

THE TOWN OF CHENANGO TOWN BOARD MET AT WORK SESSION ON APRIL 25, 2018, AT THE TOWN OF CHENANGO TOWN HALL, 1529 NY RT. 12, BINGHAMTON, N.Y.

PRESENT: Jim DiMascio, Deputy Supervisor  
Russell Hemedinger, Councilperson  
Gene Hulbert, Town Councilperson  
Terry Kellogg, Town Councilperson

ALSO PRESENT: Donald G. Walls, Town Attorney  
Lizanne M. Tiesi-Korinek, Town Clerk  
Michael Kwartler – Highway Superintendent

### **Department Head Reports**

#### **Michael Kwartler -**

He thinks that Winter is finally over! We had 90.6 inches of snow this winter season. The last time we sent the plow trucks out was April 20<sup>th</sup>. Out of our 90 some inches of snow 42 inches came during the last two months - March & April - when it should have been like 65 degrees and sunny! It's like the 96<sup>th</sup> day of January instead of April 25<sup>th</sup>. We will slowly take the sanders off the trucks and start actually doing real work.

We put down binder in four (4) of the water breaks and have at least six (6) more to do.

Yard waste pick-up has started. It's been pretty heavy-brush chipping taking two to three days to accomplish that.

Because of the large amount of Spring work that needs to be done we have changed the Spring Clean Up days to the Fall - September 12<sup>th</sup>.

One of the things on the Agenda that we wanted to bring closure too is Parking Tickets. Can we bring closure to the whole parking ticket issue or not? Mr. Walls?

Mr. Walls – He has had all the paperwork in his brief case caring it around for weeks now. He says copies of the tickets have been circulated.

Jim DiMascio – So the conversation currently is that the fee for a ticket is \$20.00 and we circulated with a recommendation of \$50.00.

Mike Kwartler – Didn't you have it progressive-first offense/\$50.00, second offense/\$75.00 etc.? And you had to re-write the language on the actual ticket itself to make it legal and acceptable in Court. The last time that Mark went out writing tickets was December 18<sup>th</sup> so he would like to bring this issue to closure after four months.

Jim DiMascio – The ticket had to be updated no matter what anyways so this was an opportunity to adjust the fines.

Mr. Walls – Yes and he had to adjust the information for the Court too.

Jim DiMascio - Does anyone have an opinion one way or another?

Mr. Walls – The action that is required is that we set a date for a Public Hearing as the Local Law needs to be amended. He feels the earliest we can do it now is in June.

Both Jim and Terry are in support of it.

Russ Hemedinger asked if it is just an amendment to the fee schedule.

Mr. Walls – It is the fine schedule and the ticket as well.

Jim DiMascio – It takes a Public Hearing and then a resolution. We will put it on for June 4<sup>th</sup>. Jim also had a question on a Sewer Public Hearing as well? We'll figure it out.

Russ Hemedinger – So at the May meeting we will need to set the date for the Public Hearing and they asked Lizanne to note that and remind Mr. Walls for it to be put on the Agenda.

Jim DiMascio – Asked Mr. Walls to recirculate it so that we can bring closure to it.

Gene Hulbert – He feels a little uncomfortable because of the uncertainty of which document we are actually saying yes to the Public Hearing for. Maybe we can get a copy of it right now to take a look at and agree and sign off on it and go from there.

Russ Hemedinger – It's just the fees?

Jim DiMascio – He believes that we got the document about two months ago.

Mr. Walls – You are amending that section of the Local Law to restructure the fines. It is the proposed fine ticket, the violation that you are going to serve.

Discussion went on back and forth about this and Mr. Walls will recirculate a copy of it all to the Town Board.

Jim DiMascio Asked Mr. Kwartler if he had anything further to discuss.

Michael Kwartler – Gene called him to discuss fixing the collapsing pipe at 42 Wallace Road and at the SEFECU/Old Town Hall property.

