

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
March 21, 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, absent

Also Present: Alison Owens, Town Clerk
Jackie Centerwall, PB Chair
David Craine, Mang Insurance
Tracy Oliver, Hwy Sup't
Christine Stark, DCO
Bruce Kinney, EO

LATE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REMARKS: Additional note of replacement p. 5 for Supervisor's report

Gary Sweet, County Co-ordinator for trout stocking was recognized and spoke concerning the possibility of the Town authorizing a new public fishing access area across from the Highway Dept where the sand/gravel area is, then a walkway down to the creek. Mr. Sweet is representing requests from sportsmen in the County. Supervisor Heisler will talk with Dave Lemon at the DEC more concerning this request as Town property does not go all the way to the creek and a path would have to go across private land.

Additional gravel is needed at the Art Lake Rd. fishing access because the creek is washing away a section of the bed on one side of the creek. Supervisor Heisler asked the Hwy Dept. to take care of spreading a load of gravel at the site; Board members were ok with it.

PRESENTATION BY DAVID CRAINE OF MANG INSURANCE

6:35pm

David Craine of Mang Insurance was recognized and presented the Town with their annual options for insurance. A recommendation was made to amend the policies from 5 yr replacement cost to 10 yr. as long as vehicles are insured properly. This can be done at no additional cost. Board members declined a terrorism policy. The annual policy is expected to be billed at \$17,843.93, with an additional \$1927.00 for Public Officials add-on, and \$306. For the extra 2 mil umbrella "OCP" liability coverage. An additional add-on Crime policy is \$914.

CORRESPONDENCE

7:00PM

C1) letter from Chase Mortgage notifying the Town of lien release on property at 102 McBery Rd.
C2) NYSPSC notification of Public Hearing regarding increase in delivery rates for NYSEG

NEW BUSINESS

7:05PM

NB1) Consider Resolution to adopt the Chenango County All Hazard Mitigation Plan and request for Lead Agency Status

RESOLUTION # 6 (2016): ADOPT CHENANGO COUNTY ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND REQUEST FOR LEAD AGENCY STATUS

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

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

WHEREAS the Town of Smithville with the assistance from TetraTech, EM Inc., has gathered information and prepared the Chenango County All Hazard Mitigation Plan; and
WHEREAS the Chenango County All Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and
WHEREAS the Town of Smithville is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and
WHEREAS the Town Board of Smithville has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of Smithville that the Town of Smithville adopts the Chenango County All Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of Smithville adopt Chenango County's request for lead agency status

NB2) Consider Resolution changing account # for Attorney from A1420.1 to A1420.4 to reflect payment on a contractual rather than employee basis.

RESOLUTION # 7 (2016): CHANGE ACCOUNT # FOR ATTORNEY FROM A1420.1 TO A1420.4

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

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

WHEREAS the Attorney for the Town is not an employee of the Town and

WHEREAS the Attorney for the Town is paid on contractual basis

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the account # for payment to the Attorney be changed from A1420.1 to A1420.4

NB3) Discussion of Cincinnatus Lake Dam repairs: Supervisor Heisler reminded the Town Board the Town of Smithville was in violation of 3 items from last year's inspection of the Cincinnatus Lake dam. Some repairs needed to fix the violations can be done by the Highway Dept. One action item, core drilling/sampling, needs to be done to see how stable the ground is around the dam. Property owner Hatfield has had to sign off on some of these responsibility issues. Supervisor Heisler will continue to update the Board the progress of these concerns.

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NB4) Consider Resolution for NYS and Local Retirement (if available). There has been no response yet from the Retirement System so the Resolution will be put off.

OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES)

7:20PM

OB1) lights on poles: AC Spear Electric has been here to attach 1 light to the pole but it will need to be stabilized. Barnes Electric will need deposit to order and begin work on the additional poles and lights around the parking lot; the outside bathrooms will be done shortly by Fred Eaton.

OB2) JCAP Grant update; heaters have been replaced with old heaters being kept; heating units for the kitchen, Judges office, TC office and Records room quote will be coming in shortly. Security cameras have not yet been quoted, but there should be a 110 v. outlet in the pavilion for them to be operational.

OB3) continued discussion on help with field work for the Assessor (see Assessor Report R2)

REPORTS

7:30PM

R1.) Highway: report submitted.

