

THE TOWN OF CHENANGO TOWN BOARD MET MONDAY, MAY 2, 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  
Michael Kwartler, Highway Superintendent

**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. DiMascio 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 Trebilcock** of Smith Hill Road – Just wanted to say that the pick up this week is a good thing. The only problem is that there is more on the list that cannot be picked- up than there is to pick up. So now you need to have a pick-up for the things that cannot be picked up.

**Mr. Snopek** – We are regulated by the Landfill as to what we can drop-off to them.

**Mr. Kwartler** – We created this list by the advice of the Landfill.

**TOWN BOARD IN SESSION WITHOUT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**COMMUNICATIONS – Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk**

The Town Board approved two (2) applications for membership to the Chenango Bridge Fire Company, at the April 20, 2016 work session. The new members are Dennis Brown of 29 Patch Road and Alayna Hill of 27 Woodland Drive.

**Mr. Russ Hemedinger – Liability Insurance/Safety Committee**

There is a meeting set up for Friday with the County IT staff & Town Hall Staff to discuss the services being provided by the County and how the Town may take better advantage of other IT services the County has to offer.

NYMIR (The town's insurance carrier) provided training for the Public Works & Highway Department this past month.

Joy, secretary to the Highway Department, is setting up AED recertification training for some of the staff members later this month. This will be provided by Chenango Ambulance.

**Mr. Terry Kellogg – Highway Department**

No report for this month.

**Mr. Gene Hulbert – Public Works Department**

A new chlorine gas detector had to be purchased and installed at the Run Acres well house.

All the water meters were read and bills sent out to customers.

The 2015 Annual Water Quality Report (AWQR) was completed and approved by the Broome County Health Department. This can be viewed on the Town website.

The #3 process tank at the Northgate WWTP had to be drained so repairs could be made to the aeration system and waste pump.

The steep hill and pond area at the entrance of Wolfe Park was trimmed of grass and small growth as part of the annual maintenance procedures.

The Town owned park ball fields were rolled and aerated.

Line valves at the Fox Lane sewer lift station had to be hand dug and have the curb boxes reset to allow the valves to be operated.

Two check-valve assemblies in the Fox Lane sewer lift station had to be replaced. The old units were worn through causing sewage to spray out the sides.

The area of the old Quinn Estates WWTP was finished off with topsoil, seeded and top coated with straw.

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

**Mr. Jim DiMascio – Planning Board and Zoning Boards**

The Planning Board met on Monday, April 11, 2016

**NEW BUSINESS**

There were three (3) site plan reviews

- 1.) Driven Automotive – Michael Elliott – 1048 & 1052 Upper Front Street – Commercial Re-Occupancy Site Plan Review for used car sales. That site plan was approved
- 2.) Crow’s Nest – James Rodriguez – 1434 Upper Front Street – Site Plan Review for Commercial Re-Occupancy to operate a martial arts studio. This site plan was approved.
- 3.) Sandbags Unlimited – Luke Tokarz – 667 Brooks Road – Site Plan Review with a short environmental assessment and the Planning Board taking responsibility as lead agency. Planning Board adopted a “Negative Declaration” and site plan was accepted.

There were two advisory opinions and referrals.

- 1.) George Harchar, Jr. – 9 Frederick Rd. – Application for a triple area variance to construct a detached garage to exceed the square footage from 725’ to 960’ & for the driveway with less than required side yard setback from 10’ to 5’ & to exceed the allowed height from 16’ to 17’ in a residential zone. This was accepted and forwarded to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a favorable advisory.
- 2.) Stanley Line – 35 Frederick Road – Application for an area variance to allow the construction of a detached garage with less than required front yard setback from 30’ to 7’ & a use variance to allow the accessory building in front of the principal use in a residential zone. That application was accepted and forwarded to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a favorable advisory.

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on Tuesday April 26, 2016

There were two Public Hearings.

- 1.) George Harchar, Jr. – 9 Frederick Road – Application for a triple area variance to building a detached garage to exceed the square footage from 725’ to 960’ & for the driveway with less than required side

yard setback from 10' to 5' & to exceed the allowed height from 16' to 17' in a residential zone. The triple area variance was unanimously approved.

- 2.) Stanley Ling – 35 Frederick Road – Application for an area variance to allow the construction of a detached garage with less than required front yard setback from 30' to 7' & a use variance to allow the accessory building in front of the principal use in a residential zone. This was a very unique situation. This public hearing was not held due to the fact that the Zoning Board had found that Mr. Ling had applied for a very similar variance in 1994. It was found to be essentially similar and a resident cannot apply for the same variance within the property ownership. The Board voted that it was essentially similar and there was no public hearing.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Joseph A. Zigmont – 48 W. Chenango Road – Amending the area variance application V-03 2009 for the building height from 22' to 26' in a residential zone. The application was found to be complete and forwarded to the Planning Board for their advisory.

Nicholas & Renee Stento – 2 Norman Road – Application for a use variance to allow chickens in a residential zone. The Application was found to be complete and forwarded to the Planning Board for their advisory.

Robert Spoor – 126 Kennedy Road – Application for a double area variance to construct a detached garage with less than required front yard setback from 30' to 11.35' & exceeding the square footage allowed from 725' to 864' in a residential zone. Application was found to be complete and forwarded to the Planning Board for their advisory.

## **Mr. Hal Snopek – Supervisor's Report**

No report for this month.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 68 OF THE TOWN LAW ( Price Chopper – Discontinuance of challenge to property assessment for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 tax years), offered by Russ Hemedinger, seconded by Gene Hulbert and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk  
Town of Chenango