He went and measured. It is approximately 440 feet total of underground pipe with two structures, two drains (12 -15 inch drains) and out of the Town Right of Way if that land transaction took place without a drainage easement, there is about 100 feet of pipe that is outside of our easement so about 25% is outside of our right of way.

Russ Hemedinger – To make it clear that is pipe that the Town did install when the Town owned the property correct?

Michael Kwartler – When they built the Water Department Building that was Town property, well before any of our time. The Town did install it and we originally owned it for about 40 years and we did maintain it. You can't install new pipe and attach it to old collapsed pipe. It does flood periodically and when it floods it floods the apartments, the SEFCU parking lot and our Road.

Jim DiMascio - So what is our process when there is 75% Town of Chenango property and 25% private property and they are continuous.

Gene Hulbert – We only have the right to replace what is ours.

Jim DiMascio – Is it a situation that we approach SEFCU and explain the situation to them to see if they would partner with us to complete the whole job.

Gene Hulbert – He doesn't have any issue with that. It's like you plow up to the Town line and then the other Town takes it from that point. That is how he is seeing it. We can't do it without their permission and their funding as we cannot spend Town money to fund their expense.

Jim DiMascio – Maybe we can meet with SEFCU like Hal and Terry did with the NY Rising project.

Gene Hulbert – Our records don't show any easement but maybe they may have some record that shows an easement and if that is the case, we can proceed and make it a much easier issue for us to do it.

Jim DiMascio – Asked Mike Kwartler if he would go with him to meet with SEFCU and then he could explain more of the specifics to them.

Mike Kwartler – A site visit is much better than just a verbal conversation without being on site.

Mike further explained that the pipe has been in the ground for over 40 years and the bottom has rusted out and or collapsed so something has to be done or it will definitely flood again.

Jim DiMascio – So we will start a dialogue with SEFCU and go from there. That will be Jim's goal.

Terry Kellogg – Asked about the pipes on upper Wallace Road.

Mike Kwartler – That is our pipe. So depending on whether we do one or both we will put it out to bid so the same contractor can knock both out at the same time.

Jim DiMascio- So Mike and Jim will meet with SEFCU and Jim will take the lead. Jim has paperwork/easements that he will give to SEFCU ahead of time so that they can review it.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Terry Kellogg -**

- ZBA Appeals form and procedures are in the hands of Oliver Blaise
- He has not yet had a chance to meet with the potential Environmental Review Member. He will try and schedule that either this week or next week.
- We had a Zoning Board meeting last night. There is a lot of action with the name of "Kost" right now regarding signage so next month should be interesting regarding that.
- Met with a potential developer in the Town last Saturday and I know Scott Russell had a meeting on Fuller Road a potential Apartment Complex that someone wants to build which will require some DEC Review. He will keep the Board posted on that.

Mike Lumsden – Asked if he could speak.

He was given the go ahead.

He was at the Zoning Board last night and you all know that back in February he addressed the Zoning Board and then he came to the work session and let the Board know what he said and what the Chairman had said so you are aware of all that. So he wants you to understand what he observed last night. This is the first meeting they have had since that time. In their opening statement they talk about palazzi jurisdiction rotating the Board every five (5) years. The Chairman of the Board has not been rotated since 1993. The minutes are not complete. That is what he was trying to explain to this Board. When he spoke to them, the Chairman was very careful to have the Lawyer leave the meeting that he spoke at. We had dialogue and his point was that it wasn't an official meeting and he wanted to see if it was put in the Official Minutes. Well they called the meeting to order and the Chairman, he has a way and history of manipulating what is actually being put in the record. He has to have the minutes accepted. One of the Board Members said that they believed they were incomplete because Mr. Lumsden's statement and the dialogue back and forth was not in there. One of the other Board Members said no that was after the meeting. The Chairman said yep that was after the meeting. The other person on the Board said that they believed they were all together and that is a quorum so it is supposed to be recorded. Mr. Walls confirmed that it was supposed to be that way. It is hard to have Minutes and hard to have a ZBA when they are not conducting themselves properly. They are supposed to be taking detailed files and findings with everything they do. So once again, they are doing it wrong. The third thing is that one of the Members recused themselves because their property bordered the people there, which is fine, but the only problem with that is when you recuse yourself, according

