

The Town of Amboy
TOWN BOARD MINUTES-September 16, 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
Steve Raymo, Vivian Walker, & Pam Clark-W. Amboy Fire Dept
David Holst-Oswego Co. Legislator

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7 pm, by Supervisor Leemann, who then asked County Legislator David Holst to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of the Minutes: All board members and the supervisor had received the minutes from the clerk, there were no questions or comments, so Mr. Leemann said they stood approved.

Dept Head Reports:

Fire Dept- Steve Raymo handed out the status report on calls to the board members, supervisor, and clerk. There were 25 total alarms, 15 of which were EMS calls. The boot drive held over Labor Day weekend was reported to be very successful. The last points race for the lawnmower races will be held Saturday, September 26, 2015, at the fire department. Mr. Leemann stated that he had received the fire department's budget request, but hadn't really had a chance to look it over, so didn't have anything to tell the fire dept. tonight, but would know more by the first budget workshop which will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2015.

Tug Hill-Paul Baxter gave handouts to the board members and supervisor on the budget process. He reported there will be two workshops on the budget process, one on Monday in Boonville, and the second in Adams, on next Thursday. Mr. Baxter also reported on a meeting in Constantia, at their Town Hall, on Thursday, October 8th, on the "nuts & bolts" of how to be a member of a planning board, or ZBA. Mr. Baxter also mentioned there will be a meeting with N.Y.S. Representatives and local leaders on Thursday, October 1st, at 7 pm. Mr. Baxter reported that applicants are being reviewed for John Bartow's replacement, the updating of the website is going well, and that he will be meeting with Mr. Leemann and the bookkeeper on Friday, for the budget. Mr. Baxter also reminded the clerk to remember to get the minutes and clerk's report to him from last month. Finally, he said he almost forgot to mention that the Tug Hill Commission held their meeting in Amboy, on Monday, September 21st, from 4-6 pm, but before the meeting were taken on a tour of Leemann Park, by Mr. Leemann.

Legislator- David Holst attended the meeting, and reported on tax exemptions for building projects of \$5,000.00, or more, on residential structures. The exemptions would be given over an 8 year period, with an exemption of 100% given the first year, decreasing gradually to 12.5%, by the eighth year. The Legislature is hoping to provide an incentive to homeowners to consider capital improvements to their

homes, without being taxed for it. If the home is sold during the 8 year period, the exemptions would not continue for the new owner. Mr. Holst further reported that Sales Tax revenue is about the same as last year.

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.

Town Clerk- The clerk gave her report to the supervisor, along with a check for \$219.11, which includes 27 dog licenses, and 2 DECALS commissions. Total taken in was \$388.00. The report is on file in the clerk's office.

Building & Codes-Wayne Hall II gave a written report to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. It covered building permits issued, building permits completed, corrected violations, and completed inspections. The report is on file in the clerk's office.

Dog Control- Karen Ashley gave her report to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. The report is on file in the clerk's office.

Planning Board-Tim Kelley gave copies of the minutes from the August 26, 2015 meeting to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. The minutes are on file in the clerk's office.

Historian-Tim Kelley gave a written report to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. The report is on file in the clerk's office.

Open to the Public-At this time the meeting was opened to the public. No questions or comments from the public.

Correspondence-Mr. Leemann sent a letter and an invoice for clean up to a man who had reserved use of the park, then left it in bad condition. Mr. Leemann also discovered this man didn't even live in town, and had used his father's address when he made the reservation. Bags of garbage left behind, and it appeared an egg fight was held in the men's bathroom.

Old Business-There wasn't any old business to discuss.

New Business- Congratulations were given to all who will move on in the election process, after the Republican Primary held on September 10th.

The board has been notified of the resignation of John Paninski, who was an alternate to the planning board.

Mr. Leemann reported that budget request forms have been given to all dept. heads, and reminds everyone that the budget cap is being held to .74%, so if anyone knows of any savings in their dept., please bring it to Mr. Leemann's attention.

Mr. Leemann reported that Mrs. Wilkinson had created a sexual harassment policy for his review, and he felt she had done a very good job. He then stated he would like to adopt the policy for use in the town.

Bruce Stone made the motion to adopt the sexual harassment policy, his motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilkinson.

Carried: Wilkinson-yes, Stone-yes, Halbritter-yes, Romanowski-yes, and Leemann-yes. Everyone then signed the policy, and it will be on file in the clerk's office.

Mr. Leemann then reported that he would like to have the first budget workshop on Tuesday, September 22nd, at 6:30 pm, if all the board members felt they could make it? All board members agreed they could, and a legal notice will be put in the paper.

Mr. Leemann then asked Mrs. Wilkinson if they could discuss the audit report from the fire dept. he was given last month, as he couldn't make heads or tails out of it? Mrs. Wilkinson apologized, and said what Mr. Leemann had received was a monthly report, and not the quarterly report she had intended to give him. She said she would bring the quarterly report and a copy of the roster to the budget workshop on Tuesday, the 22nd.

Approval of the Bills-Mrs. Halbritter made the motion to approve Highway Fund vouchers #191-213, on abstract#009-15, in the amount of \$71,389.51. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Romanowski, and carried. Mrs. Wilkinson made the motion to approve General Fund vouchers #137-153, on abstract #009-15, in the amount of \$13,477.31. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Stone, ande carried.

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

Open to the Public- At this point the meeting was once again opened to the public. Ed Lescenski from W. Amboy reported that he was there in place of Barb Lowe, who is the President of the W. Amboy Cemetery Association. Mr. Lescenski stated that the cemetery association has made 3 insurance payments of over \$3,000.00, and is running out of money. He was asking for assistance from the town of \$5,000.00, to run the cemetery, or the association feels they may have to turn the cemetery over to the town. Mr. Leemann stated they would have to look things over at the budget workshop. Reggie Sampson from Little Pond Rd. inquired about an article in the Queen Central that she was confused about. She stated that the article said a pet goat was killed by dogs, and she knew for a fact that the goat had been euthanized. Mrs. Sampson was wondering where the information came from? Mrs. Halbritter replied that the information had come from the DCO's report . Mrs. Sampson then stated that she felt the report should be corrected, but Mrs. Halbritter replied she didn't feel that was necessary.

Adjournment-With no other business to attend to, at 7:48 pm Mrs. Halbritter made the motion to adjourn. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Leemann, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Clark

Amboy Town Clerk