

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
April 18, 2016

OPENING

by Supervisor Fred Heisler Jr.

6:30PM

ROLL CALL/PLEDGE:

Board members:

Supervisor Fred Heisler Jr.
Karl Ludwig
John Cammarata
Bob Whitmore
Tom Pollard

Also Present: Alison Owens, Town Clerk
Jackie Centerwall, PB Chair
Gloria Micha, Assessor
Tracy Oliver, Hwy Sup't
Louis Merlino, Buckley Hollow Rd.
Joshua, David Ranzie, Buckley Hollow Rd
Ken Whitmore, Hwy employee

Additions: C1 Correspondence, those addressing the Board: Louis Merlino, Joshua and David Ranzie, Ken Whitmore representing the Genegantslet Fire Co.,

CORRESPONDENCE

6:35PM

C1) Presentation/training seminar on Ethics with regard to Town of Employees, 6:30-8pm in Coventry, Tues. April 26th Windy Hall; all official municipal employees

The Town Board recognized **Joshua Ranzie and David Ranzie** property owners on Buckley Hollow Rd. who complained that a tree on their property in the Town "right of way" was in danger of falling further into their property. They requested the Town remove the tree. Hwy Sup't Oliver reported a quote of \$600. For the tree to be removed using a bucket, and \$500. To remove the same tree by scaling it and cutting it. Supervisor Heisler indicated he would call the Attorney to find out the legalities and responsibilities of cutting down the tree; Hwy Sup't Oliver will contact the vendors confirming the removal quotes.

There was a question as to who owns the property the tree is on. Mr. Merlino states the tree is on Town property, or in the "right of way". He has another tree on his own property which he wants the Town to remove.

Louis Merlino: Former Hwy Supt Kinney tore up the road on Buckley Hollow and had promised to repair it, that the money was there to repair it and it is still not done. Supervisor Heisler said the paperwork was probably never submitted for CHIPS. Hwy Sup't Oliver said that request will be placed on the upcoming list.

Ken Whitmore IV, representing the Genegantslet Fire Co.: Would the Town be willing to sell 3 acres of land next to the Fire Station for parking for events at the fire station? The fire company currently owns 3 acres. Board members asked to have the Fire Company to put up a stake to mark the distance they would like. Councilman Pollard suggested the sidewalk could be extended as part of the purchase agreement. The Fire Company would also be willing to allow the Town access to the parking area for future events. Supervisor Heisler will ask the Town Att'y to find out about right of ways and also real estate people for an approximate cost.

NEW BUSINESS

6:35PM

NB1) Consider Resolution to advertise for fuel bids at the May 16th meeting

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RESOLUTION # 9 (2016): ADVERTISE FOR FUEL BIDS FOR THE TOWN FOR MAY 16TH BOARD MEETING

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

AYES: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore, Heisler

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to advertise for fuel bids for the Town of Smithville for fuel, diesel and propane for both the Town Barn and the Town Office building; such bid opening to take place at the May 16, 2016 meeting of the Smithville Town Board.

NB2) Consider Resolution for NYS and Local Retirement—this was not available. Contact was made by Town Clerk Owens to the NYS and Local Retirement twice but she has not heard back anything.

NB3) letter from Chenango County Fire/Building Code: This is in regard to the Town building permit expiration due to the septic application from 2014. Supervisor Heisler said if the work on the outside bathrooms could be completed by May 15th then the renewal fee will only be for ½ of the original fee of \$200. Supervisor Heisler has been in contact with Contractor Fred Eaton who said he will be able to have the work completed by the May 15th date.

OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES)

6:50PM

OB1) lights on poles: Councilman Cammarata reported the caps have been ordered and will be coming in soon. The # of parking lot poles for lights, originally planned for 6, has been reduced to 4. Councilman Cammarata will be meeting with Barnes Electric to go over purchase and placement of the light poles and to place the order.

OB2) JCAP Grant update: The 2 heaters for the main room of the Community Center have been installed. It was questioned whether to apply the remaining unused funds from the lesser amount of poles needed to instead purchase another heater for the Community Center. After discussion it was decided to go ahead and purchase 1 additional heater with the remaining funds.

