

THE TOWN OF CHENANGO TOWN BOARD MET MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015, IN THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING, 1529 N.Y. RTE. 12, BINGHAMTON, N.Y., AT 7:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Donald G. Walls, Town Attorney
Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk
Mike Kwartler, Highway Superintendent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Snopek 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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Members of the Town Board and members of the general public shall be permitted to ask questions of sponsor after recognition by Chair.

OPEN HEARING, GENERAL TOWN BUSINESS

Members of the general public are invited to address the Town Board. Speakers shall address comments to the Town Board and not to other members of the audience. Said speakers shall speak in an orderly fashion and are requested to limit remarks to five 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 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 declared closed.

COMMUNICATIONS – Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk

We have set the date for our annual Summer Social Dance. It is going to be held on August 14th, and the music will be from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The music will be played by” Katie Scott with Persuasion”. We will start selling refreshments at 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Hemedinger – The renewal for the Town’s liability insurance is July first. Mr. Hemedinger received the renewal application. It has been completed and returned to our carrier for up to date pricing. He thanked our Public Works director, Don Benjamin, and the Highway Superintendent’s clerk, Joy Kasmarcik, for their help in verifying the vehicle and equipment list, and the property location and description inventory.

All the performers have been scheduled for our Music in the Parks program this year. Mr. Hemedinger thanked our Deputy Town Clerk, Lizanne Tiesi-Korinek, for her assistance. We will, once again, have performers in Hider Park and Chenango Bridge Park on alternating Thursdays. The concerts will begin at either 6:30 or 7:00 p.m.

We will be voting on a resolution to hire a crossing guard for the Chenango Bridge School tonight. He wanted to let everyone know that our applicant passed the required background check and screenings and is prepared to begin her new duties to commence tomorrow. We also met with the principal of the Chenango Bridge School today to understand the schools expectations of her position.

Mr. DiMascio - For the Planning Board meeting of April 13th-

NEW BUSINESS

PHELPS ST. CORP – Jay Abbey, 9 Thomas Street, application for site plan review to allow storage of concrete products in a residential zone.

Site Plan Approved

MICHAEL AUTO SALES – Michael Brewer, 226 East Hill Road, application for the site plan review for auto sales.

SITE PLAN APPROVED

ADVISORY OPINION/REFERRALS

MICHAEL BREWER – Michael’s Auto Sales , 226 East Hill Road, application for double area variance for minimum lot size from 6 acres to 2.8 acres and minimum lot depth from 450’ to 185’.

Forwarded with a favorable advisory to ZBA

JAMES & SUSAN BOHN – 21 S. Morningside Drive- application for an area variance to expand a driveway with less than required side yard setback from 10’ to 2’ in a residential zone.

Forwarded with a favorable advisory to ZBA

MARTHA BUDINE – Bows & Bandanas, 17 Newman Ave, application for a special permit for dog grooming business.

Forwarded with a favorable advisory to ZBA

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE DISCUSSION – Planning Board was updated with Frank Evangelisti’s letter and we are to schedule another meeting with BC to review Front Street rezoning.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2015

PUBLIC HEARINGS

MICHAEL BREWER – Michael’s Auto Sales, 226 East Hill Road, application for double area variance for minimum lot size from 6 acres to 2.8 acres and minimum lot depth from 450’ to 185’.

Unanimously approved

JAMES & SUSAN BOHN, 21 S. Morningside Drive, application for an area variance to expand a driveway with less than required side yard setback from 10’ to 2’ in a residential zone.

Unanimously approved

MARTHA BUDINE – Bows & Bandanas, 17 Newman Ave., application for a special permit for dog grooming business.

Application was found to be complete and was accepted by the board for the May meeting.

RENEWAL

JOSEPH CONATY – Pet Wash, 1433 Upper Front Street, Use variance renewal to allow commercial use in a residential zone.

Renewal was granted to be permanent for current owner

NEW BUSINESS

SHANE LIVINGSTON – 167 Treadwell Road, quadruple area variances to build a detached garage in front of the principal use, exceeding the maximum height from 16’ to 18’ with less than required road frontage from 240’ to 224’ and the front yard setback from 50’ to 15’ in an agricultural zone.

Application was found to be complete and was accepted by the board for the May meeting.

TODD PLOURDE – 42 Asbury Ave., application for an area variance to expand a driveway with less than required side yard setback from 10’ to 1’ in a residential zone.

Application was found to be complete and was accepted by the board for public hearing at May meeting.

JEFFREY & LISA KUSS, 21 Woodland Drive, application for an area variance to construct an addition with less than required side yard setback from 10’ to 7’ in a residential zone.

Application was found to be complete and was accepted by the board for public hearing at May meeting.