to the palazzi jurisdiction of the Zoning Board, you are supposed to remove yourself from there so you cannot have any persuasion of the Board Members. This person stayed on and not only did he stay on it but he commented. So again he is influencing the Board when he is supposedly recused himself. That is another procedure that is wrong. The Chairman also spoke that his property bordered the person that is trying to get the variance but he said he is not going to recuse himself because he did not have a decision one way or another. That is wrong again. He should recuse himself. The other thing he wanted to point out - Russ Hemedinger interrupted Mike to say: Don Phillips did say that he got a post card because his property was within 500 feet and he was a neighbor of Gordy Ruston's, but he is not an immediate neighbor of the applicant. Mike Lumsden is in agreeance with Russ however that is not proper procedure because he made a reference to it. His whole point is that this is supposed to be when somebody goes there whether they get a ticket or anything; it is supposed to be fair for everybody. It is supposed to be equal. So let me have their debate about the people that are here for a variance. He has nothing against the people who have the variance. He noticed something on the worksheet that said they were new business and having a Public Hearing. He found that odd. Then he looked it up and they had already gone to the Planning Board. How did that work? According to the rules, no matter whom it is or what the circumstances, they are supposed to come to the ZBA, then they go to the Planning Board, 30 days to announce for a Public Hearing, they had New Business and a Public Hearing all at one time. Why can't we all have it like that? Who made that decision? He thinks the Chairman did. He is not sure. It is something that he is going to look into. So then the Public Hearing went under way. They talked about a lot of stuff. During the conversation, one of the persons who recused themselves commented. That is wrong. The Chairman - when one of the members brought up the turning around in the driveway and the gutters and all that - it was wow - where are they going with all this. That person was actually doing a good job because many, many times he has read years' worth of this and they put other people through pure hell asking them about the run-off, A man up on Treadwell Road by Green's Apple Orchard-they berated that guy with questions about his gutters and stuff. If they are going to do that they need to do it with everyone. You just can't let certain people sail through. He has a lot more stuff. This is what just happened last month. The Chairman in the midst of doing the Public Hearing says to the Code Officer - He will get with you and the Highway Guy to check into this. That is wrong again! Any discovery/information is supposed to be shared at the Public Hearing. He just wanted to point out again and then he'll stop because he sees that there are others here they need to speak. That Zoning Board and that Chairman they are not following the proper procedures, they are not being unbiased-they are being biased. He has proof, because some people sale through and others are getting denied. That is not correct! It starts with the Chairman of that committee. Thank You.

Jim asked Terry if things were still on schedule with Oliver Blaise and Don. Terry said that he still had a meeting with Mr. Lumsden this Saturday to get additional questions to submit to Oliver. He doesn't know what date Jim had for conclusion. Jim thought that we were shooting for no later than the first of June. Terry told Jim and the Board that as soon as he meets with Mike Lumsden and submits the questions to Oliver Blaise he will update them. He knows that Oliver has been working on questions with some of his associates and Scott Russell had submitted additional questions. There were some specific questions that Mike sent in a packet to Oliver and Terry offered to help Mike with that.

Gene Hulbert - He just wants to make sure that we don't let things slide. We have to have discussion and make decisions. He doesn't want that to linger into September or October.

Mike Lumsden -The point for all of this is that the Town is really on a slippery slope here. It has to be equal.

Jim DiMascio - Mike we have taken all your considerations and you will have to meet with Terry on Saturday and you have to put all your concerns on paper with very specific questions, so that we can use Oliver's time equally and expeditiously. We need to get the information in front of Oliver and then we need to let him advise us.

