

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board  
December 17, 2018

OPENING of Town Board meeting by Supervisor Heisler 6:30PM

ROLL CALL/PLEDGE:

LATE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REMARKS:

ATTENDANCE in addition to Supervisor Heisler:

Councilman Mike Evans

Councilman Bob Whitmore

Councilman John Cammarata

Councilman Karl Ludwig

ALSO:

Alison Owens, Town Clerk

Jeff Lowe, Assessor

Tracy Oliver, Hwy. Sup't.

Shane Butler, Planning Board Chair

CORRESPONDENCE 6:40PM

C1) NYSDOT: letter stating they are in receipt of a request for review of parking near intersection of NYS 41 and Round Pond.

C2) Chenango American to cease publication: options are the Norwich paper, the Pennysaver, the Press and Sun Bulletin in Binghamton. The Board will discuss this further at the Board meeting in January.

NEW BUSINESS 6:45PM

NB1) **complaint of unkempt property on Tarbell Rd.** A letter was received from Bill and Julie Lenga, 114 Tarbell Rd about the house and property across the street from them at 113 Tarbell Rd. The condition of the property is such that it is unsightly and emits an odor from garbage collecting in piles. Smithville's Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Kinney was contacted as was the County Code Enforcement. The County Code Enforcement will handle the situation.

Councilman Cammarata asked if anything had been done to the property at **202 Fred Wilcox Rd** where the burned out trailer is. Enforcement Officer Kinney said someone was supposed to be working on cleaning that up but nothing has been done so far. This property also has become very neglected and odiferous. Supervisor Heisler asked Board member Cammarata to have the complaining party also write a letter to the Board. Supervisor Heisler said he would see if Chenango County Code Enforcement would take care of this property as well.

NB2) Resolution to pay end of year bills:

A Resolution authorizing Supervisor Heisler to pay the end of the year bills was brought forth.

**RESOLUTION # 50 (2018): AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR HEISLER TO PAY YEAR END BILLS**

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, 2<sup>ND</sup> by Councilman Whitmore, the following Resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES Ludwig, Cammarata, Evans, Whitmore, Heisler

NAYES 0

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Heisler to pay the year's end bills

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NB3) Resolution for Organizational meeting in early January? Or meet during regular meeting January 21<sup>st</sup>? After some discussion it was decided to hold the Organizational Meeting for 2019 during the regular Town Board meeting January 21, 2019 @ 6:30pm

**RESOLUTION # 51 (2018): HOLD THE 2019 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING DURING JANUARY REGULAR MEETING**

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, 2<sup>ND</sup> by Councilman Whitmore, the following Resolution was ADOPTED.

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

RESOLVED to hold the 2019 Organizational meeting during the January 21, 2019 Town Board meeting, 6:30pm.

NB4) **Discussion of Sentry Alarm** bill from October 15<sup>th</sup>: The original service call in October did not result in repairing the camera problem. Board members are not in favor of paying this invoice #379324 for \$310. Supervisor Heisler will call and talk to the manager Brian about the invoice.

**OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES IF ANY)**

7:10PM

OB1) update on security camera: previously done

OB2) update on heaters in Community Center: All heaters are now working. They will be back after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year to work with AC units. The heaters upstairs were not in working order and neither was the heater in the Judge's office. All 3 units had to have new parts installed. The invoice from Central Plumbing and Heating reflects the parts and repairs to the 3 heaters, work to bring the propane line to the back-up generator, and ½ of the contractual amount to close the outdoor restrooms. This will appear on the end of the year warrant.

OB3) update on electronic signpost for Community Center. The electronic sign continues to be a challenge for people working with it. Town Clerk Owens will contact the company and see who else in the area has purchased one of the units. Perhaps those owners would be able to give some tips.

