

MINUTES OF THE SMITHVILLE TOWN BOARD

November 15, 2010

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The regular meeting of the Smithville Town Board was called to order at 6:03pm by Supervisor Allan Johnson. Present were the following:

Supervisor Allan Johnson
Board members:
Holly Mohr
Elizabeth Vanderweyde
Roger Connelly
ABSENT Boardmember:
Charles Schultes

Also: Town Clerk Owens
Enforcement Officer Neal Root
Genegantslet Fire Chief Robert Whitmore
Jane Whitmore
Community members/Playground Committee
Donald Weber, Rep. from NYSORPS

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

Supervisor Johnson added C7 to the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE: these items were reviewed by Board members

- C1: NYSEG: news release inspections by helicopter of NYSEG electric lines
- C2: Roger Monaco: 2011 Budget Request for an additional \$100. in his line item as Attorney.
- C3: BAR: Louis Merlino's term has expired. Mr. Merlino has told Town Clerk Owens he is not interested in being re-appointed.
- C4: Cincinnatus Lake Watershed annual inspection report.
- C5: DEC re: Local Law # 1 2010, acknowledgement of State Dept. receipt of the Local Law.
- C6: NYSEG renewal notification for 2011 rates for all accounts.
- C7: electronic funds transfer requirement from IRS; the IRS will no longer take checks.

PRESENTATION by a NYSORPS representative Donald Weber began @ 6:15pm. Mr. Weber gave a PowerPoint presentation on Assessments, Equalization Rates and Revals.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1: Vacancy list for next year. Does the Board want to advertise now for the January Organizational Meeting or wait until that meeting to advertise?

Discussion: There will be 2 Justice vacancies by the end of the year. A Justice cannot be appointed until the vacancy takes effect, and they cannot serve until they have been trained. There is one training session this fall and possibly another one mid-year 2011. To move from 2 Justices to 1 by can be done by Resolution of the Town Board but that is subject to Permissive Referendum.

There is 1 Planning Board member who has moved from the area and is expected to resign, and 1 BAR member's term which has expired. Board members recommended advertising these 2 positions now in the Chenango American for two weeks for the Organizational Meeting in January, setting the date for the Organizational Mtg. for Tuesday January 4th @ 6pm.

NB2: SPCA Contract for 2011: Supervisor Johnson has conferred with Att'y Monaco with regard to the SPCA contract for 2011. Att'y Monaco has advised signing it. It is the same as last year. The following was put to Resolution:

RESOLUTION # 43 (2010): AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR JOHNSON TO SIGN THE 2011 SPCA CONTRACT.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mohr, 2nd by Councilwoman Vanderweyde, the following Resolution was ADOPTED:

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AYES: Mohr, Vanderweyde, Connelly, Johnson
NAYES: 0
ABSENT: Schultes

RESOLVED to have Supervisor Johnson sign the 2011 SPCA contract.

NB3: Christine Stark, DCO of German, has agreed to be the DCO for Smithville until the end of the year. Supervisor Johnson asked for a Resolution making that appointment

RESOLUTION # 44 (2010): APPOINT CHRISTINE STARK AS DCO FOR REMAINDER OF 2010

On a motion by Councilwoman Mohr, 2nd by Councilwoman Vanderweyde, the following Resolution was ADOPTED:

AYES: Mohr, Vanderweyde, Connelly, Johnson
NAYES: 0
ABSENT: Schultes

RESOLVED to appoint Christine Stark as DCO for the Town of Smithville through December 31, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS (updates since last meeting)

OB1: Dog Local Law: Town Clerk Owens stated the new Local Law for dogs is still in progress. There are still issues with the SPCA to work out.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Oct. 18th and Nov. 4th

Councilwoman Mohr asked that figures be corrected in minutes of the Nov. 4th meeting p.6 & 7, A1410.4 to .1 and add A8090.1 A motion to approve both sets of minutes as amended was made by Councilwoman Vanderweyde, 2nd by Councilman Connelly. All 4 Board members: Mohr, Vanderweyde, Connelly and Johnson were in favor, Schultes absent. Motion carried.

REPORTS

- R1.) Planning Board: no report
 - R2.) Assessor: previously given as Presentation
 - R3.) Enforcement Officer: report submitted County: building report submitted
 - R4.) Justice: no report
 - R5.) DCO: no report
 - R6.) Attorney: report submitted. Att’y comment on Justice situation –see NB1
 - R7.) Smithville Valley Grange: Harvest celebration report submitted
 - R8.) Community Center: North facing windows in the Clerk’s office have had the screens wrapped in plastic for the winter. The back door of the Clerk’s office has also been weather sealed.
 - R9.) Playground Committee: Asked who is on the Playground Committee from the Town Board? Town Clerk Owens referred to the Organizational Meeting minutes which indicated Chuck Schultes and Roger Connelly are on the committee. There was a question as to whether all Board members were supposed to be on the Community Center Committee. A correction should be made to the Bookkeeper’s report for October. Voucher # 151 (\$350. advance for Children’s Party) was scheduled to come out of A7310.4 # (\$350.) but was taken from A7140.4.
- Enforcement Officer Neal Root is working with the Committee on the septic system. A hole for perk test will be dug and the system will be planned with Neal’s advice. Bid proposals \$3,000. and over will require 3 written quotes/bids. This should be done by Town of Smithville and not Playground Committee.

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R10) Town Clerk: report submitted. Town Clerk Owens asked for 1000 stamps to mail out tax bills. These will be needed before vouchers can be put through for next month.

RESOLUTION # 45 (2010): AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF 1000 STAMPS FOR TAX BILLS

On a motion by Councilwoman Vanderweyde, 2nd by Councilman Connelly, the following Resolution was ADOPTED:

AYES: Mohr, Vanderweyde, Connelly, Johnson
NAYES: 0
ABSENT: Schultes

RESOLVED to authorize the Town Clerk to voucher for 1000 stamps needed for tax bills for next month.

Town Clerk Owens asked if there was a Board opinion with regard to a postage meter for the Town. Since there was no financial advantage to a postage meter, Board member felt it was not worth the monthly cost.

R11) The Highway Dept. has property they will be leasing to NYSEG. Att’y Monaco has sent an amended lease to the Hwy Supt. They need to close on the lease soon. It is renewable.

R12) Supervisor’s Report: submitted and reviewed by Board members. A motion to accept the Supervisor’s report was made by Councilwoman Mohr, 2nd by Councilwoman Vanderweyde. All 4 Board members: Mohr, Vanderweyde, Connelly and Johnson were in favor, Schultes absent. Motion carried.

WARRANTS

General # 11, Vouchers 158-177 were submitted and reviewed for payment; #172 to the NYSLRS has withdrawn all available funds from General and Highway for that line item. The remainder of the bill is vouchered from Contingency A1990.4. The total of the November warrant is \$26,982.47. A motion was made by Councilman Connelly, 2nd by Councilwoman Vanderweyde to approve payment of the General warrant. All 4 Board members: Mohr, Vanderweyde, Connelly and Johnson were in favor, Schultes absent. Motion carried.

Highway # 11, Vouchers #162-177 in the amount of \$44,323.57 were submitted and reviewed for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Connelly, 2nd by Councilwoman Vanderweyde to approve payment of the Highway warrant. All 4 Board members: Mohr, Vanderweyde, Connelly and Johnson were in favor, Schultes absent. Motion carried.

There is no JRC Warrant.

OTHER: 2011 Budget work session--Nov. 22nd 6pm

There was no other business to come before the Board. Supervisor Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be December 20, 2010.

Alison B. Owens

Smithville Town Clerk

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