

THE TOWN OF CHENANGO TOWN BOARD MET MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 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 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. Mrs. Milks wanted to thank everyone who volunteered to work at the Summer Social on August 14, 2015. Once again it turned out to be a nice event and brought the community together. A special thanks to Crusin Buddies Car Club for donating \$300.00 to be used to support the Children's Christmas Party. Harvey Romeo from Vestal was the winner of the 50/50 drawing and he graciously donated his half back to the Christmas Party and we thank him as well.
2. Mrs. Milks received Fire Membership Applications from Chenango Bridge Fire Company for the Town Board to approve. They are for Daniel Norris, Jack R. Riegal and Alexandra Bennett. All were in favor and the applicant memberships were approved.
3. Mrs. Milks received an e-mail from Joseph Pratt of 41 Treadwell Road, with a letter attached that he requested be distributed to the Town Board Members. The Town Board was given that letter by e-mail on 9/18/15 and today Mr. Pratt sent hard copies of the letter that were distributed as well.
4. Tom Geisenhof was sent a letter from Debbie Vetrino thanking Mike Pecha, Hal Snopek, the Town Board and Don Walls for all their work in getting the properties demolished at 10 and 12 Prescott Road. She said it is so nice to have green grass to look at instead of the deteriorated buildings. She especially wanted to thank Mike Pecha for his good character in representing the Town and she thanks him for listening and caring enough to follow through with this issue.
5. The Water Department received a nice note as well from the Chenango Animal Hospital to recognize Tracy Croffutt for his help with the water problems that they had and to say how much they appreciated his help and now know where to go for assistance.

- Mrs. Milks also wished to thank Bonnie Blair for her years of service as Town Board Clerk and welcomed Lizanne Korinek to the position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Hemedinger-Insurance and Safety/Community Events

Last month there was a risk management audit done by our insurance company. I would like to thank Mike Kwartler, our Highway Superintendent, and Harold Guernsey, from our Public Works Department, for spending the time to show the inspectors around all our properties and facilities. This audit was a span of two days. We are anxiously awaiting the final report.

Music in the Parks finished up. Out of the eight weeks, we had two (2) rainouts and we were fortunate to reschedule one of those. We had an average attendance of approximately 75 people per performance. I would like to thank Lizanne, our Deputy Clerk and Harold, from the Public Works Department, for their help with the program.

Mr. DiMascio – Planning Board and Zoning Boards

Planning Board met on September 14, 2015.

UNDER OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Cars-R-U's – Eddie Rouhana – 1168 Upper Front Street – TM#111.20-2-14 – Application for site plan update to expand automotive sale, display and offer vehicle repairs on site. Site Plan was approved with conditions set forth by the Town Engineer.

Comprehensive Plan final discussion – This was unanimously approved by Planning Board and forwarded to the Town Board for their review.

The Zoning Board will be meeting tomorrow September 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Terry Kellogg – Highway Department

No report for Highway. He promised he would make up for it at the next Town Board Meeting.

Gene Hulbert – Public Works Department

New York State DEC did a surprise inspection of the Sewer Plants. The inspecting engineer found the operation satisfactory with all State and Federal guidelines.

Budget Fence repaired the damaged outfield fence at the Chenango Bridge Park.

The Curb Box at #7 Calgary Lane was repaired.

New Chart Recorders were purchased and installed at the Northgate and Route 12 A water well houses.

Don Benjamin and Harold Guernsey attended a Playground Equipment Inspection and Maintenance training class in Homer, N.Y.

NIMIR (our insurance carrier) did an extensive inspection of the Town owned properties to insure our compliance.

The Street Lights from Route 11 to Peterson Road went out and had to be repaired. The reason for the outage was shorted out wiring at the junction just up from John's Body Shop.

There were 12 water and sewer after hour call-outs.

Mr. Snopek – Supervisor's Report

We have been busy working on the Budget. November 4th at 7:00 p.m. is the Budget Hearing and on November 16th at 7:00 p.m. is the Budget Vote.

Ms. Debbie Preston, County Executive, e-mailed me and would like to speak at the December 7th Board Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution for the Correction of the Standard Work Day and Reporting for Elected and Appointed Officials was offered by Russell Hemedinger, seconded by Jim DiMascio and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, No Nays, Absent none.

Resolution Accepting Bids (Godwin Pumps of America-\$33,988.00) was offered by Jim DiMascio, seconded by Terry Kellogg and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, No Nays, Absent none.

Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for Sealed Bids for one (1) 2016 or newer ¾ Ton 4-Wheel Drive Pickup with Plow was offered by Terry Kellogg, seconded by Gene Hulbert and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, No Nays, Absent none.

Resolution Adopting Local Law #1 – 2015 authorizing the use of the National Joint Powers Alliance Purchasing Contract was offered by Gene Hulbert, seconded by Russell Hemedinger and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, No Nays, Absent none.

Resolution Authorizing Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals (Aleta Kinne to fulltime member/Gordon Grannis resigning) was offered by Russell Hemedinger, seconded by Jim DiMascio and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, No Nays, Absent none.

Resolution Authorizing Attendance at Training Sessions (Bruce Canova Pump and Maintenance Repair \$225.00/class) was offered by Terry Kellogg, seconded by Gene Hulbert and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, No Nays, Absent none.

Resolution Authorizing Emergency Repairs (Northgate Water Well/Immediate Cleaning and Rehabilitation provided by Layne Christensen Co. \$19,785.00) was offered by Jim DiMascio, seconded by Terry Kellogg and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, No Nays, Absent none.

Resolution Authorizing Application for Grant for Justice Court Assistance Program (New desk chairs) was offered by Gene Hulbert, seconded by Russell Hemedinger and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, No Nays, Absent none.

Resolution Setting Various Clerk Fees and Appointing Lizanne Tiesi-Korinek as Clerk to the Town Board (pay rate of \$50.00 per meeting for all Clerks of all Boards) was offered by Russell Hemedinger, seconded by Jim DiMascio and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, No Nays, Absent none.

Resolution Authorizing Request for Proposals for IT services was offered by Terry Kellogg, seconded by Gene Hulbert and carried by the following roll call: 5 Ayes, No Nays, Absent none.

Resolution Authorizing Award and Authorization to Issue Notice to Proceed (NY Rising Storm Recover/Smith Hill Creek (Wallace Road) awarded to Delta Engineers for \$136,125.00) was offered by Jim DiMascio, seconded by Terry Kellogg and carried by the following roll call: 4 Ayes, No Nay, 1 Abstain, Absent none.

Ms. Aleta Kinne wanted to thank the Board for appointing her to the permanent position on the Zoning Board. She also was wondering if we needed to conserve water as she heard that Whitney Point was enacting a water conservation. Mr. Snopek said “No, that our wells are at normal levels.”

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 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk
Town of Chenango