

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The Regular meeting of the Town Board was held on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with the following members present: Daniel Pemrick, Supervisor, Daniel Cochran, MaryAnn Johnson, and Rick Capasso, Councilmen. Walter E. Chandler was absent. Also present were Mark Schachner, Town Counsel, Highway Supt. Walter Barss, Deputy Highway Supt. Duane Wright and 8 residents.

At 7:27 PM, the board met as a Board of Health regarding an unsafe building at 4119 Route 9N. Supervisor Pemrick states that this has been before the Board before. Code Enforcement Officer, Gerry McKenna has been dealing with this for 275 days, and would like the Board to take a hard look at it. All members are familiar with the site. We have heard from the gentleman on a number of occasions, who says that he will do it and wants to work with us. Supervisor Pemrick feels that his intentions are genuine, however the Building Inspector feels that there have been people on that property since last fall working on the house that is on the property. The house has a roof and is completely enclosed. There is not much to the structure that Gerry is concerned about. It could easily be dismantled or made safe to Gerry's satisfaction. Supervisor Pemrick would like the Board to consider sending a letter to the owner giving him until the end of February to remove the hazard or the Town Highway Dept. will take care of it. Town Board agrees with sending a letter to the owner.

**RESOLUTION # 28 – Unsafe building 4119 Rt. 9N.** Resolved, that the Town Clerk is instructed to send Certified letter to owner of 4119 Route 9N to remove structure or secure to the satisfaction of the Code Enforcement Officer by February 29, 2016. Failure to do so will result in the demolition of the structure by the Town Highway Dept. and all costs incurred by the Town shall be added to the next property tax bill.

Motion: Capasso, C.

Seconded: Johnson, C.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Johnson, Capasso,

NOES: None

Absent: Chandler

At 7:32 the regular meeting was called to order by the Supervisor and opened with a pledge to the flag. On a motion by Cochran, C. and seconded by Johnson, C., the minutes of 12/10/15, 12/21/15, 12/28/15 and 1/7/16 were approved by all Board members present.

**REPORT ON CLINTON STREET** – Derrick Barss presented a report on the most recent purchase of the Highway Dept, a radar sign. The sign is a tool to alert passing motorists of their speed. Some of the features are they are portable, go on the average sign post and can be moved around Town. Clinton Street is a posted 45 MPH speed limit. If a passing motorist is going over the speed limit the sign will flash and give the speed they are traveling. They also collect data. Graphs and charts were presented to the Board. Keep in mind that 46 MPH puts the vehicle over the speed limit. It gives the daily average speed. They have data from Southbound and Northbound traffic. 92.5% of the motorists going Southbound for the week are in the area of 46 to 50 MPH. .2% are over 60 MPH. Data can be collected with the display off. About the same for Northbound traffic. Highway Supt. Walter Barss says that the signs can be moved anywhere in Town. Capasso C., asks if DOT will look at this information. Highway Supt. Barss says that they will pass along the Data. Duane Wright, Dept. Highway Supt. explains DOT has their own formula for speed reductions. The Highway has used the sign for one week and collected a lot of data, and are confident that this represents the traffic in that area. Supervisor Pemrick asks if the signs are hard to move. Highway Supt. Barss says no and they are vandalism proof. Supervisor Pemrick states this is a good response for the residents living in that area who have a lot of concerns. Supervisor Pemrick thanks Derrick Barss for the presentation and the Highway for the quick response in a timely and professional manner.

