

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
August 15, 2022

OPENING of Town Board meeting
ROLL CALL/PLEDGE/LATE ADDITIONS:

by Supervisor John Cammarata

6:30PM

ATTENDANCE:

Supervisor John Cammarata ALSO:
Councilman Bob Whitmore
Councilman Shane Butler
Councilwoman Pam Holcomb
Councilman Russell Wark

Alison Owens, Town Clerk
Vince Witkowski, Hwy Sup't

Bruce Kinney, Enforcement Officer, arrived late
Paula Williams VanTyle & Robert VanTyle,
Jim Kozak and son, Triphammer Rd., Greene
Janis Mason, Winner Rd., Oxford
Ken Whitmore, Genegantslet Fire Chief, Hwy empl
Chip and Gail Chase, N. Tyner Rd
Mr & Mrs Jesse Cowan, Buckley Hollow Rd

PUBLIC INPUT ON TOWN OF SMITHVILLE ROADS

6:35PM

Supervisor Cammarata opened the meeting for Public Comments on Town of Smithville roads, asking for persons name and address.

Paula Williams Van Tyle, 1490 Buckley Hollow: lives on a dirt road and even though the snowplowing has been ok, there have been a number of other problems, such as dirt in ditches being filled in to the point where the water cannot run off, and dust which rises 2 stories into the air. Dust oil has not been available this year. She is aware of budgetary concerns but feels things have not been maintained along the roads.

Supervisor Cammarata: there has been equipment problems; 2 repair bills worth \$100K are before the Board for payment approval tonight. There is no extra reserve. To asphalt the roads with 1 mile of 3" thick substandard topping is \$100K; oil and stone does not last. IF CHIPS money is used to pave a road, the road cannot be worked on for 10 years.

Hwy Sup't Witkowski: said the process he is undertaking requires patience. He is building a subbase up and will then pave until the \$ is gone. He has had over 100 loads of ditch cleanings on N. Tyner. The hollow portions (north) on Hattie Clark road will be done as well as a couple other roads

Robert VanTyle: asked if shared services were available? He had pictures of the ditches on that road.

Hwy Sup't Witkowski: everyone is strapped and not much is happening with shared services. Will chip and oil the roads that are in decent shape. Williams Rd has been in disaster shape. Has talked with several residences on Buckley Hollow concerning the road. Will not put calcium down if the road is going to be rebuilt. He has a plan for the problem roads.

Chip Chase: 183 N Tyner: inherited property; the road is terribly dusty, highway pushes back every year on the lawn and looks like the lawn has been scooped out. Mrs. Chase expressed concern about taking the extra property when there is no legal right to do so.

Jim Kozak and son: here to observe and asked what can happen with shared services?

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Jan Mason, Winner Rd: her concern is about Winner Rd. but understands what is happening with the budget and equipment issues..

Supervisor Cammarata: an 18' ft continuous asphalt is \$7200. truckload; asphalt \$100K for 1st mile, oil and stone to seal 1 mile is \$35K.

Resident Jesse Cowan: McDonough has had calcium, why can't Smithville?

Councilman Whitmore/Supervisor Cammarata: explained that the cost of the equipment breakdowns, cost of materials for the amount of road mileage worked, and the budget is different from McDonough. They have a larger budget and less road mileage to be concerned about.

CORRESPONDENCE
none

6:55PM

NEW BUSINESS

6:55PM

NB1) NYSLRS Resolution: action for this was deferred until later in the meeting

NB2) consider due date change for Point Broadband to the end of the month to prevent a late charge: Board members were ok with changing the due date to the end of the month.

OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES IF ANY)

7:00PM

OB1) discussion on dog enumeration; The template from DogEnumeration.com was reviewed for any changes needing to be made. Finding none, the Board asked that DogEnumeration.com send the notices to residents in the Town of Smithville for the enumeration period Sept. 1- November 1, 2022.

RESOLUTION # 33 (2022): APPROVE THE TEMPLATE AND AUTHORIZE DOG ENUMERATION.COM TO SEND OUT THE FORMS FOR THE SEPT. 1-NOV.1 DOG ENUMERATION

On a motion by Councilman Butler, 2nd by Councilman Wark, the following Resolution was ADOPTED

Holcomb: aye
Butler: aye
Wark: aye
Whitmore: aye
Cammarata: aye

RESOLVED to approve the template from DogEnumeration.com and to have them send out enumeration forms in time for the Sept.1-Nov.1 dog enumeration.

OB2) consider new Resolution for adding 4th member to BAR: After consultation with County Property Director Steve Harris, it was confirmed a Resolution was needed to add a 4th or 5th member to the Board of Assessment Review. After further discussion it was decided not to adopt the new proposed Resolution for adding a 4th member to the Board of Assessment Review as a 4 member BAR could create a tie vote. It was further proposed to keep the BAR to a 3 person Board and to rescind RESOLUTION # 25 from the June 20th meeting appointing Karl Ludwig to the BAR. This was moved to Resolution:

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RESOLUTION # 34 (2022): RESCIND RESOLUTION # 25 IN THE JUNE 20th 2022 MINUTES APPOINTING KARL LUDWIG TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW AND LET THE BAR REMAIN A 3 PERSON BOARD.

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

Holcomb: aye
Butler: aye
Wark: aye
Whitmore: aye
Cammarata: aye

RESOLVED to rescind Resolution # ? of the June 2022 meeting appointing Karl Ludwig to the BAR and to have only a 3 person Board of Assessment Review.

OB3) update on Enforcement letter: Supervisor Cammarata has not heard from Att'y Berger in 3 months even after several phone calls. Since this is an appointed position, has talked with Coughlin/Gerhart to take over but it would not take place until January. He is still trying to make contact.

