

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 with the following members present: Paul Lunde, Supervisor; Daniel Pemrick, Daniel Cochran and Walter E. Chandler, Councilman. Also present were Town Counsel Mark Schachner, Highway Supt. Walter Barss and approximately 8 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 Chandler, C., the minutes of 2/12/2015 were approved as submitted by all Board members present.

Check from Casey Cornell in the amount of \$6,000 for Open Space Fees for his Humes Road subdivision.

Letter from Franklin Community Center thanking the Town for their continued support of Project Lift, their after school prevention program at Greenfield Elementary School.

Letter from Karen Praisner of Delmar, NY regarding the Times Union article that was published about the arrest for abuse of horses on property on Wilton Road in the Town of Greenfield.

Letters from John Bokus and Philip Gargan asking the Town Board to consider adopting a Resolution that would call on the State Legislature to discontinue the implementation of the Common Core State Standards and a Resolution to call on the State Board of Regents to amend Social Studies Learning Standard No. 5

Letter from Vince Walsh regarding the inability of Town residents to have reliable, affordable internet service.

Time Warner Cable Franchise Agreement - Supervisor Lunde stated that he did not have anything to report at this time. Pemrick, C. stated that we did have the letter from Mr. Walsh who was looking for more services to the residents in Town. In particular, the number of residents required per mile. Supervisor Lunde stated that he would try and work on the limit per mile.

Board Openings - Supervisor Lunde stated that 4 individuals had submitted their resumes to be considered for the Town Board vacancy. Board members in agreement to conduct interviews prior to the Agenda meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 6:30 PM. The applicants were all present and 3 would be available on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The 4<sup>th</sup> applicant will be interviewed at 7:00 PM prior to the Regular meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Corinth Ambulance Agreement - Supervisor Lunde stated that there was a question regarding the billing service. In the agreement it actually stated that they were to use Wilton for their billing. They are actually using Multi-Med, the company that they use for Jessup's Landing. Supervisor Lunde stated that he called the Dept. of Health and he was told that they do not care who does the billing.

Municipal Certificate of Need (MUNICON) - Supervisor Lunde stated that he turned in the paperwork that the Board members signed. Everything has to be submitted to the Health Department by July 1<sup>st</sup>. After that, there will have to be a series of public meetings. Supervisor Lunde added that there was a bill in the Senate that would make this whole process almost automatic for municipalities.

Environmental Committee Openings - Supervisor Lunde stated that he spoke with the Chairperson of the Environmental Committee. There are 3 individuals interested in the 2 openings. They are going to interview the applicants and provide the Board with their recommendation.

Paul Bouchard, 166 Denton Road - Mr. Bouchard noticed an article in the newspaper that they were going to be running nuclear waste from Niskayuna by truck to Corinth and then shipping it back through Greenfield on the train. He asked if the Town had any type of plan for a nuclear waste accident. Supervisor Lunde stated that he would look into it.

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Robert Ramsey, Wing Road - Mr. Ramsey stated that when you are traveling over South Greenfield Road past the Arnold Farm, you cannot see the intersection of Wing Road. They have almost been hit 4 times at that intersection. There is a lot more traffic on South Greenfield Road and he was concerned that someone was going to be seriously hurt there. Mr. Ramsey asked if the Town could take a look at it and see if anything could be done. Supervisor Lunde stated that if the Board felt that there was something that they would like to do, they would have to ask the NYS Dept. of Transportation for their approval. They do not have control over speed limits, stop signs, etc. Mr. Ramsey stated that the road is posted at 45 mph now, however cars are traveling at least 60 mph when they come over the hill. Supervisor Lunde asked if there was any particular time of day that was worse than any other. He could speak with the Sheriff. Chandler, C. asked if a traffic site distance study could be done there. Highway Supt. Barss stated that he would take a look at it. The problem is that the hill has to be cut down. It is right next to the old cemetery and it cannot be cut down a lot or you will be endangering the walls of the cemetery. He added that he was not sure if there was ledge in the area. He spoke with Mr. Ramsey and told him he would take a look at it in the Spring and dig a test hole on the side of the road. They may be able to take it down a foot or so.

National Grid Savings Plan - Supervisor Lunde stated that last year they did a savings plan in the Town Hall. This year, he had them take a look at Brookhaven and the Old Town Garage. At Brookhaven, there would be a 14 month turn around repayment. The cost to the Town would be approximately \$2,630 to save an estimated \$2,400 per year. For the Old Town Garage, the cost to the Town would be approximately \$8,130. The savings per year on electricity would be about \$1,900. Work has to be done at the Old Garage regardless of whether or not the Board decides to enter into this agreement. Highway Supt. Barss stated that 90% of the lights are no good. Cochran, C. asked if that structure was still needed. Highway Supt. Barss stated that it is used for equipment storage. Chandler, C. asked what the longevity of the new lights would be. Supervisor Lunde stated that if they are using LED's then it would be about 20 years.

