

THE TOWN OF CHENANGO TOWN BOARD MET MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016 AT
7:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING 1529 N.Y. ROUTE 12, BINGHAMTON, N.Y.

PRESENT:

Harold Snopek, Supervisor
Gene Hulbert, Councilperson
Terry Kellogg, Councilperson
Jim DiMascio, Councilperson
Russell Hemedinger, 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 and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He welcomed everyone including the student attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. DiMascio moved, seconded by Mr. Hemedinger, 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.

Charlotte Schotanus of 369 Port Road, Binghamton, N.Y. was just following up on the work session of December 9th, where there was talk about the upcoming Comprehensive Plan Hearing and the discussion was that we were looking at January 25th at 6:00 p.m. She had not seen anything on line yet and was wondering if it is still going to happen. Mr. Hemedinger responded and told her that there was going to be a resolution tonight.

Joseph Pratt of 41 Treadwell Road, Binghamton, N.Y. was wondering again where he stood after his numerous complaints about 76 Treadwell Road and the property owner, Mark Gregory. He is running a business out of his home after being denied by the Zoning Board. He has provided Mr. Pecha with information and pictures and just does not understand why no violations are issued. What else can he provide to the Board, Mr. Walls or Mr. Pecha?

Mr. Walls – All I can tell you is that I have spoken with Mr. Pecha and reviewed his findings. He agreed with me that those findings did not justify violating this property owner.

Mr. Hulbert – I am not familiar with the documentation that you put together but I would appreciate it if you sit with Mike and give him copies of your documents and ask that he distribute them to the Board. I cannot have an intelligent conversation with you about the specifics as I have not seen all the paperwork.

Mr. DiMascio – As the liaison to the department, I will take some responsibility to try and see some of this through for you. That being said, you need to get copies of the documentation to us so that we can sit with Mr. Pecha. Do that as soon as you can and let me know so that we can get with Mr. Pecha and review it thoroughly. That is the best I can offer tonight.

Mr. Walls – You bring forward what you have and I will take another look at it.

TOWN BOARD IN SESSION WITHOUT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMUNICATIONS – Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk

Mrs. Milks wished everyone a Happy New Year. The Children's Christmas party was held on December 11th. We had over 100 children attending the event. Everyone had a great time and this could not be the success it is without all the help from the employees and residents who have pitched in. A special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Winfield for bringing Mr. and Mrs. Santa into the event. She believes that everyone had a great time and hopefully we can continue this event for years to come.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Gene Hulbert – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

A 20 hp electric motor was installed on the compost power screen unit. This one replaces the old worn out diesel motor. This was a major improvement extending the life of the power screen and creating a more environmental friendly operation.

A new well pump was installed at the Applewood well location. Layne Christenson performed the work.

A leaking water service was repaired on Avalon Road.

A new pump was installed at the Lowe's sewer lift station. We also took a pump out of the Quinn Estates sewer lift station up to Rochester for same day repair.

Several street lights on Front Street and on Route 12 near the Town border were repaired.

There were 15 Water and Sewer after hour call-outs.

Mr. Terry Kellogg – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

A total of 2" of snow fell for the month of December. The Highway Department was dispatched for snow removal services a total of three (3) times.

The temperatures remained well above freezing for the majority of the month which enabled the Department to continue to pick up leaves and branches well past the original scheduled cutoff date of November 30, 2015.

Snow reflectors were installed at various locations and upon resident's requests.

Trees were trimmed on E. Hill Road, Marion Terrace and Poplar Hill Road. Root's Tree Service was contracted to work with the Town to remove trees on Highland, Oak Hill Road and Brotzman Road.

Potholes were repaired with cold patch as the hot patch plants have closed for the season.

Shoulders were cut on Aitchison, Dimmock Hill and Wilson Hill Roads. Ditches were cleaned on the Town's storage lot in Castle Creek and on Stacy Drive. The ditch line on John Smith Road was relined with shot rock.

The mower was dispatched twice to cut back areas of overgrowth that had spread into the roadways.

A sluice pipe was sleeved with a larger pipe on Saddlebrook Drive.

The trucks were painted and worked on during down times. Christmas tree removal started on 12/28/15 and will continue as needed. Residents can put their trees curbside and the Town will collect them. The Landfill is currently closed to residents; it is being opened only for Town employees to discard trees and other natural debris.

Mr. Jim DiMascio – Planning Board and Zoning Boards

Planning Board met on Monday, December 14, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

Karen L. Gorman – Arm Development – 2 Cushman Blvd. – Tax Map No. 112.06-6-13 – Application for commercial re-occupancy site plan review. (Insurance Business) Site plan was unanimously approved.

ADVISORY OPINION/REFERRALS

Grande Pizza – Vincenzo Altadonna – 1250 Upper Front Street – Tax Map No. 111.16-1-23 Application for a use variance to permanently allow a storage container behind the Northgate Plaza. Application was forwarded to the ZBA with a favorable advisory.

Zoning Board of Appeals Met on Tuesday December 15, 2015.

PUBLIC HEARING

Grande Pizza – Vincenzo Altadonna – 1250 Upper Front Street – Tax Map No. 111-16-1-23 Application for a use variance to permanently allow a storage container behind the Northgate Plaza. Variance was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeffrey Schultheis – 710 Brotzman Road – Tax Map No. 066.04-1-25 Application for a special permit to allow a kennel for the care of dogs. Application was found to be complete and accepted and forwarded to the Planning Board for their advisory.

