

The Town of Amboy
TOWN BOARD MINUTES-October 21,2015
7:00 pm 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

Public Hearing-First thing on the agenda was a public hearing to go over the budget for 2016. Mr. Leemann called the hearing to order, and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. He explained that the board had to keep the expenses under .74% , by state mandate, in order to not override the tax cap. He then asked for any comments from the public. 1.) Ed Lescenski noted that the code enforcement officer was being given a raise of \$550, and there was \$2300.00 in a Contingency Budget, but not even a couple of thousand was being offered to the cemetery association, to help them out. 2.) Tom Oderkirk Sr., who is the treasurer for the W. Amboy fire dept, wanted the board to know of his experience with the ambulance company that the town contracts with. The ambulance had come to his home to check on his welfare, and when he refused medical treatment, he was charged \$200.00, anyway. He felt the board should know. Mr. Leemann asked if there were any other comments, and since there were not, the public hearing was closed at 6:37 pm.

Call to Order-Mr. Leemann called the regular board meeting to order, as soon as the public hearing was over, as that was the way it was advertised in the paper. Mr. Leemann didn't feel the need to repeat the Pledge, as it had been done at the start of the public hearing.

September Board Minutes- Mr. Leemann asked if any of the board members had any questions or comments about the minutes? Mr. Romanowski stated that he had sent a message to the clerk by email, and she hadn't responded. Mrs. Wilkinson asked if it was the same email she had received, and Mr. Romanowski said no, it was a different one. The clerk answered that she had responded to the first email, letting Mr. Romanowski know where he could find the information he reported was not part of the minutes. She also answered that she had in fact not responded to the second email, as she didn't feel it was worth responding to. Mr. Romanowski had asked why his comments weren't included in a conversation between Mr. Leemann, and Mrs. Wilkinson? Mr. Leemann asked if he could move on?

Mr. Romanowski replied that he was just trying to get something done.

Dept Head Reports:

Fire Co. Report- Steve Raymo handed out the status report on calls. There were 15 total alarms, of which 8 were canceled en route. It was also reported that the Cicero Fire Dept. had gotten a grant for some new equipment, so they had donated some of their used equipment to W. Amboy. They had received masks, bottles, and packs from Cicero. Steve also reported there would be a Trick & Treat candy inspection at the fire station, and on November 21st, the fire dept will be holding a Craft & Bake Sale, from 9am-4pm. People can contact Theresa Perkins @ 560-2871, by 11/16, to reserve a spot.

Tug Hill-Paul Baxter brought the list of comparisons of Oswego County Towns, for the supervisor, board members, and clerk. The comparisons list salaries for different officials, population of towns, and cost per citizen to have these officials. It also covers fire and ambulance costs. Mr. Baxter also stated that one of the required elements of a town budget is to list a schedule of salaries for elected officials, and he said not all towns did that. He also said that another required element is to attach a list of all tax exempt properties, and not a single town did that! Mr. Baxter then thanked the town for making the town hall available when the Tug Hill Commission held their meeting here. He also once again thanked Mrs. Halbritter for her help in ensuring that reports and documents are making it onto the town's website. Lastly Mr. Baxter noted that a new column had been added to the comparisons, and that was how many towns felt they were going to have to override the tax cap? Amboy was not one of the towns.

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

Highway Superintendent-John Perkins gave a written report to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. It is on file in the clerk's office. Mr. Perkins also included a 2015 inventory list, which is also on file in the clerk's office. Mrs. Wilkinson said she would add the inventory list to the Emergency Management report.

Town Clerk-The town clerk gave her report to Mr. Leemann, along with a check for \$44.95, which included 4 dog licenses, and her commission on 8 hunting licenses. The total taken in was \$408.00, but \$359.05 goes to the state, for their portion of the hunting licenses sold. The clerk's report is on file in her office.

Planning Board-Tim Kelley gave a copy of the minutes from the September 30, 2015 meeting to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. Those minutes are on file in the clerk's office.

Historian-Tim Kelley gave a written report to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. He also included a copy of the minutes from the Oswego County Historians Association meeting he attended on September 19th. Both those reports are on file in the clerk's office.

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

Dog Control-Karen Ashley did not submit a report.

Open to the Public- At this time the meeting was opened to the public. 1.) John Paninski from Little Pond Rd. stated that this was the first time the planning board was updating the comprehensive plan, since 2003. He said he would like to see that done more often, and he also inquired as to whether a committee had been set up between the planning board and the town board? Also could a list of the buildings falling down in town be added to the comprehensive plan? Mr. Leemann advised Mr. Paninski to attend the next planning board meeting, and maybe he could get some answers to his questions. 2.) Nancy Heintz, tax collector elect, also from Little Pond Rd., had a software proposal she presented to the board from Williamson Law. She wanted them to know the price had gone up from the last time the software had been proposed. Mr. Leemann stated that there was \$2500.00 set aside in the budget, so he felt the cost would be covered. Mrs. Wilkinson reported that through FASNY

there is money available for firefighters, to help subsidize secondary education for them. There should be a link available on the Town of Amboy website, if any firefighters are interested.

Old Business- There was no old business to discuss.

New Business- Ed & Linda Coakley of Sawdust Rd. in West Monroe, contacted Mr. Romanowski, and donated a Town of Amboy map that is dated 5/29/1931. The town thanks them.

Approval of the Bills-Mrs. Halbritter made the motion to approve Highway Fund vouchers#214-239, on abstract #010-15, in the amount of \$36, 378.91. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Romanowski, and carried. Mr. Stone made the motion to approve General Fund vouchers #154-172, on abstract # 010-15, in the amount of \$4, 109.82. His motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilkinson, and carried.

Supervisor's 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. Mr. Leemann then reported that the board would be going into Executive session after the meeting was opened to the public for the last time, so the audience was welcome to stay or leave. He stated they would be discussing labor negotiations.

Open to the Public- The meeting was once again opened to the public. 1.) Ed Lescenski of State Route 69 stated that he had been a board member for 48 years, and wanted to know if the board was holding a caucus without including Mrs. Wilkinson? He was told yes, to which he replied that whenever the old board had a meeting, it included everyone. Mr. Leemann stated that it would have been illegal, unless it was advertised. Mr. Lescenski also wanted to know why jobs like dog catcher were shipped out of town, and why does the bookkeeper get paid \$20 an hour, when someone in town, the assistant clerk could do that same job, and would probably do it for less money? He also asked if Mr. Romanowski was running on the Independent ticket, and was re-elected, what would he do? Would he still be able to join the caucus? 2.) Beverly Levreault of Stone Hill Rd. asked why would Mr. Romanowski being an Independent make any difference, and she was told it wouldn't make any difference. Mr. Leemann asked if anyone else had any comments? No one did, so Mrs. Wilkinson made the motion to go into Executive session. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Romanowski.

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

Executive Session- Executive session to discuss labor relations between the Town of Amboy, and Teamster's Local #317, began at 7:25 pm. Mr. Leemann, Mr.Stone, Mr. Romanowski, Mrs. Halbritter, and Mrs. Wilkinson were all present. Executive session ended at 8 pm., with a motion made by Mr. Romanowski, and seconded by Mrs. Halbritter.

Resume Board Meeting- Mrs. Wilkinson made the motion to reconvene the board meeting, seconded by Mr. Stone, and carried.

Adjournment- With no other business to attend to, at 8:04 pm, Mr. Romanowski made the motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Leemann, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Clark
Amboy Town Clerk

