

Regular Town Board Meeting December 30, 2008

Supervisor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Roll Call: Supervisor Moore, Councilwoman Robinson, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Cook, Councilman Votra, Assessor Chairman Ferguson, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, CEO Rodenhouse, Highway Superintendent Remington, Town Clerk Maguire

Others Present: Elbridge E. Randall

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 25, 2008 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

CEO Report:

There was discussion about the Tri-Lakes project and a complaint about a gravel pit on the Benson Road. CEO Rodenhouse reported fewer permits being issued this past month.

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the CEO report as submitted and to be filed with the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Chairman Ferguson reported that his office is ahead of schedule for the year with reassessments.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Assessor's report as given by Assessor Chairman Ferguson.

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported there have been numerous calls about frozen pipes and breakage due to people not sealing up their cellars. There also have been quite a few water shut-offs due to people leaving for the winter months. Routine maintenance has been done at the water plant. A contractor is set up for next week to start replacing the pumps. The new pumps are stainless steel submersible and much more efficient.

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Water District report as given by Superintendent of Public Works Woods.

All in favor.

Recreation Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported that he is getting paperwork ready to get the extra grant money from the County that he gets every year and has been told it may be discontinued after this year. He will be starting the ice for the rink soon with colder weather here.

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Recreation report as given by Superintendent of Public Works Woods.

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Animal Control Officer Robert Phillips asked the board about the procedure that should be used to issue appearance tickets for unlicensed dogs. There was discussion among the board and Mr. Phillips about whether he should handle complaints about cats as well as dogs. Mr. Phillips also informed the board that the Dog Enumeration will be started in February.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to authorize the Animal Control Officer to handle complaints about cats.

All in favor.

A motion was made by Supervisor Moore and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to issue a summons to dog owners ten days after being notified of having an unlicensed dog if the dog has not been licensed within the ten day time frame.

All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Cook to pay the Animal Control Officer a yearly salary.

All in favor.

Business:

- a. Supervisor Moore shared correspondence from the New York State Comptrollers Office about property taxes.
- b. There was discussion about the proposed law regarding garbage haulers in St. Lawrence County.
- c. There was discussion on the St. Lawrence County shuttle service that will be stopping at Barton Drive every Tuesday and taking passengers to the Potsdam Walmart. The time frame is limited but may be expanded if there is interest in this.
- d. Councilman Votra reported that he talked to David Acker from CPH and the reclassification that was mentioned at last months meeting is not possible.
- e. *A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to sign the letter from the Common Ground Alliance opposing Governor Paterson's proposed tax cap on state property and forest preserve lands.

All in favor.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported that there have been minor breakdowns this month along with boiler trouble and part of the roof on the town barn blew off in the last wind storm. It was discussed about the need for the new town barn before next winter.

The poor condition of the shoulder on County Route 47 was also discussed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to accept the Highway report as given by Highway Superintendent Remington.

All in favor.

Bills:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the bills and transfers as follows:

1. General Account Bills - \$18,230.99
2. Highway Account Bills - \$67,010.12
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$750.86
4. Payrolls:
 - General:** 11/27/08 (\$6,862.72), 12/04/08 (\$3,162.46), 12/11/08 (\$3,162.46), 12/18/08 (\$7,172.98), 12/23/08 (\$3,162.46)
 - Highway:** 11/27/08 (\$6,130.47), 12/04/08 (\$6,489.17), 12/11/08 (\$8,788.69), 12/18/08 (\$6,489.17), 12/23/08 (\$6,489.17)
 - Water:** 12/23/08 (\$358.70)

GENERAL FUND TRANSFER

FROM: **CONTINGENT ACCOUNT** - 1990.4A - \$312.95
TO: **TOWN CLERK CONTRACTUAL** – 1410.4A - \$312.95

FROM: **CONTINGENT ACCOUNT** - 1990.4A - \$67.46
TO: **CENTRAL PRINTING & MAILING** – 1670.4A - \$67.46

FROM: **CONTINGENT ACCOUNT** - 1990.4A - \$40.00
TO: **TRAFFIC CONTROL** – 3310.4A - \$40.00

FROM: **CONTINGENT ACCOUNT** - 1990.4A - \$1,946.86
TO: **GARAGE CONTRACTUAL** – 5132.4A - \$1,946.86

FROM: **CONTINGENT ACCOUNT** - 1990.4A - \$4,929.38
TO: **TRANSFER STATION CONTRACTUAL** – 8160.4A - \$4,929.38

FROM: **CONTINGENT ACCOUNT** - 1990.4A - \$929.95
TO: **TRANSFER ST PERSONAL SERVICE** – 8160.1A - \$929.95

HIGHWAY FUND TRANSFERS

FROM: **PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS EQUIPMENT** - 5112.2DA - \$13,642.45

FROM: **GENERAL REPAIRS CONTRACTUAL** – 5110.4DA - \$7,446.55

TO: **SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACTUAL** – 5142.4DA - \$21,089.00

All in favor.

Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to appoint Joseph McGill to the Board of Assessment Review Board for the remainder of Rupert Sheldon’s term which expires on 09/30/2009.

All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Cook to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

Next Audit Date January 26, 2009 Auditors: Councilwoman Robinson, Councilman Votra

Regular Board Meeting Date: January 27, 2009 – 7:30 PM

Organizational Meeting for 2009 will be January 06, 2009 - 7:30 PM

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk