

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

PRESENT:

Gene Hulbert, Councilperson
Terry Kellogg, Councilperson
Jim DiMascio, Councilperson
Russell Hemedinger, Councilperson

ALSO PRESENT:

Donald G. Walls, Town Attorney
Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk
Michael Kwartler, Highway Superintendent
Alex Urda, Town Engineer

ABSENT:

Harold Snopek, Supervisor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mr. DiMascio requested that all present stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He welcomed everyone. Mr. DiMascio said we are going to be breaking the agenda a little bit and he introduced Cindy O'Brien. She is the newly appointed Broome County Legislator for District #10, who serves our community (part of the Town of Chenango and parts of the Town of Fenton). Cindy will complete the remainder of the term vacated by Jerry Marinich who took the position of Director of Broome County Emergency Services. He welcomed Cindy and asked her to talk about herself and her goals while in office.

Cindy introduced herself to the audience. She is very eager to work with the Town and the residents. She is very hopeful to bring some small businesses in and keep our families here. Cindy asked if anyone had any questions for her, she would be glad to answer them. Mr. Hulbert asked her how someone would get a hold of her. Ms. O'Brien said she is at gobroomecounty.com and click on the Legislators. Her e-mail is: obrien@co.broome.ny.us and her home phone number is 648-9227, just leave a message as she works at Chenango Valley Schools during the day. She is more than willing to return a phone call if you leave your name and number. Cindy thanked the audience for listening and she is very eager to work with everyone.

Mr. DiMascio also wanted to mention that our Supervisor, Hal Snopek, is not here tonight as he has a medical situation and know that he is in our prayers and hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. DiMascio also wanted to recognize Dick Trebilcock for his 65 years of service with the Chenango Fire Company. Dick was recently honored at the Chenango Fire Company's Annual Dinner held on January 30th. At the dinner, Hal Snopek, presented Mr. Trebilcock with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Town and we would like to thank him again this evening for his dedication and service to the Town and its residents.

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. DiMascio asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Mr. Robert Wallach of 1371 River Road approached the Board with photos. He is questioning the legality of the pond in front of his home. The Board took a look at all these photos. Alex Urda, the Town Engineer, said the house belonged to Panko and that he has been out there looking at this situation.

Mr. DiMascio thanked him for making the Board aware of this situation. Mrs. Milks asked him for a phone number so that we could get back in contact with him. It is 648-6629. Mr. DiMascio again thanked him and told him that he would bring it to the attention of the proper officials.

Mr. DiMascio asked if anyone else wished to speak. With no one else wishing to speak, Mr. DiMascio continued with the regular meeting.

TOWN BOARD IN SESSION WITHOUT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMUNICATIONS – Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk

Mrs. Milks received a membership application from Chenango Bridge Fire Company on a Davis Mochler who lives at 27 Newman Avenue. Gene Hulbert made a motion to approve the membership, seconded by Russell Hemedinger and was unanimously approved.

She also wanted to mention that Fred Akshar held a meeting in the Town Hall Community Room on Sunday, March 6, 2016. She was unable to attend, as she was out of town, but heard from several residents that it was very informative. Mr. Akshar answered any questions presented to him and listened to the resident's concerns. Mr. Di Mascio said that he and Mr. Snopek did attend and there were about 50 residents in attendance. He discussed goals that he had and it was very informative. It was very well received by the Community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Russ Hemedinger – SAFETY COMMITTEE

Hearing tests for the Highway & Public Works employees was held in early February. Also, a couple of weeks ago, a hearing protection course and a "Right to Know" class held for those same employees.

He also is very happy to report that the Music in the Parks program is all scheduled for this coming summer. All our Thursday nights for the months of July & August are booked with some good acts. We are looking forward to that.

Mr. Terry Kellogg – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The mild winter continued into February 2016. The Highway Department was only required to perform snow removal services on 11 occasions.

The Town continued to chip and collect Christmas Trees throughout the month. The landfill is closed for the season and is only being opened when the Highway Department has a need to dump there.

The creek near Poplar Hill Road was cleaned out.

The tops of catch basins were cleaned off and the ends of pipes unplugged throughout the Town.

Shoulders were cut on Dorman, Oak Hill and Ransom Roads.

Ditches were cleaned on Brotzman, Mix and Port Roads.

We took possession of our new Gradall and began using it on Dimmock Hill Road.

Cold patching continued throughout the month on potholes.

The spring equipment began to be brought down towards the end of the month to begin prepping for use.

Trees were trimmed and removed on Dimmock Hill and Est Hill Roads as well as Grant Road.