### **Jim DiMascio – Safety/Insurance**

The Disaster Recovery Plan – Tami and Joy are assisting and we are going through the process of updating it as it is really old and outdated. We should have a draft ready over the next couple of weeks. Peter Moles is scheduled for training for SILICA for the second week of May per his schedule.

### **Gene Hulbert – Highway**

No update as Mike just gave his report, however there was a resident on Johnson Road that called him regarding the time frame for repairs on damaged mailboxes, lawn damage stuff like that.

Mike Kwartler – Mailboxes should all have been replaced/repared and complete. Plow damage we are still working on it.

Gene Hulbert – So it is still on going. He will have her give Mike a call about the mailbox.

Mike Kwartler – She might have fallen through the cracks but to his knowledge all the mailboxes have been repaired. Just have her give Joy a call.

### **Russ Hemedinger –**

He has forwarded everyone quotes on the Server. We will need a resolution for that purchase. It is on State Contract. He also would like to thank Broome County IT for all their help on this.

He forwarded the proposed wording change giving the residents in Sewer #12 the three (3) years to hook up. Everybody was good with it, not much of a change, just basically giving them more time to hook up. That will be a Public Hearing. So Don, you have the wording so please prepare it for Public Hearing on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

The other thing that came up was that one of Don Benjamin's Public Works Employees had a motorcycle accident. He is banged up pretty bad and he will be out for quite some time. What that leads to is that Don is going to be hiring additional summer help. He wanted me to let the Board know that and put the plea out that if anyone is looking for summer job. We have a lot of cemeteries and parks that need to be mowed.

Cindy O'Brien – how about the Boy Scouts they are always looking for community service projects.

Russ Hemedinger – He is not saying that they can't but this is a 40 hr. /full time position. He normally hires just one person but with what happened to his employee he will need additional help.

The other thing he wanted to talk about was the Wendell proposal. He has reviewed it and what he feels is a concern is that everything in it refers to preliminary design and submission for the grant but he thought that was already done. But there is nothing in it for a final on bid docs.

Discussion amongst the Board was had on this matter.

Jim DiMascio – We have two Resolutions to take action on tonight.

- 1.) Resolution Declaring the Town Board as Lead Agency
- 2.) 30 Day Waiver for a Liquor License

**Resolution Declaring the Town of Chenango to Act as Lead Agency in regard to the Chenango Wastewater Conveyance and Treatment Improvement Projects, Offered by Terry Kellogg, seconded by Russ Hemedinger and carried by a vote of: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.**

Terry Kellogg made a motion to waive the 30 day wait in regards to A Tavolo Restaurant's Liquor License, seconded by Russ Hemedinger and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Jay Abbey from Binghamton Precast gave the Board an update on the road from his Thomas Street business down to Fallon Dr. It finally has a green light to go forward after many weeks and hours and money spent. The County agreed to give them a little more room to provide for a safer ingress and egress.

Another reason he is here is that he will eventually do another site plan review. Part of the site plan review last time was that he needs to have SEQR and 239 comments etc. So one thing that has to happen since he is agreeing to take all this traffic off of Highland at a pretty significant expense and for the benefits of the residents, there needs to be a compromise and he doesn't want to have any additional limitations on hours of operation. That was one of the points of doing this site plan review. He would like to do the site plan review and get through that process first before proceeding with the road. So let me know if that is something we can do or maybe he needs to talk to someone else.

Gene Hulbert – Doesn't think it is a Town Board decision.

Don Walls – Thinks that he'll need to meet with Alex Urda, Town Engineer and the Planning Board Chair, Cindy Paddick. Express your concerns and how far you have gone with this project and see if they can waive specifics.