Ceiling fans for the Town Barn were quoted at \$2590. by Wescott Electric to install 3 ceiling fans; Randy Hay's quote was not immediately available but it was a little more.

The Hwy crew will be digging ditches. Replacement road signs need to be ordered but there is not enough \$ in the line item of the budget to order all of the signs. The approx cost to replace the missing/damaged signs is \$1000. With only \$300 allotted in the line item. Supervisor Heisler has designed brackets for the Welcome to Smithville signs and has given it to Hwy Supt. Oliver. Stone and oil quotes for this year's CHIPS road projects were available for review.

R2.) Assessor: report submitted. April 22nd (Friday) NYS RPS will be in Smithville to talk about the re-val. Supervisor Heisler and Board members are invited to attend. Photos of the properties will be taken as part of the re-val. Supervisor Heisler has spoken with Steve Harris, Chenango County RPS, to see if he could identify someone who would be able to help with this project. Steve will be able to provide the name of a prior Assessor who can take pictures and help with updating property information for the re-val. Assessor Micha also knows of 2 other Assessors who might be able to help.

R3.) Enforcement Officer: no report submitted County: no report submitted

Enforcement Officer Kinney was present to give a verbal report. 1 bldg permit signed; 2 SPR's upcoming EO Kinney will be attending the zoning training in Norwich May 5th.

R4.) unassigned

R5.) DCO: report submitted late. No activity going on. She has received the Town Clerk's late dog list for Nov-January and has noted 15 dogs on Pollard Rd. are currently unlicensed. She has made phone calls but has not been able to make contact with them.

R6.) Attorney: no report submitted

R7.) Smithville Day: no report submitted. Smithville Day plans are sketchy this year because of the different events going on in the area on the same day.

R8.) Custodian: no report submitted.

R9.) Playground Committee: no report submitted

R10) Town Clerk: monthly report submitted. Town Clerk Owens reported she will not be attending the Town Clerk's Conference in April this year but would like to attend the Historian's Conference on Apr. 9th at a cost of \$18.00 plus mileage (to Binghamton).

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RESOLUTION # 8 (2016): APPROVE TOWN CLERK/HISTORIAN ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE APR.9TH

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

AYES: Ludwig, Cammarata, Whitmore, Heisler

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: Pollard

RESOLVED to allow Town Clerk/Historian to attend the Historian's Conference in Binghamton Apr. 9th and to be reimbursed for the cost plus mileage.

R11) Planning Board: report submitted. A weight limit restriction on roads as opposed to a Local Law for road preservation has been discussed.

R12) Supervisor's Report: report submitted and reviewed

Time Warner Cable: Town Att'y Dave Berger who also represents Town of Vestal, indicated TWC has refused to respond to the Town of Vestal's concerns as well. An FCC contact in Albany said TWC owes franchise fees as does the previous owner Haefele TV.

A credit line given by the Town Barn engineering firms can be used to purchase foam for insulation on the north wall of the Town Barn.

A motion to accept the Supervisor's report was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Cammarata. All 4 Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried. Board member Pollard was absent.

MINUTES APPROVAL for February 15, 2016

8:15PM

A motion to accept the Supervisor's report was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilman Cammarata. All 4 Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried. Board member Pollard was absent.

WARRANTS

8:20PM

General Warrant # 3, Claims # 23-40 in the amount of \$6,424.44 were presented for payment and reviewed. A motion to accept and pay these claims was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Whitmore. All 4 Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried. Board member Pollard was absent.

Highway Warrant # 3, Claims # 26-41, in the amount \$13,055.62 were presented for payment and reviewed. A motion to accept and pay these claims was made by Councilman Cammarata, 2nd by Councilman Ludwig. All 4 Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried. Board member Pollard was absent.

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OTHER/CLOSE

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It was suggested to obtain quotes for painting the Community Center. This was originally proposed to be part of next year's JCAP grant but Supervisor Heisler said it may be possible to use the Building fund reserve @ NBT, 8003476557.

Union Contracts were sent by the Teamster's Union to be signed by Supervisor Heisler and returned.

There was no other business to come before the Board. Supervisor Heisler declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Alison B. Owens

Smithville Town Clerk