to advertise for January: Board members asked Town Clerk Owens to continue a running ad in the Chenango American for both a Planning Board member and Clerk.

REPORTS

7:00PM

R1.) Planning Board: report submitted. The Pauline Lewis estate proposed 17 acre sale was not a subdivision. The attorney for the sale needed a letter on Town letterhead stating so. This was provided to him.

An application for the vacant position on the Planning Board from Shane Butler was received. The Planning Board determined that meetings will continue to be the 2nd Monday of each month 2014.

The survey: is the survey something the Town Board wants the Planning Board to do? The survey would ask opinions about the Town and its services provided. This would tie into the Comprehensive Plan. Chairman Centerwall's vision is to have a Survey Committee with Town residents participating. Fred will talk with the Town of Guilford Supervisor who has just done a survey.

R2.) Assessor: report submitted

R3.) Enforcement Officer: report submitted. The situation on Buckley Hollow Rd. continues to be worked on by both Town and County Code Enforcement. County: report submitted.

R4.) Mitigation: no report

R5.) DCO: report submitted, verbal/written report given to Town Clerk Owens on delinquent dogs. Updated list of delinquent dogs as of 12/16/13 was given to the DCO. The DCO spoke to Mrs. McCarthy at 386 Pollard Rd. to ask them to license their dogs. A missing black lab was put on Facebook and the owner found.

R6.) Attorney: report submitted. It was noted the Attorney has been used less than an hour this year.

R7.) Smithville Day: no report submitted

R8.) Custodian report

R9.) Playground Committee: no report submitted

R10) Town Clerk: report submitted. The Town Clerk explained the differences between a Cloud back-up and a hard drive back-up. The Town Board preferred a hard drive, or something called "Click Free", a device which will automatically back up the computer data. The back-up device could then be put in the fireproof cabinet or stored off-site

R11) Highway: no report submitted—no hand written report was submitted.

R12) Supervisor's Report: report submitted

With the receipt of the CHIPS moneys, the negative balance will be moderated. The Highway Savings of \$109,000.+/- should be moved at the first of the year. New equipment is needed but so is a place to keep the equipment. The Highway committee to be decided at the beginning of the year should work together with the incoming Highway Sup't to make some decisions.

A motion to accept the Supervisors report was made by Councilwoman Vanderweyde, 2nd by Councilman Cammarata. All five Board members, Vanderweyde, Whitmore, Ludwig, Cammarata and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
December 16, 2013

OTHER: JUSTICE AUDIT

Councilwoman Vanderweyde gave a written report on the Justice audit for 2012. Due to the several Justices involved that year, there was some difficulty in obtaining accurate information. Supervisor Heisler asked for a Resolution to accept the annual review/audit of the Justice Court Records done by Councilwoman Vanderweyde.

RESOLUTION # 64 (2013): ACCEPT THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE JUSTICE COURT RECORDS

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

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

RESOLVED to accept annual review of Justice Court Records done by Councilwoman Vanderweyde

MINUTES APPROVAL FOR Nov. 18th

7:48PM

The minutes of the November 18th meeting were reviewed by the Board. A motion to accept the minutes of this meeting was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilwoman Vanderweyde. All five Board members, Vanderweyde, Whitmore, Ludwig, Cammarata and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

WARRANTS

7:51PM

General Warrant # 12, Vouchers # 156-178 in the amount of \$ 4,867.72 were submitted for payment. # 169 voucher (Doug Garnar) is donating his money back to the Town. A motion was made by Councilman Cammarata, 2nd by Councilwoman Vanderweyde to pay these claims. All five Board members, Vanderweyde, Whitmore, Ludwig, Cammarata and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

Highway Warrant # 12, Vouchers # 148-155, in the amount of \$8,229.18 were submitted for payment. A motion to accept and pay these claims was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilwoman Vanderweyde. All five Board members, Vanderweyde, Whitmore, Ludwig, Cammarata and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

There was no other business to come before the Board. A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Vanderweyde, 2nd by Councilman Cammarata. All five Board members, Vanderweyde, Whitmore, Ludwig, Cammarata and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

The next brief meeting will be held Monday Jan. 30th to pay the final bills of 2013. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:02PM.

Alison B. Owens

Smithville Town Clerk