

TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 14, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Present: Robert Multer, Supervisor
Allan Button, Town Councilman
Peter Gerbic, Town Councilman
Daniel Paddock, Town Councilman

Also Present: Tom Reifsteck, Highway Superintendent
Dawn Kane, Code Enforcement Officer
Pat Grimaldi, Assessor
Bruce St. Lawrence, Project Manager
Arthur Radin, Chair – Zoning Board of Appeals

Recording Secretary: Kathy Pelton

Minutes

Supervisor Multer requested a motion to approve the minutes from January 10, 2013. After a brief discussion, Councilman Gerbic made the motion to approve the minutes and Councilman Button seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – HYDROFRACKING

Resident Gary Hoffman expressed concern regarding the Moratorium on Hydrofracking, which will end on March 27, 2013. He reviewed some alternatives available to the Town, including extending the Moratorium, changing the Master Plan to isolate Fracking or adopt a law drafted by the Town attorney with the assistance of the pro-bono lawyer working on legal options for outlawing Hydrofracking.

The Town Supervisor, Robert Multer stated that he did not want to put the Town at risk because a law developed in haste may not hold up in Court. Instead, the Town will:

- Extend the Moratorium, after a determination is made as to how long to extend the Moratorium
- Update the Master Plan
- Ask the Planning Board to review the Zoning Law and address concerns or “holes” in the law.

WATER DISTRICT

The Water Superintendent review his request to purchase a computer system to monitor the water (please see attached proposal.) The total cost will not exceed \$3,750. After review of his request, Councilman Paddock made the motion to authorize the purchase and Councilman Gerbic seconded the Motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – Tom Reifsteck

There was a fire at the Town Barns on January 25, 2013. The Fire Department is fairly certain it was a truck that caused the fire. The Town lost one truck and two other trucks were damaged. In addition, there was significant damage to parts of the Highway Barns, however, it was noted that the Fire Alarm system kept damage to a minimum. On the positive side, this will give the Town the opportunity to upgrade the shop. Additionally, the brand new truck that was just purchased was not damaged.

ASSESSOR

The Assessor has been receiving many exemption forms, which are due no later than March 1, 2013.

The term for Leon Button, a member of the Board of Assessment Review, has expired. He has expressed a willingness to continue on the Board. After a brief discussion, Councilman Paddock made the Motion to appoint Leon Button to a new term on the Board of Assessment Review, to commence on October 1, 2012 and end on September 30, 2017. Councilman Gerbic seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion Carried.

HIGHWAYS/BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

BEACH

The Town will be losing many of the lifeguards who have been working the beach over the last several years. The hiring process will encompass regulations required by Yates County.

ROBESON STORE

The current renter will be out by April 15, 2013. The search for grant funding to cover the cost of upgrading the water system continues. (The cost of upgrading the water system, at present, looks to be around \$10,000.) Two additional parties have expressed interest in renting the store.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Dawn Kane

There will be a meeting in March of area Code Enforcement Officers and other officials, regarding the Docking & Mooring Law.

The Planning Board recently approved a request to build a home on Widmer Road.

Although early in 2013, the Code Enforcement Officer has already issued 13 permits.

The Town Clerk and Code Enforcement Officer worked together to develop a new spreadsheet which will track all permits and fees – both by the month and as a summary for the year.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – Robert Multer

NYSEG will be here to do an Energy Audit on February 20, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Grant funding may be available for energy improvements to equipment. The Supervisor will investigate the possibility of funding for a new copier.

Supervisor Multer requested a Resolution authorizing him to sign the Indemnification Agreement with the Town of Milo. After a brief, discussion, Councilman Button made the Motion to pass a Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Agreement and Councilman Gerbic seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion Carried.

Eric Lundquist, owner of Document Reprocessors has expressed a willingness to rent space to the Town of Middlesex to serve as the Town Barns while repairs to the building (following the fire of 1/25/2013) are made. Rent will be \$2,500 per month; cost for fuel oil will be additional. After a brief discussion, Councilman Paddock made the motion to enter into an Agreement with Eric & Muriel Lundquist 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: 1023 to 1053	\$15,893.11
Highway Fund:	Vouchers No: 2029 to 2052	\$30,548.12
Water District:	Vouchers No: 3007 to 3009	\$ 750.43

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

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

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.