

Town of Amboy  
TOWN BOARD MINUTES-June 15, 2016  
Amboy Town Hall-7:00 pm

Present: Kathleen Wilkinson-Supervisor  
Bruce Stone, Lawrence Rayder, Mark McNabb &  
Richard Bryant-Councilmen  
Mary Ann Clark-Town Clerk

Others Present: John Perkins III-Highway Superintendent  
Tim Kelley-Planning Board Chair/Historian  
Tom Oderkirk Sr.,President, and Corey Douglas-W. Amboy  
Fire Dept.  
Paul Baxter-Tug Hill Circuit Rider

The June 15, 2016 board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, by Supervisor Kathleen Wilkinson, who then asked acting codes officer Ron Marsden to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fire Dept.-The representatives from the fire dept. had a meeting to go to, so they were asked to go first. Tom Oderkirk passed out the status report on calls to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. There were 15 total alarms, which included 7 EMS calls, 1 vegetation fire, and 4 calls cancelled enroute. The clerk asked for and was given a current copy of the certificate of liability insurance. Corey Douglas also mentioned the "Back Row Truck Show" that the fire dept. will be holding on July 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at the fire department grounds on Cusson Dr. All proceeds will benefit the fire dept., and there is a flyer on the bulletin board at the town hall, explaining more about it.

Reading of the Minutes-The clerk read the minutes from the May 18, 2016 board meeting, and they stood approved as read.

Dept. Head Reports:

Legislator-David Holst was not at the meeting, but he had spoken to Mrs. Wilkinson earlier in the week, and he reported that sales tax revenues are right on track.

Highway Report-John Perkins reported that his Office 365 had run out, and he wasn't sure how he was going to renew it, as in the past it was renewed by credit card. Since it has run out, he wasn't able to print out a report for this month. Mr. Perkins also said the loader was "down", and he was not sure what was wrong with it, or how much it was going to cost to fix it. He said he would keep the board updated.

Tug Hill Commission-Paul Baxter reported it had been a very busy month so far. He had attended several meetings, including a seminar on solar farming, which he found very interesting. Mr. Baxter also warned that land owners should be aware, and check out completely any leasing agreements with solar companies. Mr. Baxter said there were cases mentioned at the seminar where landowners had signed agreements with a solar company, and part of the agreement is that the solar company will

pay the taxes on the property, and then the solar company goes bankrupt, and the landowners are on the hook for the taxes, which could be substantial. Mr. Baxter had also attended a meeting in Auburn, a Consolidated Funding workshop, and a meeting on the Oneida Watershed, and Flood Plain Mapping. Mr. Baxter mentioned that some people at that meeting were upset, as they had given updated information to the mapping people, and the maps had NOT been changed, as of that meeting. It was explained that there is a lack of funds for this project, but the mapping would be changed, if enough money was found.

Town Historian-Tim Kelley gave a written report to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. His report is on file in the clerk's office. Tim and his wife Carolyn attended the ice cream social at the Historical Museum on June 12, 2016, and enjoyed a newly acquired artifact display donated by Nancy Becker.

Planning Board-Tim Kelley gave a copy of the minutes from the May 25, 2016 planning board meeting to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. The minutes are on file in the clerk's office.

Codes Officer-Mrs. Wilkinson introduced acting codes officer Ron Marsden, who has been filling in since Wayne Hall has been out on medical leave. Mr. Marsden has been handling complaints, and attacking a backlog of phone messages with courtesy and professionalism. He can be reached at (315) 751-2633, the number people would previously call for Mr. Hall.

Dog Control-Karen Ashley will be done as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Tax Collector- Nancy Heintz was not at the meeting, she is done with her collecting duties for this year.

Town Clerk-The clerk took in \$112.00, which was all for dog licenses. \$95.00 was paid to the supervisor, and \$17.00 was mailed to the Animal Population Control Program in Albany.

Town Justice- Judge Dunham was not at the meeting, but once again wanted to mention that the copier by her desk is paid for by the Office of Court Administration, and is to be used for court purposes only.

Accounting Officer- Nancy Butler was not at the meeting.

Open to the Public-At this point the meeting was opened to the public. Ed Lescenski reported that he had given the supervisor's phone number out to people who had complaints about the code's officer. Mr. Lescenski also wanted to remind people that the Historical Society will be holding a bluegrass festival at the town park, on July 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10-5.

Old Business- Mrs. Wilkinson reported that the entire town board attended the business development meeting arranged by the Planning Board, on May 25<sup>th</sup>. She thanked the planning board for arranging the meeting with officials and representatives from both N.Y. State, and Oswego County. It was well attended, and enlightening.

Mrs. Wilkinson also reported that Tim Kelley had been contacted by the Oswego Co. Tourism Advisory Council about holding their July meeting in Amboy. They are scheduled to meet at the town hall on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m.

New Business-The Union contract with the Highway Dept. is being reviewed, and some changes have been proposed. Mrs. Wilkinson will keep the board updated.

A new payroll company will begin July 1, 2016. Employees will be asked to complete new forms, and will be offered direct deposit. This will come at a significant savings, and the reports will be greatly improved.

Mrs. Wilkinson received notice that the town is at a 100% equalization rate, and nothing will change.

Mrs. Wilkinson wrote up a code of ethics, and a resolution for the code of ethics, and will have Town Attorney Allison Nelson review it, before implementing it.

Mrs. Wilkinson once again reported that Ron Marsden is our acting code enforcement officer until further notice.

An agreement with Williamstown had been drawn up concerning use of the dog kennel, and all the board members and the supervisor signed it, then it was attested by the town clerk.

Mrs. Wilkinson reported that she had received an e-mail from Dave Marzolf, stating he would be interested in filling the vacancy on the planning board, if it was still needed. Mr. Bryant made the motion to appoint Dave to the Planning Board, his motion was seconded by Mr. Rayder, and carried.

Approval of the Bills- Mr. Stone made the motion to approve Highway Fund vouchers #130-157, on abstract # 006-16, in the amount of \$20, 574. 88. His motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant, and carried. Mr. Rayder made the motion to approve General Fund vouchers #95-114, in the amount of \$3,688.42. His motion was seconded by Mr. Stone, and carried.

Supervisor's Report- Balance sheets and reconciliation summaries for both the general and highway funds were provided to the board members and clerk. A copy of the full monthly financial statement was also provided. A copy of all financial reports is available from Ms. Butler, town accounting officer, or from the supervisor.

Open to the Public- At this point the meeting was once again opened to the public. Tom Vona from the planning board thanked all the town board members for coming to the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Adjournment- At 8:24 pm, Mr. Bryant made the motion to adjourn. His motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilkinson, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Clark  
Amboy Town Clerk

