

The Town of Amboy
TOWN BOARD MINUTES-June17,2015
7:00pm Amboy Town Hall

Present: Barry Leemann-Supervisor
Frank Romanowski-Deputy Supervisor & Councilman
Kathy 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

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm, by Supervisor Barry Leemann, who then asked the clerk to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of the Minutes:

The minutes had once again been sent to the board members by e-mail. Two days before the board meeting, Mr. Leemann advised the clerk that there were “corrections to the minutes”. Jim Goldsberry was not to be referred to as “outgoing assessor”, and Mr. Warren Wheeler was not to be referred to as “newly appointed assessor.” Mr. Leemann asked the clerk to make those changes, and leave a corrected copy on his desk, so HE could make copies for the board member's packets. At the meeting Mr. Leemann announces that “there are some corrections to the minutes”, and asks if anyone has them? Mr. Romanowski replies that “he doesn't have any corrections”, at which point Mr. Leemann asks the clerk if she made copies for the board members? The meeting is then halted while the clerk makes copies for the board members.

Dept Head Reports:

Fire Dept- A copy of the status report on calls was given to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. There were a total of 22 alarms. The report is on file in the clerk's office.

Legislator- David 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. His report is on file in the clerk's office. Mr. Perkins also brought in paperwork to show to the supervisor and board members, concerning changes being made by the county, affecting the plowing and sanding of the roads.

Town Clerk- The town clerk had given her report to Mr. Leemann. She took in \$315.00, which included 24 dog licenses, 5 certified copies, and 2 marriage licenses. Her report is on file in her office.

Building & Codes- Wayne Hall gave a report to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. It included building permits by date, completed building permits, completed inspections, and a summary of violations. His report is on file in the clerk's office.

Dog Control-The dog control officer submitted her report to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. Her report is on file in the clerk's office. She told Mr. Leemann that she is nearing completion of the enumeration, and will be issuing tickets to people who haven't licensed their dogs. An ad will be put in the paper, to let people know. Mr. Leemann also mentioned that the town attorney will be

getting involved to make sure Mrs. Ashley has the correct accusatory instrument for issuing the tickets, and presenting them before the town justice.

Planning Board-Tim Kelley gave a copy of the minutes from the May 27, 2015 planning board meeting, to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. The bulk of that meeting was spent discussing updating the town's comprehensive plan. Mr. Kelley said the planning board needs the go ahead from the town board, to update the plan. Mr. Romanowski made the motion to have the planning board update the comprehensive plan, with assistance from the Tug Hill Commission. His motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilkinson, and carried. The minutes are on file in the clerk's office.

Historian- Mr. Kelley gave a written report to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. He had attended the May 30, 2015 Historical Society meeting, and was also planning on attending the June 20, 2015 meeting. His report is on file in the clerk's office.

Tug Hill-Paul Baxter reported that the Executive Director, John Bartow is retiring from the commission, as he has taken another job. Mr. Baxter also reported that the Salmon River Council of Governments met on June 2, 2015. Mr. Baxter invited Mr. Leemann to attend a meeting on Monday, June 22, 2015, at 57 Main St. in Camden, at 4 pm. Aaron Hendricks would be speaking on Bio Mass District Heating. Finally Mr. Baxter gave copies of the Salmon River Council of Governments Intermunicipal Agreement to the supervisor and board members to look over, and to decide if they still wanted to participate.

Open to the Public- After the dept. head reports the meeting was opened to the public. No one had any questions or comments.

Correspondence- Mr. Leemann reported that the town had received a check from Auctions International for \$15, 836.00, for items that had been sold on line. In a new auction, the highest bid on the grader brought \$3, 200.00. Mr. Leemaan reported that he had already received six municipal agreements back from Orwell, Boylston, Mexico, Constantia, Redfield, and Williamstown. In the mail this week a seventh agreement from Albion had arrived. Mr. Leemann reported on a letter he had received from the County Attorney's office warning of unsolicited phone calls concerning the purchase of toner, and subsequent inflated invoices for said toner. The vender was not listed as a telemarketer in New York State, and the matter has been referred to the NYS Attorney General's office. Finally Mr. Leemann wanted to report that Primary Day which has always been held on a Tuesday, will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2015.

Old Business- Mr. Leemann then asked for a report on the Emergency Preparedness meeting that had been held at the end of May. Mrs. Wilkinson was in charge of the preparations, and she felt that it was an excellent program, and well worth the time. She said several people had asked if there would be another one, and she is looking into possibly having another one in the fall.

New Business- Mr. Leemann reported that the board needed to pass a Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials. The NYS Comptroller's Office has sent letters requesting such a resolution be passed. The resolution had been filled out by the town's bookkeeper, and Mr. Leemann asked for a motion to pass the resolution. Mrs. Wilkinson wanted to know where the numbers had come from on the resolution? She was told the bookkeeper had put in the numbers, so then Mrs. Wilkinson asked where the bookkeeper got the numbers from? No one could really give her an answer. Mr. Leemann then asked for a motion to pass the resolution. A motion was made, and seconded, and then a vote was taken: Willkinson-no, Stone-yes, Halbritter-yes, Romanowski-yes, and Leemann-yes. Motion carried, resolution passed. The clerk then mentioned that

she would not sign the resolution, if she didn't know where the numbers came from, either. The clerk suggested that if the bookkeeper created the numbers, that she should be the one to sign it. Mr. Leemann said "ok," and then added that the bookkeeper does a lot of things that the clerk is suppose to be doing anyway!

Approval of the Bills-Mrs. Halbritter made the motion to approve General Fund vouchers #78-96, on abstract #006 of 2015, in the amount of \$6,076.24. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Romanowski, and carried. Mrs. Wilkinson made the motion to approve Highway Fund vouchers #128-148, on abstract #006 of 2015, in the amount of \$15,801.84. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Stone, and carried.

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

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

Adjournment- At 7:48 pm, Mrs. Halbritter made the motion to adjourn.Her motion was seconded by Mr. Romanowski, and carried.

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