Mr. Gene Hulbert – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The box on the Volvo Dump Truck was totally stripped of paint and recoated by the crew.

The utility trailers are being stripped of paint and recoated.

A concrete structure behind the Northgate Compost Barn was assembled to store soil for water main breaks. This will allow us to cover the product to prevent water saturation and give us easy access to the front end loader on site for loading during water break situations.

The Northgate WWTP flow meter was hauled to Rochester for repair.

Kinsley Power serviced all four (4) stationary generators at all the WWTP's and the Northgate Well House location.

Installed valve and pipe assembly at the Quinn Estates sewer lift station for connecting the portable pump station.

All the employees attended safety training led by Joy..

Water break repaired on Calgary Lane.

The crew repaired a major water break on Cherry Lane on February 23, 2016; they were there from 8:00 p.m. until 2:30 a.m. There was an 88' crack in the cast pipe.

There were 14 after hours water and sewer call-outs.

Mr. DiMascio – Planning and Zoning

He wanted to apologize for bringing the wrong Planning Board report but he has the Zoning Board report which was held on February 23, 2016. There was a public hearing for Luke Tokarz of 667 Brooks Road for a triple area variance to allow an accessory building without a principal use, to allow an accessory structure in front of the principal use & to allow a sandbag business in an agricultural zone. There was also an area variance for less than required road frontage from 240' to 208'. There was quite a bit of discussion with regard to the amount of area variance as this is an "L" shaped property at the corner of Rt. 11 and Brooks Road. All of the variances were approved with the stipulation that the principle use facility, the house, the building permit would have to be pulled in conjunction with the accessory building, with the commitment that principle use building will be built first so that we have a commitment that there will be a house along with an accessory building.

Under new business we have Brandon Benjamin of 4 May Street, there was an application for a use variance to place a double wide on the parcel & an area variance for less than required road frontage from 100' to 50'. The application was deemed to be complete and was forwarded to the Planning Board for their referral.

Second, there was the Ukrainian Pentecostal Church made by Yaroslav Karnauch for an application for a triple area variance to allow a 3rd accessory structure (detached garage), to exceed the maximum square footage allowed from 725' to 1140' & to exceed the maximum height from 16' to 21'-6 1/2". This application was also deemed to be complete and was forwarded to the Planning Board for their referral.

Mr. DiMascio turned the meeting over to the Town Engineer, Alex Urda, for review and the determination of significance of the Comprehensive Plan update Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF).

Mr. Urda read and went through all eighteen (18) impact areas and components as noted in the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF). The Town Board had no objection to any of the eighteen (18) impact areas that were reviewed by Mr. Urda.

Mr. Urda stated that any new projects will require review by the appropriate Boards within the Town prior to any approval being granted. Any potential impacts will be addressed at that time.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE BY THE TOWN CLERK AT THE NYSTCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE offered by Russ Hemedinger, seconded by Terry Kellogg and carried by the following roll call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENT TO THE HIGHWAY CONTRACT REGARDING HEALTH INSURANCE, offered by Terry Kellogg, seconded by Gene Hulbert and carried by the following roll call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent

RESOLUTION DETERMINING ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE WITH REGARD TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, offered by Gene Hulbert, seconded by Russ Hemedinger and carried by the following roll call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, offered by Russ Hemedinger, seconded by Terry Kellogg and carried by the following roll call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH FINGER LAKES TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, INC., offered by Terry Kellogg, seconded by Gene Hulbert and carried by the following roll call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent

Mr. DiMascio - Supervisor's Report

Julie Wyatt, Budget Director, has informed the Board that the 2015 Annual Financial Report for the Town was filed on February 25, 2016. It is available in the Town Clerk's Office, the Supervisor's Office and on the Town's website. Also, a New York Rising update – Delta Engineers, the company that has been contracted as a consultant to the New York Rising project around Smith Hill Creek and Wallace Road area will be conducting a Public Hearing meeting on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Anyone interested in attending may do so.

Mr. DiMascio wanted to add one personal comment – going back to the Comprehensive Plan; I think it would be unjust not to pay our respects and compliments, specifically to Councilmen Hemedinger. He and the Planning Board and also the ERB have been working on the Comprehensive Plan going on a couple years – for a long time. It has been quite a process. It is a process that creates a roadmap for the Town of Chenango. It also is a testament of perseverance and fortitude. Again, Mr. DiMascio would like to personally and on behalf of the Board, thank Mr. Hemedinger, the Planning Board, the ERB and those involved for going through this worthwhile process on behalf of the Town.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

Being that there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Kellogg moved, seconded by Mr. Hulbert to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk
Town of Chenango