

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
June 15, 2015

OPENING

Supervisor Fred Heisler Jr.

6:30PM

ATTENDANCE in addition to Supervisor Heisler:

Councilman Karl Ludwig
Councilman Bob Whitmore
Councilman Tom Pollard
Councilman John Cammarata

ALSO:

Alison Owens, Town Clerk
Bruce Kinney, Enforcement Officer
Christine Stark, DCO
Jackie Centerwall, PB Chair

LATE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REMARKS

Adding NB3 to the agenda: printing contract with DCMO Boces for 1 yr. period

CORRESPONDENCE

6:35PM

C1) Ambit Energy savings for 2013. The Town Clerk is still working on rates from Electric suppliers for the Town of Smithville.

C2) Thank you for contribution from McDonough Food Pantry

NEW BUSINESS

6:40PM

NB1) Consider Resolution to appoint Gloria Micha as Assessor for the Town of Smithville. Mrs. Micha is the Assessor for the Town of Greene. Since Assessor Keith Klein's last day as the Town of Smithville Assessor is July 1st and since Mrs. Micha's application has been approved by the Personnel Dept. in Chenango County, Board members decided to appoint her as an Acting Assessor on a 6 month trial period beginning July 2, 2015.

RESOLUTION # 27 (2015): APPOINT GLORIA MICHA AS ACTING ASSESSOR FOR 6 MONTH PERIOD UNTIL JAN. 2, 2016.

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

AYES: Ludwig, Whitmore, Pollard, Heisler, Cammarata

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to appoint Gloria Micha as Acting Assessor for the Town of Smithville for a 6 month period from July 2, 2015 to Jan. 2, 2016.

Councilman Ludwig explained Mrs. Micha would first do an inventory of the Town and compare it to the data we have on file. This would mean mailing out a property disclosure statements 1st. A re-val would not be done right away but bringing up the equalization rate would result in an increase in sales tax revenue. Mrs. Micha said New York State will pay \$45. Per parcel for a re-val to be used toward expenses associated with a re-val.

NB2) Consider Terrorism Risk Insurance, an offer sent by Selective Insurance. Board members questioned whether the Town really was in an area considered to be high risk. Supervisor Heisler will check with Mang

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Insurance regarding the extra policy. Since the letter seemed to indicate the Town would be responsible for a minimum charge whether the Town decided to accept the policy or not, Board members made the decision to pay only the minimum for this extra policy or no payment if that is possible.

RESOLUTION # 28 (2015): PAY ONLY THE MINIMUM OF \$36.00 FOR TERROR RISK INSURANCE, OR NONE IF POSSIBLE

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

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

RESOLVED to pay only the minimum required (\$36.00) for Terror Risk insurance, or none if possible.

NB3) Consider Resolution for annual contract with DCMO BOCES for print services for a 1 yr period, from July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016. This has saved the Town a considerable amount in printing services.

RESOLUTION # 29 (2015): CONTRACT WITH DCMO BOCES FOR PRINT SHOP SERVICES FROM JULY 1, 2015-JUNE 30, 2016

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

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

RESOLVED to contract with DCMO BOCES for print services offered by BOCES for a 1 yr. period from July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

7:00PM

OB1) Town Barn Engineering Plans. Engineer expects to have the pre-bid opening for the Town Barn around June 25th, with bids due by July 6th. A new survey will be done by Koerts Surveying as the old survey cannot be located. Old gas tanks for the Town Barn are still scheduled to come out, the SEQR report is being done by the Engineer, bank approval is moving forward and the SAM (NYS) grant approval is also moving forward.

OB2) Town signs at entrance; Mr. Genter is still working on the signs. Fred Eaton has offered to install the new lights on the poles outside the Community Center.

RESOLUTION # 30 (2015): HAVE LOCAL CONTRACTOR FRED EATON INSTALL NEW LIGHTS ON POLES OUTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER

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

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

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RESOLVED to authorize Local Contractor Fred Eaton to install the new lights on the poles outside the Community Center.

OB3) The Park rest rooms were completed by Fred Eaton before Smithville Day. The funds to pay for this will come from the Bottle Fund.