Terry Kellogg – He feels the big question that comes up is how much does the door swing open in terms of other considerations like your hours of use when the normal site plan review process is almost like you are starting a new. What you are saying is that you are not changing your normal operation at all you are just changing where you are coming in and leaving from. Mostly for the benefit of the neighborhood on the one side and you don't want to get caught into a situation where you come into the road to find out that there is going to be further restrictions place on your business through the process. Is that fair to say? So Terry feels that if you put that to our Planning Board Chairman and say the same thing and try to get some feedback initially and start that dialogue. It is probably going to be a conversation between your attorney and knowing what considered a change in use and if ingress/egress isn't to that level then she can probably consider waiving those requirements. As a lay person, I don't know for sure.

Jay Abbey – He will contact Cindy Paddick and Alex and have the exact same conversation with them

Terry thanked Jay for the update.

There was further conversation back and forth with Mr. Abbey, Cindy O'Brien and the Board.

Jim DiMascio – Just wanted to thank Cindy O'Brien for all the help she has given in regard to this matter.

Jim DiMascio asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Jo Anne Klenovic stood up and introduced herself to the audience. She was the former owner of the Red & White in Chenango Bridge and she sold it over a year ago. She wanted to let all know her interest in running for the Supervisor's seat. She feels that the Board is extremely strong in Construction, Engineering and know how. She feels she is able to offer some of the people skills and some of the interface with the public as she has worked with her customers at the business and in the community for all those years. She really appreciated hearing their opinions. It was sort of a community sounding place. She has also spent 15 years on the Chenango Valley School Board-mostly as president. She is very interested in the Town Business. She has been following it for years. She had come close to throwing her hat into the ring a couple of times but duty called and she changed her mind. She is in a position now to do the job and do it well. She has the time to put into it and feels she can offer some attributes to the Board and she would love to be able to come to the meetings and get caught up to speed with what is going on but she has been reading the minutes for years. She is a longtime resident-since she was 18 years old and she moved all the

way over here from Port Dick. She looks forward to the opportunity and she is going to throw her hat into the ring as soon as the forms come out to let her do so and she welcomes anyone's comments or questions, because that is what she is here for.

Jim DiMascio – Asked if anyone else wished to speak

Russ Hemedinger – Wanted to know if the Board was ready to discuss the Supervisor's position and what we wanted to do. He knows that the residents have voiced what they want to happen but we have not had the discussion. He doesn't know what else we are waiting for to have this discussion. We listened to Oliver and he filled us with a lot of good information. Does anyone else need to hear anything else before we have this discussion? Long term-short term?

Gene Hulbert – He is ready to discuss short term.

Russ Hemedinger – End of the year – So if we could have that discussion now that would be great.

He feels it is important to get themselves back to a five (5) member Board. There are a few reasons for that and he used Terry as an example that he showed up late due to traffic/construction and there is business to conduct and sometimes we all cannot be here. Even if one can't be here then we will have vacations coming up and we could actually find ourselves short. We have NY Rising time line that we have to keep up with which we know is aggressive. So that is why he feels we should get us back to a five (5) person Board. In the last 20 years with the Town Board, there has been four (4) times a vacancy in the Board – when Hal moved to Supervisor when Margaret retired. That position was filled pretty quickly within a month another person was brought on. When Mr. Tinklepaugh was on the Town Board and he passed away about month possibly 6 weeks the Town Board brought someone else on. Then a couple years before that, when Eleanor Derzanovich passed away, it was about a month later that the Board did put another member on. He just wanted to education everyone what had happened in the past with this Board. He wants to make sure that we take care of NY Rising. We have actions that need to be taken from the Audit that Mike Wolyniak completed. He did have some recommendations in there and if we don't get back up to a five (5) member board we could be lacking on taking some of those actions. There is also the Water and Sewer grant money that we are pursuing. Again, time lines that we have to keep up with and if we are lacking Board Members and its needs votes. He feels that we need to have someone who can have office hours in the Supervisor's Office for some period of time every day and then the Town Hall staff can bounce things off them if needed. He knows we can all be reached by phone or text but he feels that someone should be in the Supervisor's Office with hours. We are kind of going without a net but if Jim got incapacitated for some time we don't have a Deputy Supervisor. So then how would we do this? So for those reasons Russ feels we should try to get back to a five (5) member Board. He knows it may be hard to find someone to step into that spot. There is quite a bit to it. We have the Budget process coming up and he knows that Julie is the budget director and she does a great job but the Supervisor, if you look at Town Law, does have the overall financial responsibility especially when it comes to the Budget. This is his opinion. Anyone else have any thoughts?