RENEWAL

Aubrey Owens – 1149 River Road Tax Map No. 113.05-1-7 Application for a use variance 1 year renewal to allow chickens in a residential zone.

Variance was granted for the life of ownership and will sunset if the property is sold in the future.

Mr. Russ Hemedinger – Liability Insurance/Safety Committee

The Safety Committee met this past month. We reviewed the schedule to hold the required safety training topics. We also worked on a schedule to include topics that don't require annual review, but still need to be covered periodically. Discussion was also had on the required training for the newly hired employees.

Mr. Hemedinger would also like to thank Joy Kasmarcik for taking on the role of Safety Committee Administrator. Joy will be officially helping setup all the classes related to safety for our employees.

Mr. Hal Snopek – Supervisor's Report

Mr. Snopek also wanted to thank everyone who worked on making this year's Christmas party a great success.

Mr. Snopek attended a BMTS meeting a few weeks ago and Jack Williams from DOT is going to be setting up meeting with Towns discussing the lights located on Rt. 81 Ramps, Rt 81 Highway and Street Lights. Various Towns are having problems with this and are eager to get on with this as there are a lot of lights not working. DOT realizes this and is aware that they have a lot of problems with these lights. We will be working on this in the very near future.

Mr. Snopek also wanted to let everyone know that all our accounts with Chase Bank are closed. We had to change banks and we are now doing business with Tioga State Bank as of January 1st.

Also, the blinking light located further down Front Street near old Town Hall is no longer there. Mr. Snopek got the DOT to take that down.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWN OF CHENANGO OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES AND SETTING THE 2016 SALARY SCHEDULE, was offered by Russ Hemedinger, seconded by Jim DiMascio and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WORK RULES, was offered by Jim DiMascio, seconded by Terry Kellogg and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING OFFICE OF DEPUTY SUPERVISOR AND APPOINTING DEPUTY SUPERVISOR- JIM DIMASCIO, was offered by Terry Kellogg, seconded by Gene Hulbert and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION FOR ANNUAL AUDIT TO BE PERFORMED BY MICHAEL WOLYNIAK, was offered by Gene Hulbert, seconded by Russ Hemedinger and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION APPROVING ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH ALEXANDER N. URDA, P.E. CPESA, was offered by Russ Hemedinger, seconded by Jim DiMascio and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION SETTING 2016 TOWN BOARD MEETING DATES, was offered by Jim DiMascio, seconded by Terry Kellogg and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BANK DEPOSITORIES AND OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE TOWN OF CHENANGO; AND, AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO INVEST MONEYS; AND, ESTABLISHING CLAIMS AND AUDIT PROCEDURES, was offered by Terry Kellogg, seconded by Gene Hulbert and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE AT THE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS MEETING, was offered by Gene Hulbert, seconded by Russ Hemedinger and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES BY THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL, was offered by Russ Hemedinger, seconded by Jim DiMascio and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE OR RENT EQUIPMENT IN CASES OF EMERGENCY, was offered by Jim DiMascio, seconded by Terry Kellogg and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING POLICY AND STANDARDS, was offered by Terry Kellogg, seconded by Gene Hulbert and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING BOARD, THE ZONING BOARD AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD: Kevin Warden/Planning Board 5 yr. term, Melanie Pandich/Zoning Board 4 yr. term, Scott Smith/Environmental Review Board 1 yr. term, Donald Lockwood, Alternate 1 yr. term, offered by Gene Hulbert, seconded by Russ Hemedinger and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE AT TRAINING SESSIONS, offered by Russ Hemedinger, seconded by Jim DiMascio and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIGHWAY LAW § 284 AGREEMENT TO SPEND TOWN HIGHWAY FUNDS, offered by Jim DiMascio, seconded by Terry Kellogg and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO HIRE SEASONAL LABORERS AS NEEDED AT THE 2016 RATES (Wingman/\$12.07 per hr. and Drivers/\$17.06 per hr.), offered by Terry Kellogg, seconded by Gene Hulbert and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE TOWN OF CHENANGO, offered by Gene Hulbert, seconded by Russ Hemedinger and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING STORM WATER MANAGEMENT OFFICER – SCOTT RUSSELL, offered by Russ Hemedinger, seconded by Jim DiMascio and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT – Red Barn Technology Group/Website Updates and Computer Emergency/Datto Alto 2 Backup with Cloud, offered by Russ Hemedinger, seconded by Gene Hulbert and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT – 2001 Gradall XL 3100/\$110,000.00 after trade-in of existing 1993 Gradall, offered by Jim DiMascio, seconded by Terry Kellogg and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION SETTING DATE FOR PUBIC HEARING ON PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN- JANUARY 25, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M., offered by Jim DiMascio, seconded by Terry Kellogg and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Mr. Hal Snopek

Wanted everyone to know that work sessions will be held three times a month starting as of next week and they will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Don Walls, Esq.

Asked Mr. Pratt if he could duplicate the stack of papers that he had so that he could match it up to what Mr. Pecha has showed him. Just leave them here at the Town Hall and he will pick them up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk
Town of Chenango