RESOLUTION # 10 (2016): PURCHASE ADDITIONAL HEATER W/JCAP GRANT FUNDS

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

AYES: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore, Heisler

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to accept the suppliers quote to install the 1 remaining heater using JCAP Grant Funds, after realized savings, preferably replacing the smallest one in the kitchen.

OB3) There was continued discussion on help with field work for the Assessor.

OB4) fishing access across from Town Barn: A new email from the NYSDEC rep Dave Lemon was received indicating permission was received from the landowners to purchase a footpath area from the Town property line on the east side of State Hwy 220, across Puvalowski's property to the Genegantslet Creek. Paperwork with regard to the purchase will be forthcoming.

OB5) Discussion of Cincinnatus Lake Dam repairs: Supervisor Heisler is still working on this.

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REPORTS

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- R1.) Highway: report submitted. To place an antennae and repeater on AT&T tower on Cummings Rd would entail a \$650./month rental fee Radios \$600.ea, Repeater \$6,000 not including installation. CHIPS monies could be used but it takes away from road repair. The possibility of using the County system was discussed as was replacing the aging radios on a slower, as needed basis. There is money in the Highway budget that could be used. Hwy Supt Oliver will continue checking locations that could support a repeater tower.
- R2.) Assessor: report submitted. Rep from State will be here on Friday, April 22nd at 11am to talk about the re-val. Heisler has been working with Steve Harris to request help for Gloria in doing the re-val. Two names of persons who could help were given, one has been contacted but there has been no response; Gloria will contact the other person.
- R3.) Enforcement Officer: no report submitted. It was mentioned that a new trailer is going in on King Rd. County: report submitted.
- R4.) unassigned
- R5.) DCO: no report submitted
- R6.) Attorney: no report submitted. The tree issue on Town of Smithville owners land should be reviewed by the Att'y.
- R7.) Smithville Day: no report submitted. Karl reported there were only 4 people at the last meeting. There will be fire police available for the parade. Things are moving ahead. 5K co-sponsored by the Fire Dept may have to list the Town as additional insured.
- R8.) Custodian: no report submitted
- R9.) Playground Committee: no report submitted
- R10) Town Clerk: monthly report submitted. Town Clerk Owens asked when the Town Board would like to start having Public Hearings to remove the fees from the Local Laws. Town Board members discussed several days and decided on June 6th. This was brought to Resolution:

RESOLUTION # 11 (2016): HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS TO REMOVE FEES FROM LOCAL LAWS

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

AYES: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore, Heisler

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to hold Public Hearings on June 6th to remove fees from 6 Local Laws in the Town of Smithville: Junk Yard license fee, Sewage Treatment fee, Site Plan Review fees, Subdivision fees, Dog Impoundment and License fee structures, and Telecommunications Tower fees. Such fees will be adopted by Resolution at the beginning of each year.

R11) Planning Board: report submitted: 1 SPR for Stuart Opp. Weight limits for Town Roads was discussed at the last Planning Board meeting. The Town of Greene has a road use agreement which could be considered. If there are weight limits, there are additional costs for signs.

R12) Supervisor's Report: report submitted. Placement of Town signs are gaining, pending permission from property owners. A motion to accept the Supervisor's report was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Pollard. All 5 Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL for March 21, 2016

8:05PM

This will be done at next month's meeting

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WARRANTS

8:00PM

General Warrant # 4, Claims # 41-52, 54&55 in the amount of \$29,752.68 were reviewed by the Board. Voucher # 49 to Cincinnatus Home Center for hardware for the Town of Smithville signs was questioned as to whether the SHS would be helping with this payment using donations made to them for the signs. Town Clerk Owens will check to see if there are any leftover funds in the SHS account that could be used to pay for this. A motion to pay the General Warrant claims so reviewed was made by Councilman Cammarata, 2nd by Councilman Pollard. All 5 Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

Highway Warrant # 4, Claims # 42-58, in the amount \$6,347.95 were reviewed by the Board. A motion to accept and pay these claims was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Cammarata. All 5 Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

There was no other business to come before the Board. Supervisor Heisler declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09PM. The next meeting is May 16th.

Alison B. Owens

Smithville Town Clerk