

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
May 21, 2012

The regular meeting of the Smithville Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Heisler at 6:30PM.

ROLL CALL/Board members present:

Elizabeth Vanderweyde,
Bob Whitmore,
Karl Ludwig,
John Cammarata, and
Supervisor Fred Heisler Jr.

ALSO PRESENT:

Planning Board Chair Jackie Centerwall and PB member Tim Hanna,
Hwy Sup't Bruce Kinney
Town Clerk Alison Owens
Presenter, Att'y David Slottje
About 15 Townspersons

PRESENTATION BY DAVID SLOTTJE/TOWN BOARD QUESTIONS 6:35PM
"Using Local Land Use Authority to Protect Health, Safety and Community Assets"

COMMENTS BY VIC FURMAN 7:35PM
Comments with regard to the Slottje presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE 7:40PM
C1.) Notification of Finger Lakes Trail Day Hike
C2.) NYSDOT: safe Routes to school program—funding for municipalities

COMMITTEE REPORTS 7:42PM

R1.) Planning Board: report submitted. Meeting on May 13th; reviewed and finalized the paragraph in the Comprehensive Plan addressing Hydraulic Fracturing of the Marcellus Shale; SEQRA review needed; Comprehensive Plan has been submitted to Chenango County. The Planning Board is continuing Site Plan Review research. Next meeting will be June 11th.

R2.) Assessor: no report

R3.) Enforcement Officer: report submitted. No County report.

R4.) Justice: No report

R5.) DCO: Inspection report submitted. The DCO's facility has passed inspection by the NYS Ag & Markets

R6.) Attorney: report submitted

R7.) **SMITHVILLE DAY:** With the resignation of previous Chairperson Karen Wood, a group of concerned citizens met last week to see if there was anything that could be salvaged for Smithville Day this year. Among items discussed were bathroom needs for the 5K, a parade, children's activities and vendors. It was decided to ask the Town Board for another port-a-john since the old Fire Station building used last year is privately owned this year. Also requested were monies for children's activities, a bounce house, and the extra insurance costs from the Town's Insurance provider for the 1 day event. The Town Board discussed the finances, the extra insurance and decided on the following Resolutions:

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RESOLUTION # 25: TO RENT EXTRA PORT-A-JOHN FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

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

AYES: Vanderweyde, Whitmore, Ludwig, Cammarata, Heisler
NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to rent an extra port-a-john for the month of June.

RESOLUTION # 26: EXPEND \$400. FROM CONTINGENCY A1990.4 FOR SMITHVILLE DAY EXPENSES

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

AYES: Vanderweyde, Whitmore, Ludwig, Cammarata, Heisler
NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to expend \$ 400. from Contingency A1990.4 for expenses incurred for extra insurance for Smithville Day 2012.

Also discussed was expending \$50-\$100. from A7310.4 to help with the children's games during Smithville Day, but because only one person from the Playground Committee had been contacted and had given approval, no further action was taken on this line item. Instead, Councilman John Cammarata offered to donate \$100. to help meet the expenses of the children's games/prizes.

R8.) Community Center

R9.) Playground Committee: report submitted from both Neal Root and the Playground Committee. Work dates will need to be figured out for the bathrooms in the 2nd storage unit. Board member Cammarata will do the work as time permits. The Highway Dept. has a credit card with Lowe's.

R10) Town Clerk: report submitted. The intern from BCC (Dylan Huff) has completed about 1/5 of the minutes project. Town Clerk Owens would like to see authorization given for Dylan Huff to work 25-30 hours more to complete copying/scanning the minutes.

RESOLUTION # 27: AUTHORIZE 25-30 HOURS FOR PART-TIME CLERK DYLAN HUFF TO COMPLETE PROJECT

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

RESOLVED to authorize 25-30 hours for Part-Time Clerk Dylan Huff to complete the Minutes project (copying and scanning the minutes of the Town Board into the computer). This will be billed from A1410.4.