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**RECREATION/TOWN PARKS COMMITTEE REPORT** – Committee Chair Ty Stacey asks the Town Board for reassurance for the Parks Committee that they are open and free discussions remains confidential and doesn't get used against them. That is for the integrity of the Chairman and members. His committee has 4 -5 people and they need to speak freely. They have studied documents back to 2003. The report by Skidmore is a good report on developing revenue for Brookhaven. As a Masterplan Committee they decided that there is not more they can add to it. Brookhaven, take it away and work on the specifics. The committee has bigger and better things to move on to. If you want something different, bring it back and they will see what they can do. They want to build a masterplan first. A sketch for a Recreation Center is given to the Board which is a tentative idea. Ty Stacey suggests that it might be important to start a Recreation Improvement Fund so monies could be slowly put away and not be a big impact on the taxpayer. The Reserve Fund could be used for the parks also. Johnson, C. mentions that the building of a Center is not the issue, it's the maintenance and staffing that comes later that needs to go into the budget. Ty says we are just planning for down the road to see if this would be a worthwhile investment. Capasso C., asks if they are looking at something similar to Gavin Park? Discussion takes place on a building reserve fund and a recreation improvement fund. Supervisor Pemrick says that this is a big task talking about development of recreation throughout the Town, in addition to setting aside funds for a Community Center. Discussion takes place on avenues of funding. Supervisor Pemrick asks if the Town Recreation Director has been actively helping with these plans, because in terms of the Town it could help with surveying the residents, funding, using resources from the Town and feedback from the Community. Ty explains that there has been attendance at a couple of meetings, but e-mails don't seem to get through. Supervisor Pemrick and Ty agree there should be a liaison role. Counsel Schachner asks a question on the confidentiality, because as a committee appointed by the Town Board there is not a cloak of confidentiality around that. People can come to the meetings and the Board was presented with a document that is subject to disclosure. Thoughts that are shared at committee meetings can't be legally declared confidential by the Board. Ty says that he can do it for himself and that he is not going to repeat what is said. The Board agrees. Supervisor Pemrick asks Ty if what he needs from the Town is a commitment to saving money towards recreation programs in Town, more assistance from the Rec Director utilizing the Town's resources and knowledge in developing recreation to help you with this plan and be the liaison between your committee and the Town board. Ty says that he would like a show of support in that direction.

**REPORT TOWN ROADS** – Duane Wright, Deputy Highway Supt., showed how the Town uses the NYS DOT method that is used for scoring and grading the roads. By using this the Highway Dept. can see the types of road distress. Highway Supt. Walter Barss and Duane Wright have scored the 100 miles of Town roads. The average condition has improved in 10 years. Mr. Wright presents a graph to the Board. The Highway Dept. has completed a lot of new roads and upgraded some roads from 2005 to 2015. Cochran, C., asks how the equipment is compared to 2005. Highway Supt Barss says that with the Town's help the equipment has greatly improved. Duane Wright says the Department does a great job with a 12 member crew. Highway Supt. Bars says the roads are at a point where they do not need a complete rebuild, they put in a good base. Supervisor Pemrick says that we have had a lot of attention paid to our roads lately. The Board has a lot of confidence in the Highway Dept., no matter what the season.

Monthly reports were submitted by the Town Clerk's Office and Highway Dept., yearly reports were submitted from the Town Clerk's Office, Town Justices, and Highway.

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**RESOLUTION #29 - 2015 Encumbered Bills**

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Johnson, C.

**RESOLVED** , That the 2015 Encumbered Bills #753 & 754 in the amount of \$11,885.24 be paid, subject to audit.

VOTE: Ayes :Pemrick, Cochran, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

Absent: Chandler

**RESOLUTION # 30 – Highway Bills**

Motion : Cochran

Seconded : Johnson

**RESOLVED**, That the Highway Bills in the amount of \$11, 121.02 be paid subject to audit.

VOTE: Ayes : Pemrick, Cochran, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

Absent: Chandler

**RESOLUTION # 31 \_ General Bills**

Motion: Johnson, C.

Seconded: Capasso, C.

**RESOLVED**, That the General Bills in the amount of \$74,589.85 be paid, subject to audit.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

Absent: Chandler

**RESOLUTION # 32 – Brookhaven Bills**

Motion: Johnson, C.

Seconded: Capasso, C.

**RESOLVED**, That the Brookhaven bills in the amount of \$2830.32 be paid.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

Absent : Chandler

On a motion by Cochran, C. and seconded by Capasso, C. the meeting was adjourned at 8: 37 PM.

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Town Clerk