

The Town of Amboy
TOWN BOARD MINUTES-April 15, 2015
7:00 pm Amboy Town Hall

Present: Barry Leemann-Supervisor
Frank Romanowski-Deputy Supervisor & Councilman
Kathleen Wilkinson, Bruce Stone, & Susan Halbritter-
Council Members
Mary Ann Clark-Town Clerk

Others Present: John Perkins III-Highway Superintendent
Tim Kelley-Planning Board Chair/Historian
Pam Clark & Pauline Birmingham-W. Amboy Fire Dept
Dave Holst-Oswego Co. Legislator
Paul Baxter-Tug Hill Circuit Rider

Call to Order:

First on the agenda was a public hearing for proposed Local Law #1 for 2015, Changing the Date for Grievance Day. Mr. Leemann called the hearing to order at 7 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. After the pledge, Mr. Leemann asked for any input, questions or comments from the public, and since there were none, he closed the hearing.

Reading of the Minutes:

Mr. Leemann reported that since some of the board members hadn't had ample time to review the minutes, could the clerk please read them? After they were read, Mr. Leemann asked for any problems the board members had with them? There weren't any, so the minutes stood approved. Mr. Leemann then mentioned that the minutes don't have to be read, if the board members receive them sooner.

Dept Head Reports:

Fire Dept- Pam Clark handed out reports to the supervisor, and board members. She said she is working on updating the personnel roster. Pauline Birmingham handed out a flyer with the dates for West Amboy VFD Lawn Mower Races for 2015. The first race is Saturday, May 9th, the same day the fire dept. is holding their Crafts & Bake sale. Mrs. Wilkinson then explained the absence of an audit report from the Fire Dept. The bank statements are not available to the fire dept. until after the date of the board meeting, and it appears it would be the same for every quarter. Mrs. Wilkinson said she and the audit committee would be meeting on Monday night, April 20th, to work on the report. So in the best case scenario, the audit report would not be available until at least 6 wks. after the quarter being reported on. Mr. Leemann said he would make an amendment to the contract. Pam Clark also mentioned that the Women's Auxillary would be returning. Also the installation of officers for the Fire Dept. will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015, at the Grape & Grog.

Tug Hill- Paul Baxter reported on another successful government conference in Watertown. Paul was pleased to see the number of attendees from Amboy. Paul said the date for next year has already been chosen: Thursday, March 31, 2016. Paul also reported that the Salmon River Council of Govts.

Meeting was being rescheduled to the beginning of May. Paul also mentioned once again that he is receiving lots of material from Mrs. Halbritter, for the website, and there is a picture on the Home Page, that Paul took at the last meeting.

Legislator-Dave Holst reported that 14 towns came to the Efficiency meeting. He also reported that the legislature is looking at a program whereby homeowners may be able to qualify for an exemption on their taxes, if they put on an addition to the existing residence on their property. Mr. Holst said that pamphlets should be available soon, explaining eligibility for homeowners. The trial period for exemptions is three years, but could go as high as eight years, depending on how the trial period goes. Mr. Holst also meant to bring copies of the Oswego County Govt. Directories to the meeting, but forgot them, and said he would get them to Mr. Leemann, tomorrow.

Highway Superintendent- John Perkins III gave a written report to the Supervisor, board members, and clerk. It is on file in the clerk's office. Mr. Perkins reported that he had hired Lon Castor. He also listed the equipment that was on the auction site, and the highest bid for each item. Mr. Leemann went over every item, and of the 19 items listed, it was decided to keep three, and sell the remaining 16.

Town Clerk- The town clerk's report is on file in her office. Fifteen dog licenses brought in \$126.00. A check for \$105.00 was given to Mr. Leemann, and \$21.00 went to the Animal Population Control Program.

Building & Codes- Mr. Hall gave a written report to the Supervisor, board members, and clerk. It is on file in the clerk's office.

Dog Control- Mrs. Ashley gave a written report to the Supervisor, board members, and clerk. It is on file in the clerk's office.

Planning Board- Tim Kelley gave a copy of the March 25, 2015 meeting minutes to the Supervisor, board members, and clerk. The minutes are on file in the clerk's office. Mr. John Paninski is the new alternate.

Historian- Tim Kelley gave a written report to the Supervisor, board members, and clerk, reporting on the APHNY conference he and his wife attended. The report is on file in the clerk's office.

Open to the Public-At this point the meeting was opened to the public. No one had any questions or comments.

Correspondence- Mr. Leemann reported that the board had received a thank-you card from the town clerk, for the sympathy card the board and supervisor had given her, after her Dad died. Also the list of updated rabies clinics in the county has been received, and will be posted in the usual places. The closest one for Amboy will be in Williamstown, on Weds. July 8, 2015. Mr. Leemann received a letter from Eastern Shore Associates explaining that an \$84 premium had been added to the town's Ins. Policy, to cover Terrorism Risk. Terrorism coverage was due to expire on December 31, 2014, but has now been extended through December 31, 2020, thus resulting in the added premium.

Old Business-Mr. Leemann reported that there wasn't any old business to attend to.

New Business- Mrs. Halbritter made a motion to have Mr. Leemann move forward with agreements of municipal cooperation for shared services with surrounding towns. This will help the town meet future tax cap requirements. Mrs. Halbritter's motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilkinson, and carried. Mr. Leemann said the agreements will need to be signed by the clerk, and himself. Next Mr. Leemann asked for a motion to adopt a **Resolution, to accept and pass Local Law #1 for 2015, designating the first Wednesday in June as the Town of Amboy's grievance day.** Mrs. Wilkinson made the motion, it was seconded by Mr. Stone, and carried. Wilkinson-yes, Stone-yes, Halbritter-yes, Romanowski-yes, and Leemann-yes.

Approval of the Bills-Mr. Romanowski made the motion to approve General Fund vouchers #47-57, on abstract #004-15, in the amount of \$2, 416.07. His motion was seconded by Mr. Stone, and carried. Mrs. Halbritter made the motion to approve Highway Fund vouchers #77-95, on abstract #004-15, in the amount of \$16,028.33. Her motion was also seconded by Mr. Stone, and carried.

Supervisor's Financial Report- Mr. Leemann gave copies of the balance sheets, and reconciliation summaries for both the highway and general funds, to the board members, and clerk. He said the full report is on file in his office.

Open to the Public- The meeting was once again opened to the public. There were no questions or comments.

Adjournment- With no other business to attend to, at 8 pm Mrs. Halbritter made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Wilkinson, and carried.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ann Clark
Amboy Town Clerk