AUTO ZONE INC., KEVIN MURPHY, 1359 Upper Front Street, application for Parcel A use and area variance to allow commercial business and less than required rear yard setback from 25' to 15' in a residential zone.

Application was found to be complete and was accepted by the board for public hearing at May meeting.

JEREMY HILTS – 1359 Upper Court Street, application for parcel B use and area variance to allow commercial use (bus tour parking) minimum lot width from 100' to 75' in a commercial development zone.

Application was found to be complete and was accepted by the board for public meeting at May meeting.

Mr. Kellogg

The Highway Department report for the month of April, they performed snow removal services twice at the beginning of April. The hill trucks only were dispatched on April 5th and 6th.

The Highway Department cut out bad areas of the road that were crumbling from the frost in the ground and blacktopped them. The following roads had bad spots repaired on them: N. Brotzman, Fox Road (off U.S. Rte. 11), Oak Hill, Treadwell, Water, and the lot by the Castle Creek Fire Station.

A catch basin on Fox Road was cleaned out. Catch basins on Echo Lane and Jewell Ave. were rebuilt. A sluice pipe was replaced at 449 Fox Road (off Rte. 11).

The ditches were cleaned out on: East Hill Oak Hill, Poplar Hill roads and the Town storage lot, Penn View Water Station. The ditches were dug on Fox Road (off Brooks Road), John Smith Road, Perry Road and Treadwell Road.

The Maye Street drainage system repairs were completed.

All the mailboxes and mailbox posts were repaired during the month. There were a total of 14 repairs made.

Water breaks were dug out and patched on the following streets:

Alice, Asbury, Columbine, Elizabeth, Kattelville, Maye, N.Morningside Dr., Peninsula Dr., Wallace.

Regular pothole patching was performed on Jacobs Hwy., Parsons, Pembroke, Port, Trafford, Willis.

The power broom and the street sweeper have been sweeping sand from the roads as often as possible. The power broom needs wet roads to operate at its best, otherwise, a dust cloud forms. There is an excess of sand on the roads due to the lack of salt this past winter and the need to use more of a salt/sand mixture.

Street sign maintenance was performed on Aitchison Road, Wallace and Willis Roads.

All required Highway personnel had their annual required hearing exams on April 9, 2015.

The yard waste program started again on April 6th. This year the Department is instituting an end-date of November 30, 2015.

Mr. Hulbert – The Public Works Department for April 2015 is as follows:

Valley Water came to troubleshoot a dirty water issue being experienced in the Pennview water District. They determined the issue was in the valve assembly. They also upped the backwash frequency.

The 2014 AWQR was completed and approved by the Broome County Health Department.

There was a gravity sewer main backup on Prescott Road. Mr. Rooter sewer jetted the line and cleared the blockage.

We are waiting for a new fuel pump for the power screen in the compost building. This is causing the compost process to back up. We are running out of room in the compost barn.

We repaired the #2 check valve in the Whitcomb sewer lift station.

Parks fields were rolled.

There were 8 water and sewer after hour call outs.

Mr. Snopek – The Ag & Markets Dog Control State Inspection was completed and all is good.

The annual audit report of 2014 is complete and the report is available in the Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRING FULL TIME HELP IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (Justin L. Frost-Full-Time), was offered by Russell Hemedinger, seconded by James DiMascio, and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE AT SEMINAR (Nancy Schnurbusch-Tax Collector), was offered by Jim DiMascio, seconded by Terry Kellogg, and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT (Justice Court-Copy Machine), was offered by Terry Kellogg, seconded by Gene Hulbert, and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT (Parks Department-2015 John Deere Mower), was offered by Gene Hulbert, seconded by Russell Hemedinger and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF UNUSED EQUIPMENT (2011 John Deere mower), was offered by Russell Hemedinger, seconded by Jim DiMascio, and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, 0 nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT (2015 F250 4 x 4 Truck- Water Department), was offered by Jim DiMascio, seconded by Terry Kellogg, and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF EQUIPMENT ((Highway-2009 Ford F350 to Town of Triangle, \$15,000.00 was offered Terry Kellogg, seconded by Gene Hulbert and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND APPROVING CONTRACT WITH AFSCME, LOCAL 1912B, COUNSEL 66 AND THE TOWN OF CHENANGO, was offered by Terry Kellogg, seconded by Jim DiMascio to hold the Resolution over until we have the formal corrected contract. Carried

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRING OF A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD (Rose Villecco-Chenango Valley Elementary) was offered by Gene Hulbert, seconded by Russell Hemedinger, 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. Kellogg moved, seconded by Mr. Hulbert, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RHONDA D. MILKS, TOWN