

THE TOWN OF CHENANGO TOWN BOARD MET MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015 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

ABSENT:

Harold Snopek, Supervisor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Hemedinger 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.

No one wished to be heard. The open hearing was closed.

TOWN BOARD IN SESSION WITHOUT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMUNICATIONS – Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk

1. New York State Agriculture & Markets did their annual Municipal Shelter Inspection Report and that was completed on 9/11/2015. This inspection relates to Agriculture and Markets Laws and Regulations. The report indicates that the Dog Shelter Services were rated “Satisfactory”.
2. NYS Archives Local Government Records Management Program sent me a 14 page survey regarding the preservation of our active and inactive records. After completing the survey, I feel that in the very near future we need to have a much better handle on our electronic records. Technology is used for communications so much, these records need to be filed and stored the same as our paper records. I will be looking into software that includes electronic document management for accessing electronic records.
3. The Chenango Bridge Fire Company has submitted two new applications for membership into the Fire Company. They are Amanda Jenks of 63 Daniel Drive and Kristina Thorick of 806 River Road. Motion was made by Gene Hulbert and Seconded by Terry Kellogg to approve the membership applications. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Jim DiMascio – Planning Board and Zoning Boards

Zoning Board of Appeals met on Tuesday September 22, 2015

NEW BUSINESS

KIM'S KUTS & KURLS HAIR SALON – Kimberly Hayes – 1946 NYS Rt 12 – Tax Map No. 078.19-15-12 – Application for a special permit to operate a home occupation (Hair Salon) in an agricultural zone. Application was accepted as complete and forward to the Planning Board for their advisory.

AUTOZONE PARTS, INC. LOT A - Kevin Murphy - 1365-1359 Upper Front Street Tax Map No. 111.12-2-7,4,5,2,8 – Application for a double use variance to allow retail use in a residential zone & for commercial (Bus Line) use in a residential zone. Application was accepted and complete and forward to the Planning Board for their advisory.

AUTOZONE PART, INC. LOT A - Kevin Murphy - 1365-1359 Upper Front Street Tax Map No. 111.12-2-7,4,5,2,8 Assume “Lead Agency” & Environmental Assessment Review. Application was accepted as complete and forward to Planning Board for their advisory.

ONEONTA BUS LINE-LOT B - Kevin Murphy – 1365-1359 Upper Front Street Tax Map No. 111.12-2-7,4,5,2,8 – Application for a use variance to allow for commercial (Bus Line) use in a residential zone. Application was found to be complete, accepted and forward to the Planning Board for their advisory.

ONEONTA BUS LINE-LOT B - Kevin Murphy – 1365-1359 Upper Front Street Tax Map No. 111.12-2-7,4,5,2,8 Zoning Board of Appeals to assume “Lead Agency” & Environmental Assessment Review. Application was found to be complete, accepted and forward to the Planning Board for their advisory.

Mr. Terry Kellogg – Highway Department

He has two reports for the Highway Department.

The first report is for the month of August, 2015. The crossover pipe at the bottom of Ransom Road was replaced. Sluice pipes on Fox Road, 809 Oak Hill Rd. and 444 Port Road were replaced. The catch basins at the bottom of Oak Hill Road were cleaned. The vast majority of the month was spent in strip patching roads. Strip patching was done on Bishop Road, Carmichael Rd., Councilman Rd., E. Hill Road, Hoodlum Hill Rd., Merrill Rd., Oak Hill, Rd., Peterson, Quinn, Trafford and Wilson Hill Road. A tree was removed on E. Hill Road after it had fallen into the road. Yard waste, chipping and roadside mowing continued throughout the month of August.