OB4) update on ordered computer equipment, telephone, printers etc.: all equipment except the printers have been installed

OB5) update on Historical Marker celebration Sept. 17th. This will be held at 1pm with a short program, then a trip to the corner of Mill St. and State Hwy 41 for the unveiling of the roadside marker.

OB6) any continued discussion of garden area (including R9): a proposal to Thompson Bros in Norwich will be coming in as well as a quote coming from Darin Mills

REPORTS

7:45PM

R1.) Highway: report submitted

R2) Assessor: report not submitted. Computer has been refurbished and is working fine

R3.) Enforcement Officer: no report submitted but EO Kinney gave a verbal report.

- Building Permit on Fry Rd. has not yet been signed as he has some questions regarding septic/composting toilet
- Collyer Rd permit has not been inspected.
- Other buildings in the Town have been put up with no permit.
- resident on Echo Lake is complaining about the condition of his neighbor's lawn (SR # 18)

R4.) Planning Board: no meetings in June, July, August

R5.) DCO: report submitted. The DCO is asking for some magnetic signs he can place on his truck while going through Smithville. The Board briefly discussed this but no decision was made.

R6.) vacant R7.) vacant

R8.) Custodian: no report submitted

R9.) Playground Committee: Supervisor Cammarata indicated he has received a quote from Burrell's to redo the ballfield for \$15,900. and another quote from Thompson \$7900. to do the ballfield. Board members chose the quote

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from Thompson for \$7900. to re-do the ballfield. Fire Chief Ken Whitmore commented the scoreboard does not need to be done. A Resolution was created:

RESOLUTION # 35 (2022): ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM THOMPSON TO RE-DO THE BALLFIELD AT A COST OF \$7900.

On a motion by Councilman Butler, 2nd by Councilwoman Holcomb, the following Resolution was ADOPTED

Holcomb: aye
Butler: aye
Wark: aye
Whitmore: abstain
Cammarata: aye

RESOLVED to accept the quote from Thompson to re-do the ballfield at a cost of \$7900. Funds from ARPA will be used to pay for this.

R10) Town Clerk: report submitted

R11) vacant

R12) Supervisor's Report: submitted.

- bill for loader which was going to be financed was signed May 25th but it was on backorder. The bank gave 60 days to use the loan but that didn't happen. The bank wants more \$ for higher interest resulting in about \$12K. Can use other monies to pay for the truck but the Supervisor is not interested in signing a higher interest loan. The Board suggested to tell the bank we are consulting with our Att'y.
- A 2023 Budget meeting was scheduled for Wed. Sept 7th 6:30pm
- The NYSEG permit for hanging banners on light poles has been received. Banners have to be vinyl 18"x36". Speciality brackets have to be installed. There will be no lighting for the poles or banners. Supervisor Cammarata has asked Barnes Electric if a lift truck would be available to help install these brackets. There are 24 poles if the Board would like to use all of them. Permits have to be re-applied for next year. A decision as to how many banners, what they should say, how often to change would need to be made. Councilman Whitmore suggested Jane Whitmore might be able to help with that. Expenses for the banners can be paid from the Recreation account.
- At the Genegantslet Lake in McDonough, property owners learned they will be financially responsible to replace the dam located there to the newly revised NYSEDC specs.
- The Town of North Norwich is introducing a new Local Law regulating ATV use on their Town roads, a copy was provided by Ken Whitmore.
- The Supervisor's report was reviewed. A motion to accept the Supervisor's report was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilman Butler. All 5 Board members were in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL for July 18, 2022

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The minutes of the July 18th meeting were reviewed by Board members. A motion to approve these minutes was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilman Butler. All 5 Board members were in favor, motion carried

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WARRANTS

8:15PM

General Warrant # 8, Vouchers # 119--139, in the amount of \$18,870.17

Voucher # 132 was removed as it was a duplicate.

General Vouchers paid early were # 119-122, 124 in the amount of \$1,674.76

The voucher for port a john will be paid for now but put on the Warrant for the Sept meeting.

A motion to approve the General claims was made by Councilman Wark, 2nd by Councilwoman Holcomb.

Highway Warrant # 8, Vouchers # 94--110 in the amount of \$111,502.80

Adding Voucher # 110 to Dave Curtis for dozer work done on Seasonal roads, \$6100.

A motion to approve the Highway vouchers was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilman Butler. All 5 Board Members in favor motion carried.

Community Center Parking Lot:

1 Bid was received by Fenton Sales and Excavating, Penelope Rd., Greene for \$5,515.00 to reseal the Community Center parking lot, walking track and 2 basketball courts. The money will be paid for from the ARPA funds account. Board members approved this in the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION # 36 (2022): APPROVE FENTON SALES AND EXCAVATING TO RE-SEAL PARKING LOT, BASKETBALL COURTS, WALKING TRACK AT AT COST OF \$5515.00.

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

Holcomb: aye
Butler: aye
Wark: aye
Whitmore: aye
Cammarata: aye

RESOLVED to authorize the re-sealing of the Community Center parking lot, the basketball courts and the walking track by Fenton Sales and Excavating at a cost of \$5155.00. The funds to be used will be from the ARPA grant money.

There will be water testing in the hamlet area on Friday 8/19/2022.

NYSLR: Town Clerk Owens indicated not all of the information for the NYSLRS was available to her to complete the Resolution so this item of business will have to wait until September.

OTHER:

Budget meeting: Sept 7, 2022 6:30

Next Board meeting is September 19, 2022

CLOSE: by Supervisor Cammarata
Alison B. Owens

8:33PM

Smithville Town Clerk