

The Town of Amboy
TOWN BOARD MINUTES-February 18, 2015
7:00 pm Amboy Town Hall

Present: Barry Leemann-Supervisor
Frank Romanowski-Deputy Supervisor
Kathleen Wilkinson, Bruce Stone, & Susan Halbritter-
Council Members
Nancy Heintz-Deputy Town Clerk
Others Present: Tim Kelley-Planning Board Chair/Historian
Jim Goldsberry-Assessor
Paul Baxter-Tug Hill Circuit Rider
Vivian Walker-Amboy Fire Dept.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Leemann called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He led the Pledge of Allegiance asked for a moment of silence for Town Clerk Mary Ann Clark's father, Leo Needham, who had passed away.

Regular Board Meeting Begins-Reading of the Minutes: The January minutes were reviewed and a couple of adjustments were found that needed to be made. On Page 2 – open to the public after the last sentence – to be added: Mr. Romanowski responded: “anyone can send a letter of interest for any appointed position. I don't believe any resident that submitted a letter of interest for a position has been denied or given to an out of town resident.” Also on Page 4 – last sentence before adjournment: Supervisor Leeman stated: “All reports are on file in the clerk's office and anyone can read them or request them from the town clerk.” These adjustments were presented and all members approved changes.

Department Head Reports:

Fire Department:- The fundraiser held on Feb. 14, 2015 was a success and funds were raised for repairs and additional purchases. Another fundraiser is scheduled for Feb. 28, 2015 – Snowmobile Races. A report was submitted to the Board and is on file with the Town Clerk.

Legislator Report: David Holst not present – no report given.

Highway Superintendent Report: Report was submitted. John Perkins III was excused. Battling winter conditions and repairs on equipment is his main focus now. Report in entirety filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Town Clerk Report: Mary Ann Clark was excused, but report was submitted to Board and Supervisor which is on file in Clerk's office.

Assessor Report: Jim Goldsberry gave the Assessor's report. The last of the Enhanced Star Program exemptions have been mailed. These are second notices to those who have not responded to the program. Mr Goldsberry informed the board of a situation for the code officer to review.

Building and Codes Officer: Wayne Hall was excused but submitted a report to the Board and Supervisor. No new building permits were issued. He will be attending the Code Enforcement Training the first week of March. The report is on file in the Clerk's office for the public to review.

Dog Control Report: Karen Ashley's report was submitted to the Board and Supervisor and is on file with the Town Clerk for public review.

Planning Board: Tim Kelley gave the report. The Board met for its Jan. meeting on Jan. 28, 2015 at 7:00 pm and held election of officers. Also began reviewing candidates for an alternate member. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office for review. Their next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 28, 2015.

Tug Hill Circuit Rider: Report was given by Paul Baxter. He and Councilwoman Halbritter are still working on the town's website. Some improvements have been made but there are more to come. There is also some discussion being held to appoint associates to help the Circuit Rider with meetings when there is more than one meeting scheduled on a night. Also working on setting up a meeting in March, in Redfield, for Legislative Summit for representatives from Albany to meet with local officials for discussion on how laws, etc. are affecting local communities.

Historian: Report was submitted by Tim Kelley to the Board and Supervisor. Materials for the safe project have been obtained and he is working closely with the Amboy Historical Society on projects which are geared to preserving Amboy's history. The complete report is on file with the Clerk's office for public review.

Meeting Open to Public: No questions or comments.

Correspondence: Supervisor Leemann presented a report from the County of Oswego Highway Dept. on the Rental Rates of equipment by the county. These fees will become effective Feb 1, 2015. Also presented, a letter to Hon. Patty Ritchie requesting funds for AED's (Automated External Defibrillators) for the Town Hall, Court Room, Admin. Offices and Town Highway Dept. He is waiting for a response from that office.

Old Business: Supervisor Leemann presented a graph report for the ProStar energy program showing the possible savings for the town. This is a program provided by the Associations of Towns and should save up to 22% on electrical energy.

New Business: A meeting to Audit the Town Justice, Town Supervisor, and Town Clerk's books has been set up for Feb. 28, 2015, at 9:00 am at the Town Hall. A job description for the Dog Control Officer was presented to the Board for review. Its' approval will be considered at the next meeting. An alternate for the planning board was interviewed and proposed to fill the position –Mr. John Paniski. Mr. Leemann made a motion to accept and it was seconded by Mr. Romanowski. It was carried, Wilkinson-yes, Halbritter-yes, Stone-yes, Romanowski-yes, Leemann-yes.

Approval of Bills: Highway bills were submitted to the Board by Supervisor Leemann for review. A motion to accept same was made by Mrs. Halbritter and seconded by Mr. Leemann and carried. Supervisor Leemann presented the General Bills to the Board for review. A motion was made by Mr. Leeman to accept and seconded by Mr. Stone and carried.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Leeman presented a reconciliation summary of both the general and

highway funds to the board members and clerk

Meeting Open to Public: No questions or comments.

Executive Session: The Board went into executive session to interview for a sole appointed assessor and to discuss personnel. Executive session ended and a sole assessor was appointed. A Resolution was given by Supervisor Leemann to accept same. The resolution states as follows:

Mr. Warren Wheeler, as sole assessor for a period from 3/1/2015 until 9/30/2019 receiving \$10,000.00 per year for the first year. He is a certified residential appraiser and will supply his own computer, cell phone and will not charge our town for mileage. He will be paid quarterly.

Be It resolved: The Town of Amboy is moving from three elected assessors to a sole appointed assessor. Mr. Wheeler holds qualifications for the position and is presently sole assessor for the towns of Hastings, Constantia, Boylston and Richland in the county of Oswego.

Mrs. Wilkinson made a motion to adopt the resolution and it was seconded by Mr. Stone.

Carried: Wilkinson-yes, Stone-yes, Halbritter-yes, Romanowski-yes, and Leemann-yes.

Adjournment: Mr. Romanowski made a motion at 8:30 pm to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Leemann and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Heintz, Deputy Town Clerk