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R11) Highway:

- Railings for Community Center have been painted and are ready to install on the Community Center. These are railings made for the Town of Smithville by Alron Corporation before it went out of business.
- Over \$4,000. has been collected for junk metal. This will be put into Highway Savings.
- The crew is working on Buckley Hollow, Hattie Clark; dust control will be starting within the next 2 weeks
- Auction –did not purchase anything except a demo saw
- There will be a bid package coming out soon for Windham Rd. to repair pipe under road.
- The Truck, tractor and gradalls, discussed at last month's meeting will be in online auctions
- FEMA paperwork still ongoing

R12) Supervisor's Report: report submitted

- Citizens bank accounts will need to be moved. Supervisor Heisler suggested meeting with bank officials from different banks to determine the best course of action.
- The Supervisor has concerns about the budget process for 2013 and does not want to wait until September to start work on the budget. Highway Sup't Kinney said CHIPS funding is not guaranteed for next year; there is also 2% cap on tax increases.
- Finish discussion of website at a later date. There is a possibility of shared services with County for website maintenance.
- The Supervisor's report for the month of April was reviewed. A motion to accept the report was made by Councilwoman Vanderweyde, 2nd by Councilman Ludwig. All 5 Board members: Vanderweyde, Whitmore, Ludwig, Cammarata and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

8:20PM

Mrs Dorsey: spoke with regard to Gas Rights

Robert Williams, DEC Advisory Panel: Presentation on Ad Valorem Tax will be speaking June 18th

OLD BUSINESS

8:26PM

OB1: Small Business Energy Efficiency Program through EnerPath. The general consensus of opinion was that switching to Ambit had saved considerably on the cost of electricity. It was suggested to wait about 6 months to see what the use/cost of ballasts is over that period of time. If a new Town Barn is revamped or rebuilt, that may be the time to put new ones in. A satellite building was suggested, also to give direction to the Planning Board to begin work on a combined satellite town barn/fire station in the Smithville Center area.

OB2: speed reduction on Mill and Oak Streets: the Town will have to put in for speed study. Chances are probably limited for a speed reduction because it is not for a long enough stretch of road—1/4mile is minimum length needed.

OB3: JCAP grant updates: Supervisor Heisler spoke with Kevin McGrath; Justice Ben Kehl will be notified when the grant \$ is available; applications will be made available

OB4: Cincinnatus Lake dam maintenance . No new information. Supervisor Heisler has not yet spoken with Loren Johnson in Norwich. Roger Hatfield, owner of the dam property, has left a phone message for the Highway Sup't.

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MINUTES APPROVAL FOR APRIL 23RD : this will be moved to June 5th

8:59PM

WARRANTS

9:00PM

General Warrant # 5: Claims # 64-72, for a Total \$2559.02 were submitted for payment. A motion was made by Councilwoman Vanderweyde, 2nd by Councilman Whitmore to pay these claims. All 5 Board members: Vanderweyde, Whitmore, Ludwig, Cammarata and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

Highway Warrant # 5: Claims # 58-68, for a Total of \$13,613.02 . A motion was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilwoman Vanderwyede to pay these claims. All 5 Board members: Vanderweyde, Whitmore, Ludwig, Cammarata and Heisler were in favor, motion carried.

OTHER: The old Hansmann's Mill building was broken into, also the house across the street. Councilman Whitmore was concerned about a potential fire in the building. County Code Enforcement can enforce the owners to take action on the property.

9:07PM

ALSO: The Town Board discussed an "in memory of" for Community member Dave Coleman who had recently passed away. It was finally decided to send a card and \$50.00 "in memory of David Coleman" donation to the Genegantslet Fire Co.

RESOLUTION # 28: AUTHORIZE \$50. DONATION IN MEMORY OF DAVID COLEMAN TO GENEGANTSLET FIRE CO

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

AYES	Vanderweyde, Ludwig, Cammarata, Heisler
NAYES	0
ABSTAIN	Whitmore

(Note by Town Clerk Owens: this was taken, but not officially authorized, from A1990.4 [contingency]).

CLOSE: A motion to adjourn the meeting until June 5th was made by Councilman Cammarata, 2nd by Councilman Ludwig. All five Board members in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:14P M.

Alison B. Owens

Smithville Town Clerk

FYI Items

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- Consolidated Funding Application workshop
- NYSEG: Statewide Transmission Study
- Vestal Gas Coalition meeting
- Article X...Important Information from Harry Levine and Advocates