

THE TOWN OF CHENANGO TOWN BOARD MET MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING, 1529 ROUTE 12, BINGHAMTON, N. Y.

PRESENT: Harold Snopek, Supervisor
Russell Hemedinger, Councilperson
Gene Hulbert, Councilperson
Terry Kellogg, Councilperson
Jim DiMascio, Councilperson

ALSO PRESENT: Donald G. Walls, Town Attorney
Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Snopek requested that all present stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

BID OPENINGS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

OPEN HEARING:

Mr. Snopek requested that those wishing to be heard should give their name and address and limit their remarks to five minutes.

As no one wished to be heard, the open hearing was closed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk had no communication to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Hulbert- Public Works Department

A water main break was repaired on Cherry Lane.

A water main break was repaired on North Morningside.

The NYSDEC Annual Biosolids/Composting Report for 2014 was completed and submitted.

A new sewer pump was installed at the Poplar Hill sewer pump station. Both pumps are now brand new.

We are down to one pump in operation at the Whitcomb Road sewer lift station and it seems to be clogging often; causing call-out alarms. A new pump was ordered and is being rush shipped.

A hole was discovered in the Poplar Hill water storage tank. The origins of this breach are unknown at this time due to all the ice buildup around the damaged area. Statewide Aquastore have been notified and will make repairs when the ice can be safely removed to allow the needed access.

3 Comptainers were cut up and hauled to Weitsman's as scrap metal.

There were 13 water and sewer after hour call-outs.

Terry Kellogg – Highway Department

The Highway Department performed snow removal services 22 times throughout the month. Snowfall totals for the month were 6.1 inches below the normal average for the month which puts us at a season

total of a -3.9 departure from normal snowfall. However, we did experience long-term cold snaps which kept all the snow in place.

Christmas tree removal began on December 29, 2014. Residents can place their trees curbside for shipping and pickup. Do not place them in bags and remove all decorations.

A tree blocking the creek on Parsons Road was removed on the 22nd of the month.

Mailboxes were repaired at 285 Dorman Road and 40 Mill Road. Mailbox posts will be repaired at the end of the snow removal season and after the ground has completed its freeze/thaw patterns.

The water break on N. Morningside Drive was patched with cold patch.

The tree was removed on East Hill Road near the cemetery.

The crews worked on plows and inventory during non-snow removal times.

The Highway Departments received an e-mail notification from the NYS Rising Program that the 2013 disaster (DR-4129-NY) may be eligible to participate in a local match program. This would cover the Town's 12.5% portion of the disaster. A response indicating our interest was generated and subsequent e-mail conversations confirmed the next step in the process will be a training session held here at the Town's Community Room on February 10, 2015.

Jim DiMascio- Planning and Zoning

Planning Board met on January 12, 2015.

UNDER OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

TIGHT ASH, LLC- Kristina McLain- A.R.M. Development- 2 Cushman Road- TM# 112.06-6-13. Application for site plan re-occupancy for a cigar lounge. Application Withdrawn 1/5/15.

FUR & FEATHERS VETERINARY CARE, P.C. – Diane Wittner- 1445 Upper Front Street – TM# 112.05-1-15. Application for commercial re-occupancy was approved.

ADVISORY OPINION/REFERRALS:

JAY ABBEY- Phelps Street Corp.- 9 Thomas Street- TM# 095.18-1-14. Application for a use variance to allow storage of concrete precast products in a residential area. The application was forwarded to the ZBA with a favorable advisory.

MICHAEL LUMSDEN- 965 Brotzman Road- Portion of TN# 066.02-1-4.121. Application for an area variance to create a parcel with less than required road frontage from 240' to 75' in an agricultural zone. The application was forwarded to the ZBA with a favorable advisory.

Zoning Board of Appeals met on January 27, 2015.

PUBLIC HEARING:

JAY ABBEY- Phelps Street Corp. - 9 Thomas Street- TM# 095.18-1-14. Application for a use variance to allow storage of concrete precast products in a residential area. Approved. There were some concerns voiced by neighbors in regard to noise and dust.

MICHAEL LUMSDEN – 965 Brotzman Road – Portion of TM# 066.02-1-4.121. Application for an area variance to create a parcel with less than required road frontage from 240' to 75' in an agriculture zone . Approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

IFFAT CORP. – Mohammad A. Majeed – 36 Clark Ave. – TM#112.06-3-14.2. Application for a use variance to allow a two family residence in a residential zone. Application was accepted and there will be a public hearing scheduled the next ZBA meeting on February 24, 2015.

GREEN-PEDERSEN, INC. – Patrick Kenneally – 108 Theresa Blvd. – TM# 112.22-1-6. Application for a special permit to operate a professional business out of a residential townhouse unit in a PDD-RII zone. Application was accepted and there will be a public hearing scheduled for the next ZBA meeting on February 24, 2015.

Mr. Hemedinger – Safety Committee

He has been reviewing the Safety Manual and reported that he is working on getting the mandatory safety classes scheduled so they can be held in the near future.

Mr. Snopek – Supervisor

Mr. Snopek addressed a request from Tight Ash, LLC for reimbursement for their application fee. The Town Board all agreed that because it had gone before the Planning Board and costs had been incurred that the application should not be refunded.

Mr. Hulbert suggested that since there is no written policy about reimbursing application fees the Board should decide how that could be implemented.

After some discussion, they decided the best way would be to have it included on the application. Any application that goes before the Board, the fee would be non-refundable.

Mr. Snopek also wanted to appoint someone to interview applicants for the school crossing job position. It was decided that Terry Kellogg, as the Highway Committee person, would take that position.

Last of all he wanted everyone to keep March 20th in their mind because that is the first day spring.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET JOURNAL MODIFICATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2014, was offered by Russell Hemedinger, seconded by Jim DiMascio, and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS, was offered by Jim DiMascio, seconded by Terry Kellogg, and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE AT TRAINING SESSIONS, was offered by Terry Kellogg, seconded by Gene Hulbert, and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION HIRING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS, was offered by Gene Hulbert, seconded by Russell Hemedinger, and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, was offered by Russell Hemedinger, seconded by Jim DiMascio, and was carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

Being that there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Hulbert moved, seconded by Mr. Kellogg, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Rhonda Milks, Town Clerk