Gene Hulbert – Feels that this Board has the responsibility to get back to a five (5) member Board. That is how it functions.

Terry Kellogg – He as a contrarian view on this. The main reason why he feels that he would rather continue as a group of four (4) because of the process it would take to appoint an acting Supervisor for the rest of the year could be as distracting as the absence of one. He feels that someone who comes in and who hasn't actively attended meetings for the last year does not know NY Rising and it could take them up to six (6) months to get up to speed. We don't have that time frame. We have ongoing decisions that need to be made. We have a lot of wheels turning in a lot of different directions. He feels, like Russ said, schedule is very important to those things. He feels that scheduling conflicts, absences due to vacation those types of things can be worked out by some advanced notice. He feels that a lot of us know our vacation schedules and planned absences that maybe we might have to reschedule a monthly meeting to work around that. He does not see that as a roadblock to having a meeting. We just have to be more communicative and have that conversation earlier than to have two people gone for example the first week of June. He has gotten a lot of input from constituents that feel if we were to appoint someone as an acting

Supervisor's in the short term; it could disrupt the fairness of the process of the election at the end of the year. That is something he has given much consideration to and merit. He tries to weight the pros and cons to see where the negatives come into play. Russ you did bring up some really good points and are worth thinking about. But at this moment we should try to continue on as planned and act as accordingly as best we can so that we can all have the knowledge of what's in front of us. He thinks to go through the interview process and find the candidates that are interested right now could be a side bar that would distract us with the business at hand. That needs to be considered as well. That is where he is coming from.

Jim DiMascio – He agrees mostly with Terry's points. Thinking about his role in this due process and being Hal's Deputy. For him it is a little bit more personal and that he feels somewhat of a responsibility that he would like to fulfill the remainder of this year. We have general elections coming up for both Supervisor and Town Board positions, which in a short period of time will bring answers to these. Equally important to me, he feels that the general public should elect the next Supervisor. Russ fifty percent (50%) of the projects you talked about is already underway. There should not be a lot more votes on them whether it be the Sewer Project or Route 12 A, etc. Most of the hard votes we have already taken unless some time lines change etc. so he does not foresee this as a problem. He has reviewed this with his wife and he has looked at his personal schedule. They have nothing going on this summer that would preclude him from fulfilling this period of time until the General Election and a Supervisor is selected and two (2) Board Members. For that reason he is wishing to continue as Deputy Supervisor.

Russ Hemedinger- He truly feels that we could be putting some of the things we are doing in jeopardy. He is letting everyone know that he is not going to run for Town Board again and he is not going to run for Supervisor. But what he could do, if the Board would appoint him, he could take the Supervisor's position and then we could appoint someone as a Board Member which is not the Supervisor's position. If he stepped into the Supervisor's position he has all the background, he is certainly familiar with NY Rising, working with the Budget and things like that. He feels it is easier to find someone that could step into the Board position and be one of five instead of being the Supervisor. So that is where he is coming from to seek the Supervisor's position for the rest of the year-not run for the position and not run for any other positions. That would at least make it an open seat for Supervisor and someone not in there that would be running for it.

Jim DiMascio – So what would be the difference between you or I going for the next six (6) months?

Russ Hemedinger – If he did it, we could get another person on the Board.

Jim DiMascio – Ok, someone who would have not had any experience in any of these other subjects that we are talking about.

Russ Hemedinger – No but at least they would not be in the Supervisor's position trying to deal with the Budget also. That process does start in August. He feels it is easier for someone to come in and learn their Council Person's role as opposed to the trying to learn the Supervisor's role. This is just something that he is offering that if he did take the Supervisor's position, he would have office hours.