RESOLUTION # 49 - Authorize Supervisor to Sign Agreement with National Grid  
Energy Savings Plan for Brookhaven & Old Town Garage

Motion: Chandler, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with National Grid for Energy Savings at Brookhaven in the amount of \$2,631.80 and the Old Town Garage in the amount of \$8,138.66

VOTE: Ayes: Lunde, Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

Louise Okoniewski asked if the Supervisor had any idea what the savings actually was for the Town Hall this past year. Supervisor Lunde stated that the Town Hall bill is down in kilowatt usage. He was not sure if it was all the lighting, however he had to assume that it had something to do with it. Louise asked if he had an idea of year to date what was spent this year as compared to what was spent last year. Supervisor Lunde stated that he could do that.

Proposed Local Law – Award Contracts on Basis of Best Value - Supervisor Lunde stated that he provided the Board with a copy of a Local Law that was adopted by the Town of Providence. He added that a lot of municipalities are going with this. It gives the Town the option of not always having to go with the lowest bidder.

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RESOLUTION # 50 - Schedule Public Hearing Proposed Local Law # 2-2015 Authorizing the Award of Contracts on the Basis of Best Value

Motion: Pemrick, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby schedules a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law #2-2015 Authorizing the Award of Contracts on the Basis of Best Value to be held on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:25 PM.

VOTE: Ayes: Lunde, Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

Town Code Revisions - Cochran, C. stated that the first meeting of the Committee will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 here at the Town Hall from 7 PM to 9 PM. He would like to see the Committee meet at least 2 times a month for the next 3 months or so. He will put together an agenda and list of areas of concern that have been brought to the attention of the Town Board.

Town Resident Cards - Town Clerk advised that her office is ready to start issuing the cards. The Town Board needs to set the guidelines. It was suggested that residents bring in their driver's license and utility bill for proof. There will be no charge for the card, however there will be a \$5.00 replacement fee if the card is lost. Town Clerk to put ad in The Pennysaver, post on the Town website and send email notice to everyone who has signed up through the website. The add will include that the Resident Card will be required in order to drop of trash at the Townwide Cleanup. The Cleanup Week will be for Residential use only, no commercial or business. The cards will also be able to be used for discounts at Brookhaven Golf Course and Youth Committee programs & events. Town Clerk stated that they will try and get posters out in the Post Offices and local businesses.

Planning Board Vice-Chairman - Supervisor Lunde stated that he received a letter from Tonya Yasenchak, Planning Board Chairperson, that the Vice-Chair would like to step down, however he would still like to remain as a member of the Board. Tonya has suggested that two individuals on the Board, Stan Weeks and Tom Siragusa, would do a good job. Pemrick, C. felt that they each should be asked if they would like to be considered as opposed to the Board just selecting one of them now. Cochran, C. and Chandler, C. agreed. Supervisor Lunde will call to see if they are interested.

Townwide Cleanup - Highway Supt. Barss asked how the card system was going to work and if there would be one card per family or person. It was decided that a card would be issued to individuals 18 and older. Highway Supt. Barss felt that the biggest issue was to get the word out that the ID card will be needed for the cleanup. Supervisor Lunde questioned whether they wanted to stay with the two full weekends or cut back on the last weekend. Highway Supt. Barss stated that it was cut back from 2 weeks to 1 week and he was not really sure if it should be cut back further. Cochran, C. asked if they have found more roadside dumping since they cut back to one week per year. Highway Supt. Barss stated that there was some but they picked up some when they had two weeks. Duane Wright, Deputy Supt., stated that the volume is about the same, just collected all at one time. He thought once a year was fine but did not think that it was a good idea to cut back on the weekend days. Supervisor Lunde stated that he wanted to make it very clear to everyone that it will be for residential use only and no commercial will be allowed. He added that the County has changed over to single stream recycling. If a non-resident shows up to the clean up they can be directed to the County recycling center in Corinth where they will be able to get rid of a lot of stuff. Highway Supt. Barss stated that he has not found another place to dispose of tires so he will not be able to accept tires. It was decided that clean up week will run from April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

Winter Budget - Highway Supt. Barss stated that they have already overspent the salt budget by \$17,000. They have used about 4,750 tons of salt. The average usage over the past 10 years

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was about 4,200 tons. The problem is going to be in the Fall where the average use is about 800 tons from October through December. They could be looking at a shortfall of about \$50,000 to finish the year. He has about 400 tons of salt in the shed at this time. If they do not have to use much more this Spring it will be a good start. He also has about 200 tons of mixed sand/salt. As far as sand is concerned, they have used a record amount of sand this year, around 3,000 tons. Highway Supt. Barss stated that they are going to have to make a decision as to how they are going to pay for the salt. They are going to either have to take it out of road repair or maybe from the money that was set aside for equipment reserve. He would prefer not to take it out of road repair. He has a very aggressive plan for this year and if he does something with South Greenfield Road that was talked about earlier this evening, that would add to it. Deputy Highway Supt. Wright stated that the budget is over \$17,000. A decision will have to be made in the next month. Supervisor Lunde suggested that money could be taken from the Highway Reserve as well. Deputy Supt. Wright suggested that the Board consider taking \$20,000 out of the \$50,000 that was marked for Equipment Reserve. That would cover the bill that is outstanding and they would not have to worry too much about cutting the budget. It is possible that if in fact the Town gets additional CHIPS money they would have enough left over to buy the salt. The \$20,000 would take care of now and no decision would have to be made until Fall. Chandler, C. was in favor of that. He did not want to see the money taken from the road repair budget. Pemrick, C. noted that this was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row that they have been short on salt money and suggested that the Board needed to take a better look at this when it comes time to prepare future budgets.