**REPORTS**

7:20PM

R1.) Highway: report submitted:

- Plowing in full swing
- Trapping beavers
- County has been using through Shared Services the Town Barn
- Bad galvanized pipe on Collyer Rd, repaired for the winter and will replace in the spring
- Serviced F-350
- Worked on head plows
- Cleaned up ice on Hammerle Rd
- Grader is down, using rental

R2) Assessor: report submitted. Still working on inventory and exemptions. The Assessor is not making progress enough on the data for assessment updates and would consider outside help. Supervisor Heisler and Councilman Ludwig both are willing to help with updating data. Assessor Lowe will provide the two with areas to work on.

R3.) Enforcement Officer: no report submitted County: report not submitted.

Enforcement Officer Kinney said he could continue in his position if needed as he has not submitted a letter of resignation. Supervisor Heisler said Town of Greene Enforcement Officer Mike Wheelock is willing to provide services on an as needed basis. EO Kinney said he would talk with Mr. Wheelock and see if he would be a back-up for Kinney.

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- R4.) Planning Board: minutes submitted. The driveway on the Carr Farm on Hammerle Rd. is causing runoff onto the road. Hwy Supt Oliver will attempt a patch now and a permanent fix in the spring.
- R5.) DCO: no report submitted. Ag and Markets report was satisfactory.
- R6.) Attorney: no report submitted
- R7.) vacant
- R8.) Custodian: no report submitted
- R9.) Playground Committee/Eagle Scout project: no report.
- R10) Town Clerk: report submitted. The Town Clerk mentioned some accounts that have not been used this year or that are carrying a balance. Another item discussed was the appointments expiring at the end of the 2018. Also discussed were destruction of unneeded records. The Town Clerk has approximately 10-12 boxes of records being readied for destruction. To have a company come to the Town to destroy the records or to take them somewhere for destruction will cost about \$150. A sizeable shredder big enough to do the job would cost in the \$700 range. More considerations will be undertaken before a decision is made.
- R11) vacant
- R12) Supervisor's Report: report submitted.
- Pavilion back door will be tackled in the spring (April)
  - CHIPS monies should be here any time now.
  - With the recently repaired Grader again having problems, renting or buying a bulldozer was suggested. The Town does not have an employee who has a CDLA license to pull a trailer with equipment. Renting a bulldozer instead of buying would be more economical as the company would deliver it/come get it; leasing a bulldozer with an option to buy would be another option. The newer equipment is also more complicated because they are computerized. To contract out bulldozing would require the Town to pay prevailing wage. Next year the Board needs to bump up the contractual repair account and also put something into new equipment.
  - A motion to accept the Supervisor's report was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Cammarata. All 5 Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Evans, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVAL** for November 8<sup>th</sup>, November 19<sup>th</sup>

7:50PM

The minutes of the November 8<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> were reviewed by Board members. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Ludwig. All 5 Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Evans, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

**WARRANTS**

7:55PM

General Warrant # 12, Vouchers # 157-179, in the amount of \$11,707.27 were reviewed for payment. A motion to accept and pay these claims was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Evans. All 5 Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Evans, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

Highway Warrant # 12, Vouchers # 145-156, in the amount of \$55,025.51 were reviewed for payment. #126 to McKee Equipment in Cincinnati for \$931.50 was questioned as to what tires were changed and when. This will remain unpaid until Supervisor Heisler can talk with McKee's Equipment about the bill. A motion was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Cammarata to pay vouchers # 145-155 in the amount of \$54,094.01. All 5 Board members: Ludwig, Cammarata, Evans, Whitmore and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

OTHER: Planning Board Chair expressed concerned about the Chenango American ceasing publication with the Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> issue. Other publications were mentioned as substitutes: Norwich Pennysaver, Norwich Evening Sun, Press & Sun Bulletin, and the Cortland Pennysaver. This will discussed more at the Organizational meeting in January 21<sup>st</sup>.

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There was no other business to come before the Board.

CLOSE

by Supervisor Heisler

8:20PM

Alison B. Owens

Smithville Town Clerk