

THE TOWN OF CHENANGO TOWN BOARD MET MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2016 AT
7:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING 1529 N.Y. ROUTE 12, BINGHAMTON, N.Y.

PRESENT:

Harold Snopek, Supervisor
Terry Kellogg, Councilperson
Russell Hemedinger, Councilperson
Gene Hulbert, Councilperson

ALSO PRESENT:

Donald G. Walls, Town Attorney
Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk

ABSENT:

Jim DiMascio

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Snopek welcomed everyone and requested that all present stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hemedinger moved, seconded by Mr. Kellogg, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as prepared and presented. Motion carried.

BID OPENINGS: None

PUBIC HEARINGS: None

Open Hearing, General Town Business

- a. Members of the general public are invited to address the Town Board. Speakers shall address comments to the Town Board and no other members of the audience. Said speakers shall speak in an orderly fashion and are requested to limit remarks to five (5) minutes. At the conclusion of the open hearing for general town business, public participation in the meeting will be concluded and the Board will resolve itself into session to handle all new and unfinished business without public participation.

Mr. Snopek asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Richard Risen – Wolf Park - is it being taken care of anymore? It is a disaster area. The parking lot is like a cave driving in to it and it looks like nothing has been trimmed. All of the other parks seem to be taken care of pretty good but Wolf Park, even though it is a walking park, is terrible! If you get a chance drive up by that park and see what it looks like.

Mr. Snopek – will get back to Mr. Risen after speaking to the Parks Department about it.

Mr. Hulbert – If you would like me to follow up on it, I will absolutely do that. Thank you for the feedback.

Charlotte Schotanus - I have a question. I know you are voting on resolutions today but do you read what the actual resolution say before you vote on it because people here just don't know what they are?

Mr. Snopek – Yes, he reads it.

Charlotte Schotanus – What it pertains too?

Mr. Walls – Yes, do you have a question on it?

Charlotte Schotanus – No, I just wanted to make sure anyone here, that doesn't know what the resolution pertains to, is read so that they understand it.

Mr. Walls – I assure you I read them

Charlotte Schotanus – Ok.

COMMUNICATIONS - Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk

1. 2016-2017 Hunting Licenses went on sale today and also sportsmen can now apply for doe permits until October 1, 2016. We expect to have an increase in sales because the Town of Dickinson has opted not to sell licenses and also we now can accept credit cards as a form of payment. Lifetime license holders should have received their licenses by mail, but still have to come in to a sales agent to get additional privileges.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Gene Hulbert – Public Works Department

I have no report for this evening.

Mr. Terry Kellogg – Highway Department

Summary Report July - The Highway Department cleaned a catch basin on Fuller Road. The catch basin at 56 Matthew Drive was rebuilt. The ditches on Carmichael Road, Dimmock Hill Road and Port Road were cleaned. A new drywell was installed on Matthew Drive.

Sluice pipes were replaced at 293 Dimmock Hill Road, 297 Dimmock Hill Road and 203 Dorman Road.

Patch Road from the intersection of River Road to the railroad bridge was milled and paved. Matthew Drive from the intersection of Mary Drive to Pine Drive was milled and paved.

Highway crews hauled woodchips from the Sewer Plant to the Town's Landfill.

The following roads were strip patched: Beers Road, Dimmock Hill Road, Duryea Road, Oak Hill Road and Port Road. The water break on Patch Road was patched. Regular patching continued for drainage berms, driveway ends and low spots.

Trees were removed on Marian Terrace and Theresa Blvd. The trees on Charmel Drive were trimmed.

Yard waste, roadside mowing and chipping were continuous throughout the month.

Mr. Russ Hemedinger – Liability Insurance/Safety Committee/Music in the Parks

Music in the Parks – we have had four (4) concerts now and the weather has been great. The last two (2) concerts that we've had were the best turnouts thus far. We have had some good acts and they have been well attended. Hopefully Thursday nights continue being good!

Mr. Snopek – Supervisor's Report

The railroad bridge at River Road is progressing. It looks like they are ahead of schedule. Also, the tower on Nowlan Road, the communication tower, that should be up and running by the end of December.

There was a NY Rising meeting here last week. They are putting things on hold for a little bit until they have the easements all prepared and signed. They are going to start meeting with the people and preparing the easements next week. All the drawings are ready to go but they wouldn't be able to put this out to bid until probably late November, early December.

RESOLUTIONS –

RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW 1-2016, Opt-Out of Section 487 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law, offered by Russ Hemedinger, seconded by Terry Kellogg.

Mr. Hemedinger wanted to comment. He said the same state law that allows the Town to opt out of allowing this exemption, also allows the Town to set up fees to be collected via a P.I.L.O.T. (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) program. Because of the way the state law is written, I feel it is un-necessary to opt out of the allowing of the exemption.

The Town Comprehensive Plan states the Town Board should put regulations into place to allow solar energy development within the Town. By opting out of allowing the exemption, it could be perceived that the Town is not encouraging solar energy production, which contradicts the Comprehensive Plan.

The vote was carried by the following roll call: 3 Ayes, 1 Nay, 1 Absent (Jim DiMascio)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION AND APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE, T. J. Smith, Town Justice, 44 years of service, offered by Terry Kellogg, seconded by Gene Hulbert and carried by the following roll call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Jim DiMascio)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF QUOTE, for the removal of trees by John's Tree Service at CB Park for \$2,500.00, offered by Gene Hulbert, seconded by Russ Hemedinger and carried by the following roll call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Jim DiMascio)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

Being there was no further business to discuss a motion was made by Gene Hulbert to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Terry Kellogg. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk
Town of Chenango