OB4) Government Efficiency Program. In addition to a 1% tax cap increase, all Towns must now show a savings of 1% in their annual Budgets. The Town of Smithville's initial response was accepted, then questioned, then rejected. Supervisor Heisler will continue efforts to find savings. Union negotiations for the 2016 contract will start sometime after July 1st, the date the Union has given in the contract.

OB5) Application for SAM Grant from NYS Sen. Libous office—see OB1

REPORTS

7:30PM

R1.) Highway: The report was submitted late and included a list of potential projects for this summer. The Highway Sup't was not available to answer questions.

R2.) Assessor: no report submitted

R3.) Enforcement Officer: no report submitted, but Enforcement Office Kinney was present to give a verbal report. A septic was repaired at on Round Pond Rd.; application for a holding tank on Echo Lake; a S. Tyner Rd. app'l has been finally approved. Buckley Hollow property continues to be a problem—a neighbor is complaining the approved system is in fraction against his property. The neighbor has been referred to the County Code Enforcement Officer. The County Building Code report was submitted.

R4.) unassigned

R5.) DCO: no report submitted but DCO was present to give a verbal report. 2 bite incidents but they were handled. Timothy Wakefield's situation was referred to the County.

R6.) Attorney: no report submitted

R7.) Smithville Day: no report submitted, but Supervisor Heisler said it was very successful.

R8.) Custodian: nothing to report

R9.) Playground Committee: nothing to report. There was some discussion on the new outside restrooms and who should be required to clean them and who should pay for supplies. Board members spoke of the continuing need to have 1 port-a-john remain for the rest of the summer until the end of October.

R10) Town Clerk: report submitted. The Town Clerk is still working on finding electric rates for the Town of Smithville accounts

R11) Planning Board: report submitted late. Chairperson Centerwall. A summary sheet will be available for the new Site Plan Review Local Law, and an additional article for the newspaper will notify the Public of the new requirements for the Local Law. Recruitment for a Planning Board replacement has been slow. Final results from the Community survey will be submitted next month. Chair Centerwall asked about the proposed Fee schedule?? Supervisor Heisler said he and the Attorney had not discussed it at length but will do so.

R12) Supervisor's Report: report submitted

With regard to the open position at the Highway Dept., Hwy Supt Schultes was notified that the position needs to be advertised. Town Clerk Owens has given him copies of the job description.

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

There was some discussion on the requirements to have the Town Hwy Superintendent position an appointed position rather than an elected one.

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MINUTES APPROVAL for May 18th

8:20PM

A motion to accept the minutes of the May 18th meeting was made by Councilman Pollard, 2nd by Councilman Ludwig. All five Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

WARRANTS

8:25PM

General Warrant # 6, claims # 66-73 in the amount of \$1501.92 was submitted for consideration.

A motion to accept and pay claims # 66-73 in the amount of \$1501.92 was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Cammarata. All five Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried

Highway Warrant # 6, claims #62-74, in the amount \$18,618.44 was submitted for consideration.

A motion to accept and pay claims # 66-73 in the amount of \$1501.92 was made by Councilman Pollard, 2nd by Councilman Cammarata. All five Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried

There was also some discussion on the old plow used for one of the pick-ups. Should it be repaired or sold?

There was nothing else to come before the Board. The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Heisler at 8:43pm. The next meeting will be July 20th.

Alison B. Owens

Smithville Town Clerk

Addendum 6/25/2015:

RESOLUTION # 31 (2015): SIGN PROPOSAL NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000. W/GARY DYER CONSTRUCTION TO REMOVE BURIED TANKS AT THE TOWN BARN

On a motion by Councilman Pollard, 2nd by Supervisor Heisler, the following Resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES: Ludwig, Whitmore, Pollard, Heisler, all by vote except Cammarata (by phone) on 5/26/2015

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to contract with Gary Dyer Construction, a DEC approved Contractor to remove two buried tanks at the Town Barn. The removal includes removal and dumping of any liquids as per DEC regulations and testing of soil after removal.