RESOLUTION # 51 - Transfer of Funds

Motion: Chandler, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby authorizes the transfer of \$20,000 from the money earmarked for Highway Equipment Reserve to the Salt Budget.

VOTE: Ayes: Lunde, Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

Brigham Road Park - Highway Supt. Barss stated that he was approached by Joseph Jarvis of the Greenfield Lions Club. He has worked closely with the Boy Scouts assisting with Eagle Scout Projects. As one of the next Eagle Scout projects, they would like to expand the walking trails at Brigham Road Park. The trails have been drawn out on a plan for future development. Highway Supt. Barss stated that he would be able to work with them and fit it into his schedule. He will get more information for the next meeting.

Cornell – Humes Road Subdivision - Highway Supt. Barss stated that the development is being constructed on a dirt Town Road. Mr. Cornell is setting up an escrow account as his road bond. He will do all the work and the Town will do the paving as they have done in the past with developments on Town roads. Mr. Cornell was asking if the Town would draw on the escrow account to pay for the asphalt instead of waiting until everything was complete to get his money back. Chandler, C. was in agreement with that since either way Mr. Cornell would be paying for the pavement. Town Counsel Schachner stated that the Town Board could release a portion of the funds as necessary to secure the work completed at the time.

RESOLUTION # 52 - Agreement for Release of Funds – Cornell Humes Road Subdivision

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Chandler, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board will release a portion of the road bond for the Cornell Humes Road Subdivision upon the Highway Superintendent's recommendation when a portion of the work is completed.

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VOTE: Ayes: Lunde, Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 53 - Budget Amendments and Transfer of Funds

Motion: Chandler, C.

Seconded: Pemrick, C.

RESOLVED, That the Supervisor be authorized to make the following budget amendments and transfers:

Budget Amendment:

\$22,550.00 From DA0599 to DA5130.2

Transfer of Funds:

\$ 183.26 From CR1990.4 to CR9010.8

1,073.38 From A1990.4 to A9010.8

1,361.36 From DA5120.4 to DA9010.8

VOTE: Ayes: Lunde, Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

Community Center Furniture - Deputy Town Clerk Louise Okoniewski stated that she had been looking into prices for replacement chairs and a few tables for the Community Center. She needed to know how to dispose of the old chairs so that she could coordinate their removal with the delivery of the new chairs. Supervisor Lunde suggested that the delivery coincide with the Clean Up Week. Cochran, C. asked if they could be given to anyone. Louise stated that they are in very bad condition and no one wants them. The Town may be able to get a little bit of money back from the scrap metal. Highway Supt. Barss stated that he work with Louise to get the chairs moved.

Highway Supt. Barss stated that the Town has a No Smoking Policy. He would like the Board to look into the vapor cigarettes and possibly ban them as well.

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

RESOLUTION # 54 - Highway Bills

Motion: Pemrick, C.

Seconded: Chandler, C.

RESOLVED, That Highway Bills # 33 to # 55 in the amount of \$182,190.32 be paid, subject to audit.

VOTE: Ayes: Lunde, Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 55 - Park Bills

Motion: Pemrick, C.

Seconded: Chandler, C.

RESOLVED, That Park Bills # 23 to # 36 in the amount of \$5,259.52 be paid, subject to audit.

VOTE: Ayes: Lunde, Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 56 - General Bills

Motion: Pemrick, C.

Seconded: Chandler, C.

RESOLVED, That General Bills # 99 to # 158 in the amount of \$37,074.83 be paid, subject to audit.

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VOTE: Ayes: Lunde, Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

On motion of Pemrick, C. and seconded by Chandler, C., the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:25 PM to discuss a personnel matter. Town Clerk was not present for session. No minutes were filed. On motion of Pemrick, C. and seconded by Chandler, C. the Board returned to regular session as 8:35 PM.

RESOLUTION # 57 - Increase Hours of Part Time Clerk to Bookkeeper

Motion: Lunde, Supervisor

Seconded: Pemrick, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby upgrades the position of Toni Reynolds, Part Time Clerk to the Bookkeeper, from 12 hours per week to 20 hours per week.

VOTE: Ayes: Lunde, Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

On motion of Chandler, C. and seconded by Pemrick, C., the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

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Town Clerk