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The regular meeting of the Town Board was held on Thursday, June 10th, 2010 with the following members present: Richard Rowland, Supervisor; Daniel Pemrick, Daniel Cochran, Thomas Kinsella and Walter E. Chandler, Councilman. Also present were Town Counsel Mark Schachner, Highway Supt. Walter Barss and 4 residents.

The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor at 7:30 PM and opened with the pledge to the flag. On motion of Pemrick, C. and seconded by Kinsella, C., the minutes of 5/13/2010 and 6/3/2010 were approved as submitted by all members present.

Storm Water Management Program 2009 Annual Report (Year 7). The report was submitted to Blue Neils, Saratoga County Co-Coordinator, and he was including the report as part of an intermunicipal submittal. A copy has also been posted on the Town website.

Notification from Saratoga Polo Catering and Events of their intention to apply for a renewal of their on premise liquor license.

Check from Mark Tetreault in the amount of \$500. for Open Space/Parks and Recreation Fees.

Letter of support from Congressman Scott Murphy to allow property owners to become much more aware of the proposed transmission project. He would like to make sure that this an open and easy process for individuals who are concerned about whether or not it will be crossing their land.

Letter from Judge S. Peter Feldstein of Hamilton County who had a concern about the condition of Fox Hill/Lake Desolation Road and wanted to put the Town on notice. Supervisor Rowland stated that he spoke with the Court Clerk and informed her that the Town would be working on the road on Monday. He also questioned as to whether or not they had sent notice to the Town of Providence since approximately 1.2 miles of the road is in their Town. They were not aware that a portion of the road was in Providence.

Wind Towers – Supervisor Rowland stated that he was finally able to reach a representative from E.On. He informed the Supervisor that the tower that was gathering data had been removed approximately 8 months ago. Supervisor Rowland drove up to the site and confirmed that the tower had been removed. It was determined that there was not enough wind to make it a profitable venture. Most of the federal monies were no longer available for these types of projects. Supervisor Rowland suggested that in the future, if any further permits are issued by the Building Department, they should ask for a monthly report from the applicant.

Town Hall Entrance Repairs - Supervisor Rowland stated that he was able to contact the gentlemen who provided the Town with a quote almost a year ago. He agreed to do the job for the same price as submitted. He started work on the two entrances last week and finished up yesterday afternoon. He replaced the material that was installed improperly and caulked and painted the entrances.

Parks Use Regulations – Supervisor Rowland stated that he did not get a chance to work on this item. There has been additional vandalism at Middle Grove Park recently. Someone again started a picnic table on fire and leaned it up against the post in the pavilion. The Parks Dept., along with some help from the Highway Dept., was able

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to limb some trees and remove the shrubs and brush around the bathroom building to open it up a little bit better. Most mornings the park is full of garbage and litter that they have to pick up. Supervisor Rowland stated that he will make a request with the Sheriff's Department to make patrols of the park again. In addition, the Parks Dept. is going to put up some type of baluster up to keep traffic from driving past the pavilion, down into the back area. He stated that he spoke with the Supervisor from the Town of Milton and they are having a similar problem at their park. Supervisor Rowland to put together a packet of revisions to the park policies for the next meeting.

RESOLUTION # 96 – Resolution of Honor – Floyd “Cliff” Older

Submitted by: Daniel Cochran, Councilman

Seconded by: Walter E. Chandler, Councilman

WHEREAS, **Floyd “Cliff” Older**, has decided to retire from the Town of Greenfield Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, **Mr. Older** has been employed by the Town since January 21st, 1974, roughly 37.5 years and has been on call for 13,690 days, and

WHEREAS, **Mr. Older** has worked for six Highway Superintendents and has served as Deputy Highway Superintendent for nineteen of those years, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Greenfield wishes to express its thanks and gratitude to **Mr. Older** for his years of service to the Town residents and wishes him many years of enjoyable retirement, NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, by this Town Board on behalf of the residents of the Town of Greenfield, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be presented to said **Floyd “Cliff” Older**.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Cochran, Kinsella, Chandler

Noes: None

Supervisor Rowland added a few comments from other members of the Highway Department which were not part of the resolution. They stated that Cliff was a man of few words and that his vocabulary consists of “Ok”, “Yep”, “I’ll take a look” and “Break time”. His retirement is well deserved and now he will only have one boss, Bonnie. If he gets his jobs done he might be able to go hunting. Supervisor Rowland stated that Cliff has been an intrical part of the Highway Department over the years and he wished him well on his retirement.

RESOLUTION # 97 – Planning Board Appointment

Motion: Kinsella, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby re-appoints John Streit as member of the Planning Board with said term to expire 6/20/2017.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Cochran, Kinsella, Chandler

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION # 98 – Youth Committee Appointments

Motion: Kinsella, C.

Seconded: Pemrick, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby appoints Walter Ramsey and Brooke Chandler as members of the Youth Committee.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Cochran, Kinsella, Chandler

Noes: None

Town Historian – Supervisor Rowland stated that he received a phone call from the Town Historian, Mary DeMarco, indicating that she intended to retire. He explained that Mrs. DeMarco took a fall in her home about a month ago. Since that time she was in the hospital and then rehabilitation, prior to returning home. Supervisor Rowland added that should the Board accept her resignation, they would have to advertise for the position as well.

