

FEBRUARY 9, 2011

A public hearing on Local Law #1 of 2011 was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Town Office.

Members present: Joseph Finnegan, Tony Cooper, Kevin Finnegan, David Fisher, Bill Barkley – Highway Supt. and Judy Hargrave – Town Clerk. Absent: Tim Thisse

Also present: Garry Wells, Ron Cady, Carl Huttel, Mike Morgan, Diana Cryderman, Chad Rice, Lloyd Grandy II, Jeff Gilson, Kevin Acres, Jerry & Jeanne Smith, Kim Bisonette, Aaron Jarvis and Sara Day-Schulz.

The Clerk presented proof of publication for the public hearing on local law #1 of 2011 establishing a sign law for E911 purposes.

Tim Thisse could not make the meeting but spoke to the Supervisor and said he was in favor of the law but would like to see some kind of an ad campaign informing people of the requirements for the signs. There was no other public comment. The public hearing was closed at 6:10 pm and the regular meeting was called to order.

Public Comment: Carl Huttel and Diana Cryderman inquired about premier wireless having to remove their equipment from the water tower, how this will affect their internet service. New Horizon Wireless will be installing their equipment as soon as possible and hopefully people will not be out of service very long. Mike Morgan from Premier Wireless would like the Town to reconsider their decision regarding the removal of his equipment. The board is standing by their decision to switch to New Horizons Wireless.

Sara Day-Schulz gave the board the annual Historian report. The Walker House Museum will be open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month June through October from 10am – 2 pm during 2011. The fall fun day is scheduled for the 4th Saturday in October.

Jeanne and Jerry Smith inquired about the zoning laws and whether their neighbors are in violation of some of the laws. The board will have the Town Attorney review the issue and report back to the Smith's.

Jeff Gilson reported that he has filed the annual state code enforcement report. He has also sent out letters to the owners of the commercial properties and junkyards regarding annual inspections.

Kevin Acres gave the board an update concerning the County government. He mentioned participating in shared purchasing agreements as a possible way to save money. The Board would like him to convey their concern over the split frequency ban and the impact it will have on the Town and local fire department to replace all the radios.

Aaron Jarvis gave an update on the WWTP project. He submitted a change order from Jordstat Construction for \$6,655.77 to add lights to the canopy and relocate two light poles.

David Fisher made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to approve change order #1 for Jordstat Construction for an increase of \$6,655.77. All were in favor.

Aaron reported that the interior of the building is progressing well.

Aaron gave the board a copy of the inspection report and a video on the water tank inspection.

The board reviewed the monthly report. Tony Cooper made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to acknowledge receipt of the monthly report. All were in favor.

The board reviewed the monthly bills. The Supervisor questioned the highway supt. about highway bill #12 to the DEC, this is for the permit for bulk storage of gas and diesel fuel.

David Fisher made a motion, second by Tony Cooper to pay the monthly bills. General #27-68 in the amount of \$36,496.20, Highway #10-26 in the amount of \$17,623.35, Water #8-13 in the amount of \$1,289.63, Sewer #4-7 in the amount \$2,821.41 and Light District #2 in the amount of \$1,465.31. All were in favor.

The Town Attorney will discuss some changes in the contract with New Horizons Wireless owner Chad Rice.

David Fisher made a motion, second by Tony Cooper to empower the Supervisor to sign the contract with New Horizons Wireless after the Town Attorney has given his approval. All were in favor.

Communications: A letter was received from the Madrid Hepburn Library Board stating that they would like to clarify their response to the cuts that were, in the end, made to their budget. Rather than being ok with the reduction in their budget as was stated, their reaction, in the words of their president was, “it is what it is”, which reflected and reflects their disappointment as well as the realization that there was nothing they could do about the loss. They wish to set the record straight so that their sound management of the funds granted to the Library by the Town does not make the Library budget the first and regular target for cuts in the future and thus diminish their ability to serve the Town.

There was a letter from North Country Life Flight asking the Town to sign a contract with them.

Received a check from the County Treasurer for sales tax in the amount of \$67,187.93.

A letter was received from Bond Schoeneck regarding training opportunities concerning labor laws if anyone from the board is interested in attending.

A letter was received stating that the CDBG does not require a SECQR.

Bill Barkley: The steam genny is not safe to use so Bill obtained quotes for a hot water pressure washer to replace it. Midstate Industrial Supply price is \$3,995.99, Lawton Electric \$4,600.00, Gary Hagen \$4,900.00. Kevin Finnegan questioned whether the town really needed this piece of equipment. David Fisher made a motion, second by Tony Cooper to buy the hot water pressure washer through Midstate Industrial Supply for \$3,995.00 All were in favor.

Bill also has a quote from RL Stone for replacing the telemetry from the tank site to pump house with spread spectrum radio system. This would eliminate the need for the phone line between sites. Price: \$2,965.00, replace existing tank level transmitter with new style unit that has an on board display for local readout of tank level and ease of calibration process. Price: \$955.00, replace existing tank level display with new style display that includes relay outputs for pump stop/start and alarm points. This would also replace the two Moore current trips within the control panel. Price: \$495.00 and replace existing Moore current trip with new current trip. Price: \$515.00 each. These prices do not include labor. Bill is to talk to Aaron Jarvis regarding this matter.

Old Business: Joe is going to contact Steve Foy regarding the health insurance issue.

New Business: Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by Tony Cooper to change the March town board meeting to the 3rd Wed of March (16th) at 6:30 pm in the Town Office. All were in favor.

Tony Cooper made a motion, second by David Fisher to adopt Local Law #1 of 2011 establishing a sign law for E911 purposes. Roll call vote as follows: Tony Cooper – Aye, Kevin Finnegan – Aye, David Fisher – Aye, Joseph Finnegan – Aye and Tim Thisse- Absent. The motion was duly passed.

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by Tony Cooper to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2011 meeting. All were in favor.

Tony Cooper made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2011 meeting. All were in favor.

Jeff Gilson needs to contact all violators living in single family homes if they have people living with them who are not related that they are in violation of the town’s zoning regulations.

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by Tony Cooper to adjourn at 8:25 pm. All were in favor.

Judy Hargrave, Town Clerk

