

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING**

April 11, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Present: Robert Multer, Supervisor  
Wayne Dunton, Town Councilman  
Allan Button, Town Councilman  
Peter Gerbic, Town Councilman  
Dan Paddock, Town Councilman

Also Present: Tom Reifsteck, Highway Superintendent  
Pat Grimaldi, Assessor  
Arthur Radin, Zoning Board Chair  
Marty DeVinney, Planning Board Chair

Recording Secretary: Kathy Pelton

### **Minutes**

Supervisor Multer requested a motion to approve the minutes from March 14, 2013. After a brief discussion, Councilman Gerbic made the motion to approve the minutes and Councilman Dunton seconded the motion.

\*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

### **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – Tom Reifsteck**

The new truck has arrived and is in the shop until the body and plow work can be completed.

The State approved a 28% increase in CHIPS funding (which should be an additional \$24,000 for our Town), bringing CHIPS funding to approximately \$106,000.

The Highway Superintendent requested that Clean Up Days be scheduled for the weekend of August 17<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Highway Superintendent presented the Town Board with a bid of \$750 to mow the ball field. There was discussion as to how much residents use the field. After a brief discussion, Councilman Paddock made the motion to award the Bid of \$750 to Tom Reifsteck and have the ball field mowed for one more year. Use will then be monitored, and based on use, mowing may be discontinued at the end of this year. Councilman Gerbic seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed – Motion Carried.

The Highway Superintendent presented the Town Board with three bids to remove the body off of Truck #6, install it on the new truck and then have it sand blasted and painted to match the truck. (See attached bids.)

Henderson Truck Equipment - \$52,500  
Smart Systems, Inc. - \$51,100  
Valley Fab and Equipment, Inc. - \$49,300

After review of the bids and a brief discussion, and noting the urgent need for the Town to have an additional truck in operation, Councilman Paddock made the motion for the Town to forgo the formal bid process and award the bid to Smart Systems, Inc. Councilman Button seconded the motion.

All in favor; none opposed – Motion Carried.

The need for work on the Mill Property continues. The Highway Superintendent will work this project into the Highway Departments' schedule this year.

There was discussion about the need to assess the requirements the Highway Department will have for a new building (see Supervisor's report for additional information related to the insurance settlement). The Highway Superintendent will begin the work of gathering information on the costs of a new building.

The Highway Superintendent noted that truck safety switches are being installed on all the Town trucks. The Yates County Highway department has a procedural checklist for vehicles. Supervisor Multer asked the Highway Superintendent to review and implement these procedures.

#### **PLANNING BOARD – Marty DeVinney**

Work on a major subdivision and Steep Slope continues. Wendy Marsh, an attorney who has been working with the Town on the Fracking Law has offered to assist with the Master Plan and updating the Zoning Laws.

#### **WATER DISTRICT**

There is no update this month on the work to make improvements on the Water Tank. The survey (required for grant funding) has been sent out to residents.

The Supervisor distributed a report on the water loss for the first quarter (see attached report.) The Water Superintendent will need to keep a close watch on readings so that he can be alerted to potential significant losses. The losses are due to failing pipes in an aging system. The Town needs to look for possible funding sources to help defray costs of replacing pipes. The Supervisor noted that the Town experienced a 20% loss of water which translates to a cost of approximately \$2,400.

#### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – Robert Multer**

The Supervisor distributed March 2013 Financial Statements to the Town Board.

The Supervisor received a bid from Liddiard's Tree Service for 2013 Lawn Maintenance. The Supervisor noted that Mr. Liddiard has not increased the price for several years. He also noted that the Town went out to bid a few years ago, accepted a bid from another vendor and the work was not of the quality of Liddiard's. After a brief discussion, Councilman Gerbic made the motion to accept the bid from Liddiard's Tree Service of \$6,194 and Councilman Button seconded the motion.

All in favor; none opposed – Motion Carried.

Supervisor Multer reviewed the revenues and expenses related to the Town Barn fire in January. The insurance company has offered a settlement of \$187,000. After review of the settlement, Councilman Dunton made the motion to accept the settlement and Councilman Paddock seconded the motion.

Following discussion thereon, the following roll call vote was taken and recorded:

Councilperson Dunton	AYE
Councilman Paddock	AYE
Councilman Button	AYE
Councilperson Gerbic	AYE
Supervisor Multer	AYE

The Motion to accept the Settlement was duly passed.

Supervisor Multer noted that the Fund Balance for the Highway Fund is down \$100,000 from 2012. He further noted that the Town must be very cautious with its spending decisions.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Memorial Day Parade will be held in the Town of Gorham this year.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Button made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a contractual issue and Councilman Gerbic seconded the motion.

\*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

### **BILLS AUDITED**

Councilman Gerbic made the motion to pay the bills and Councilman Paddock seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

General Fund:	Vouchers No: 1077 to 1103	\$ 13,033.80
Highway Fund:	Vouchers No: 2064 to 2077	\$128,790.52
Water District:	Vouchers No: 3010 to 3014	\$ 11,189.60

\*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

Councilman Dunton made the motion to adjourn and Councilman Button seconded the motion.

\*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.