Jim DiMascio – What are your work hours currently at Lockheed Martin now?

Russ Hemedinger – Right now he works form 7 – 4:30. He does have the flexibility to go in earlier or go in later. He could kind of work out a schedule and have at least two hours of office here a day and that would be beyond handling phone calls, e-mails and signing checks and things like that. Those things would probably be done during off hours in his situation, when you don't need to interact with other people. That would be the way he would handle it for the rest of the year. It is something he would do to help us get back to a five (5) member Board and it would not be someone who would be running for any of those positions. I think we could probably find someone without it being a distraction within a month's time. He doesn't remember it taking a long time when we brought Terry in. We solicited, interviewed and we appointed. That is what he is offering.

Gene Hulbert – He likes the solution. A five (5) member Board gets us past these issues. With no decisions made there can be no progress. We can't move forward whether it's a positive decision or not. Decisions have to get made so I really think that we have to take the best thing as an institution. This Board is the institution that has to carry on and it will be here longer than any of us will be here. We have to maintain and do what is right for the Town. I think that solution fits both of the issues that you both presented. It is still right now the four (4) people who have all the background and all the information. It addresses the issue that Terry brought up about it which I am not sure he understands the issue about the unfair advantage but it takes it off the table if you are not running. (gesturing to Russ and he again reiterated that he is not running) Gene feels that it's a good solution.

Jim DiMascio – Russ, I respect the offer. It is something he has to decompress. I won't have an answer for that tonight.

Terry Kellogg – He agrees. He wants to think about it. Maybe in a couple of weeks, possibly the next work session, we revisit it.

Russ Hemedinger – He understands and respects that but the reality is that we don't meet next week. We have a formal board meeting, business meeting the following Monday. Gene is not going to be here at the following work session so we are going to be well into May before we can have this discussion. He is not saying that there is any big hurry but by knowing that Gene is going to be gone that is another situation where something can come up and one of us cannot be here.

Jim DiMascio – He is not going to be forced into a decision tonight.

Russ Hemedinger – I am saying maybe we meet next week. It is not our normal meeting but it's a week to think about this. Or think about alternatives as this is the first we talked about it.

Jim DiMascio – First and foremost can we make an agreement to meet next Wednesday?

Gene Hulbert – We would have to make it early as he needs to be in Tioga by 5:00 p.m.

Discussion went on back and forth with regards to everyone's schedule. They finally agreed to discuss this matter at the Town Board Meeting for May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Rosanne Lumsden – Asked if Russ takes over as Supervisor then you need to replace a Board Member; what is that procedure.

Gene Hulbert – The same procedure. They would appoint someone and that person would be in that position until the end of the year. We would have to pick somebody that is qualified for that position. It just cannot be anybody.

Mike Lumsden – they would have to be 18 years of age. Live in the Town and that kind of stuff. There are no other specific qualifications. Just like anybody else if they want to run. He feels the only other one qualified in this room besides the Board Members is Tami. She runs the office, she knows what Hal did and she is here 8 hrs. a day.

Russ Hemedinger – I don't think then she could keep her present job.

Jim DiMascio asked if there was anything else that needed discussion.

Gene Hulbert – Wanted his contact information updated on the website as he no longer has a land line. His number for contacting him is: 624-1147.

Mike Lumsden – Just wanted to confirm that they will have the discussion regarding the Supervisor's position at the May 7<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting. He also asked if there will be any public participation regarding it at the meeting.

Jim DiMascio – Explained that at a formal Board Meeting we have a very specific agenda. There

is that section at the beginning of the meeting that constituents can speak up with a five (5) minute time period and that's it. Bare that in mind.

Jim asked if anyone else wished to speak or discuss anything further,

With no other questions or comments the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lizanne Tiesi-Korinek, Town Clerk  
TOWN OF CHENANGO