

The Town of Amboy
TOWN BOARD MINUTES-May 20, 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
Jim Goldsberry-Outgoing Assessor
Steve Raymo, Vivian Walker, & Pauline Birmingham-
West Amboy Fire Dept.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm, by Supervisor Barry Leemann, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of the Minutes:

The board members had received the minutes by e-mail, so had a chance to review them. Mr. Leemann asked if any of the board members had any problems or corrections with the minutes? No one did, so the minutes stood approved.

Dept Head Reports:

Fire Dept- Steve Raymo handed out copies of the personnel roster & status report on calls to the supervisor, board members & clerk. Copies of the financial audit review for both the operating and fundraising accounts were also passed out. These items will all be on file in the clerk's office. The fire dept. also requested that they not have to turn in the personnel roster every month, unless there are new members. The board decided the roster could be submitted quarterly, unless there are new members in between quarters. Mrs. Wilkinson, liaison to the fire dept. reported that as of April 20th, everything balances. It was decided that the audit committee would meet once a month after the bank statement has been received, and reconcile the bank statement, so they will be done for the quarterly report. This brought up the Amendment #1 to the Fire Protection Contract, which was added by Mr. Leemann that states : the Finance and Audit Committee must submit a written report to the Town Board quarterly, no later than one month after the Town Board meeting following the quarter end date. For 2015 the Board must receive the report no later than 5/20/15, 8/19/15, and 11/18/15. (The Board would prefer the report a week prior to the date, if possible). The amendment was signed by both Mr. Leemann, and Vivian Walker, President of the WAVFD. The fire dept. members also mentioned that the schedule for the lawn mower races could be found on their Facebook Page.

Tug Hill- Paul Baxter wasn't able to attend the meeting, but he left a report which Mr. Leemann asked

the clerk to read. Mr. Baxter thanked Mr. Leemann for attending the annual meeting of the Cooperative Tug Hill Council on Thursday, April 30th. The featured speaker that night spoke of proposed changes to forest land tax exemptions which could potentially impact tax revenues to Tug Hill towns. Mr. Baxter also mentioned that the next Salmon Rivers Council of Governments meeting would probably be Wednesday, May 27th, and Mr. Baxter said he would e-mail people when he knew the exact date. There will be a workshop on Friday, June 5, from 1:30- 4:00 pm, at the Cayuga Community College campus in Fulton, concerning the Consolidated Fund Application funding rounds. Mr. Baxter plans on attending, and said he would gladly give a ride to anyone who would like to attend. Mr. Baxter also mentioned that he attended the CNYREDC meeting on Thursday, April 23rd, and the public participation session on Thursday, May 14th. The Tug Hill Commission will be holding their annual dinner on Thursday, May 28th, in Adams. Reservations needed to be in by May 15th. And finally there will be a workshop on the process of site plan review, and subdivision review in Watertown at Jefferson Community College on Thursday, June 4th. Anyone interested can contact Mr. Baxter, for mor information.

Legislator-Mr. Holst was not present at the meeting, no report was given.

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. He stated that he would probably be doing about 4 miles of chip sealing, not all in the same areas, but where he feels it is needed most. Mr. Romanowski wanted to know if Mr. Perkins planned on doing any paving, and if so what road would be chosen? Mr. Perkins said he hadn't made a definite decision on that. Mr. Perkins also reported that 183 will be paved sometime this year, but the town doesn't have to do anything to help with that.

Town Clerk- The town clerk had given her report to Mr. Leemann. She had taken in \$263.50 for the month, which included 22 dog licenses, and 7 certified copies. Her report is on file in her office.

Assessor- Mr. Warren Wheeler, newly appointed assessor, had a legal notice posted in the Queen Central, stating when he would be available to meet with people before grievance day. That notice is also posted on the side entrance of the building, and on all the bulletin boards. Grievance Day will be on Wednesday, June 3, 2015.

Building & Codes- Mr. Hall gave a written report to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. It is on file in the clerk's office. It was noted that he is bringing in lots of revenue for the town. His report also listed violations, and a property that he had condemned.

Dog Control- Karen Ashley gave a written report to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. It is on file in the clerk's office. A total of \$56.00 in fees was collected.

Planning Board/Historian- Tim Kelley gave a copy of the minutes from the Planning Board meeting of April 29, 2015, to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. The minutes are on file in the clerk's office. Tim said the Planning Board would be working on updating the Comprehensive Plan, probably this fall. He said he was unable to attend the April meeting of the Historical Society, as he was out of town. His historian report is on file in the clerk's office, also.

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

Correspondence- Mr. Leemann had given a copy of the Spring, 2015 report from the NYMIR Ins. Co. to the board members, and clerk. He also passed out copies of the Oswego Co. Directories to the board members. Extra copies are available in the clerk's office. Mr. Leemann also reported on a tire amnesty event which had taken place on May 9th. Oswego County residents could turn in up to 8 tires for free, at participating transfer stations. The county is hoping to fight mosquitoes, and EEE with this project. Another one will be held on Saturday, August 15, for anyone who might have missed the first one. Mr. Leemann also announced that there will be an Emergency Preparedness training session at the W. Amboy Fire station on Thursday, May 28, 2015, from 6-8 pm. The state in conjunction with the National Guard puts on the presentation, and at the end of the presentation, all participants will receive a backpack full of supplies. Mrs. Wilkinson has been working very hard to pull this all together. You must register on line before hand, and if people don't have access to a computer, they can call Mrs. Wilkinson after 5, and she will get them registered.

Old Business- Mr. Leemann reported that a bid from the town had been put on a sweeper on Auctions International, and had been accepted. So now he needed approval from the board, to pay for it. The price is \$4,571.40. Mr. Stone made the motion to approve the payment, it was seconded by Mrs. Wilkinson, and all were in favor.

Also a tractor/mower had been purchased for \$17,000.00, and Mr. Leemann wanted board approval to pay for it. Mrs. Halbritter made the motion for approval for the payment, it was seconded by Mr. Romanowski, and all were in favor.

Finally, Mr. Leemann reported that the dog control officer said she is nearing completion of the dog enumeration. She said that once it is complete, she will be issuing tickets to people whose dogs are still unlicensed. A notice will be put in the paper.

New Business- Mr. Leemann reported that the D.E.C. is requiring the purchase of a new tank for heating fuel at the town garage, as the other tank is old, and could possibly leak. The cost of the new tank is approx. \$4,000.00, and Mr. Leemann asked for approval to purchase the tank, so the town would be in compliance with the D.E.C. Mr. Romanowski made the motion to approve the purchase of the new tank, it was seconded by Mrs. Halbritter, and all were in favor.

Approval of the Bills- Mrs. Wilkinson made the motion to approve General Fund vouchers #58-77, on abstract #005-15, in the amount of \$5,624.14. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Stone, and carried. Mr. Leemann made the motion to approve Highway Fund vouchers #96-127, on abstract #005-15 in the amount of \$42,303.93. His motion was seconded by Mrs. Halbritter, and carried.

Supervisor's Report- Mr. Leemann gave copies of the reconciliation report and balance sheets for both the highway and general fund to the board members and clerk. He stated the full report is on file in his office, if anyone needs to see it.

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

Adjournment- With no further business to attend to, at 8 pm Mrs. Wilkinson made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Mr. Stone, and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Clark, Amboy Town Clerk