RESOLUTION # 99 – Town Historian Resignation

Motion: Pemrick, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

RESOLVED, That it is with regret that the Town Board accepts the resignation of Mary DeMarco as Town Historian, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be directed to advertise for the opening.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Cochran, Kinsella, Chandler

Noes: None

New York State Retirement Incentive – Supervisor Rowland provided Board members with a copy of the New York State Retirement Incentive Program. Highway Supt. Barss stated that Mr. Older decided not to wait for the State to make a decision on this program and has already applied for and has received approval of his retirement. Supervisor Rowland did not feel that there was anyone else at the Town that was interested in or would be eligible for the program. He did not believe that the Town needed to take any action unless there was someone that was interested. Pemrick, C. asked what the time frame was for the program. Supervisor Rowland stated that it actually closes December 29th & December 31st. However, the Town would have to accept the program by August 31st for Part A and September 1st for Part B.

Supervisor Rowland stated that he neglected to announce during correspondence that he has received an invitation from Saratoga Springs City Council inviting the Greenfield Town Board to participate in a parade that will be held on July 3rd, 2010 at 4 PM.

Unsafe Building – 40 Greene Road – Medvec - Al Janik, King Road stated that he was reading the minutes of the last meeting where the Board discussed this property. It seems to be the opinion of the Board that they do not want to take action because there is an existing judgment on the property. He stated that if the Town removes the structure, the cost is added to the tax bill. If the property is sold at auction, the taxes have a super priority over a judgment or lien. He did not feel that it should have any bearing on the Board's decision. Mr. Janik added that the property was assessed at over \$60,000. He felt that even if there was a substantial claim against the property, there

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was more than enough value to tear it down. He questioned whether it was prudent to wait to see what the new owner does after the tax sale to do something now that the structure has been declared unsafe. Supervisor Rowland stated that the Town has been unable to contact the owner of the property. All the notices have been returned as undeliverable. Mr. Janik said that he was able to find an address for the owner in New Jersey and he would be happy to provide the Town with the information. Butch Duffney, Brigham Road, stated that he has been doing some work in the area and has noticed that some activity at the property in the past week or so. There has been a vehicle in and out of there and a rope was put across. Town Counsel stated that there was no guarantee that the Town would recoup their money. You do not know if someone will buy the property or how much they will pay for the property. Chandler, C. asked if there was access into the structure or if it was secure. Supervisor Rowland stated that it was not totally secure, however you really could not get the door open enough to get in according to the Code Enforcement Officer. The floor is heaved and the roof is buckled. Pemrick, C. stated that Town Counsel has recommended that if the Board was going to consider taking down the structure that they should obtain a Court Order to do so, just in case the property owner were to come forward. Board members in agreement to send notice to new address provided.

RESOLUTION # 100 – Unsafe Building – 40 Greene Road

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Chandler, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board, acting as the Board of Health, has made the determination that based on the information received from the Code Enforcement Officer, the mobile home located at 40 Greene Road is unsafe and constitutes a serious health and safety risk in its present condition and hereby authorizes the issuance of an Unsafe Building Notice, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a hearing before the Town Board shall be scheduled for July 8th, 2010 at 7:25 PM.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Kinsella, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 101 – Declare Equipment Surplus

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Pemrick, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby declares the 1986 Barber-Greene Track Paver as surplus, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be directed to advertise for sealed bids to be opened on July 8th, 2010 at 7:20 PM.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Cochran, Kinsella, Chandler

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 102 – Establish Rate of Pay for Parks Maintenance

Motion: Pemrick, C.

Seconded: Chandler, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby sets the rate of pay for the Full Time Parks Maintenance position at \$16.73 per hour, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that Channon Emigh shall be appointed to fill the position.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Cochran, Kinsella, Chandler

Noes: None

Environmental Committee - Chandler, C. stated that he attended the recent Environmental Committee meeting and they had a few questions. He asked what the status was for the plywood sign at Porters Park. Supervisor Rowland stated that it was scheduled to be worked on. The sign pertains to Park Rules, etc. and he was still working on putting that together. Chandler, C. added that the Environmental Committee also questioned what was the official newspaper of the Town. Supervisor Rowland stated that the official paper was the Gazette. Sometimes other ads are placed in The Pennysaver. Chandler, C. stated that they have asked if the notices could also be put in The Saratogian. Supervisor Rowland stated that legal notices were very expensive and they would only be placed in the Gazette.

Monthly reports were submitted by the UDAG Revolving Loan Fund (April), Town Justices, Town Supervisor, Building Department, Town Clerk and Highway Supt.

RESOLUTION # 103 – Highway Bills

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Pemrick, C.

RESOLVED, That Highway Bills # 95 to # 115 in the amount of \$66,702.73 be paid, subject to audit.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Cochran, Kinsella, Chandler

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 104 – General Bills

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Pemrick, C.

RESOLVED, That General Bills # 308 to # 367 in the amount of \$28,718.67 be paid, subject to audit.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Cochran, Kinsella, Chandler

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 105 – UDAG Bills

Motion: Pemrick, C.

Seconded: Kinsella, C.

RESOLVED, That UDAG Bills # 3 & # 4 in the amount of \$11,339.52 be paid, subject to audit.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Cochran, Kinsella, Chandler

Noes: None

On motion of Cochran, C. and seconded by Chandler, C., the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Town Clerk