The second report is for the month of September, 2015. Two (2) catch basins were cleaned out near the bottom of Oak Hill Road. The mouth of Glen Castle Creek at the Kelly Road crossing was cleaned out. The shoulders on Panorama Drive were cut. The ditches were cleaned on Bishop Road and Hillside Drive. The ditches on Clarendon Drive, E. Hill Road, Meadowood, Panorama Drive, Poplar Hill Road, Port and Wightman were dug. The Gradall broke down during the middle of the month and will require either extensive repairs or replacement. Ditching has come to a halt other than what can be done with a backhoe. The crossover drainage pipe at the intersection of Ransom Road and Castle Creek Road were replaced. A smaller drainage pipe was installed at 27 Belair Drive. The first driveway on the left at the intersection of Port Road and NY Rt. 12 had an extension sluice pipe installed. Sluice pipes were replaced at 25 Bishop Road, 811 E. Hill Road, 280 Fox Road, 809 Oak Hill Road, 58 Poplar Hill Road and 444 Port Road. The following roads had areas that were strip patched on them: Bishop, Carmichael, Councilman, E. Hill Rd., Hoodlum Hill Road, Merrill, Oak Hill, Peterson, Quinn, Trafford and Wilson Hill Road. Yard waste, chipping and roadside mowing continued throughout the month of September.

Mr. Gene Hulbert – Public Works Department

Layne Christenson rehabilitated the Northgate Well.

Four water service lines on Alice Street were exposed and 4” of foam insulation was placed over the hole in the street area. This was done to prevent cold winter freezing issues.

The new John Deere wheel loader was delivered to the compost facility.

The water service line feeding the Chenango Valley Animal Hospital on Rt 12 A had to be repaired.

We installed a line valve in the force main coming from the Lowe’s pump station into the Northgate Sewer Plant. This was needed to stop the backflow, so the portable pump station connection assembly could be installed. All of this work was done between 1:30 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. when the flows were very low.

A water line fitting cracked inside the Pennview Well House on Sunday and needed immediate repair.

We started painting fire hydrants that are in need of resurfacing.

Due to their poor condition, the shrubs and bushes at the School House Museum were removed. We will replace and plant new in the spring.

We started working to improve the drainage around the Hospital Hill Water Storage Tank.

There were 17 water and sewer after hour call-outs.

Mr. Hemedinger – Liability Insurance

The NYMIR Risk Audit Report came back. There were 11 issues identified.

Most were relatively small easy & inexpensive items to correct.

A couple, like sealing the wooden playground equipment and ensuring the surfaces under the playground equipment complied with the consumer product safety commission guidelines are much more involved. The Town has sixty (60) days to reply to the conditions found in the audit. We don't necessarily have to fix them within the sixty (60) days. We just have to address them somehow.

Mr. Hemedinger wanted it known that we are moving onto resolutions and that Resolutions A, B & F are not going to be voted on tonight. We got these late and the Board wants more time to go over these. There is no big time of the essence, so we will take care of these at another meeting.

Mr. Hemedinger turned the meeting over to Mr. Walls to read the remaining Resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FOLLOWING SECTION 504 POLICIES AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES FOR THE TOWN OF CHENANGO, was held pending review.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN AS REQUIRED UNDER THE NEW YORK STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) PROGRAM, was held pending review.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RE-LEVY FOR REMOVAL AND DEMOLITION COSTS (Manculich), was offered by Jim DiMascio, seconded by Terry Kellogg, and carried by the following roll call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RE-LEVY FOR REMOVAL AND DEMOLITION COSTS (Fendick), was offered by Terry Kellogg, seconded by Gene Hulbert and carried by the following roll call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RE-LEVY FOR DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER CHARGES, was offered by Gene Hulbert, seconded by Jim DiMascio and carried by the following roll call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD (Kevin Worden), was held pending review.

RESOLUTION SETTING DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2016 BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR ALL SPECIAL DISTRICTS, was offered by Jim DiMascio, seconded by Terry Kellogg and carried by the following roll call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS (2016 Pick-Up Truck/Chenango Sales \$32,382.43) was offered by Terry Kellogg, seconded by Gene Hulbert and carried by the following roll call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

Being that there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Kellogg moved, seconded by Mr. DiMascio to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk
Town of Chenango