

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
May 18, 2020

OPENING of Town Board meeting by Supervisor John Cammarata 6:30PM
ROLL CALL/PLEDGE/LATE ADDITIONS:

ATTENDANCE in addition to Supervisor Cammarata:

Councilman Mike Evans
Councilwoman Pam Holcomb
Councilman Bob Whitmore
Councilman Karl Ludwig

ALSO:
Alison Owens, Town Clerk
Vince Witkowski, Hwy Sup't.
Jeff Lowe, Assessor
Angelo Cioffi, BAR
Marie Kehl, Resident

OPENING OF FUEL BIDS 6:40PM
There were 2 fuel bids which were opened and read by Supervisor Cammarata. Both bidders were within the guidelines of specs for the bids, which were as follows:

VENDOR/PRODUCT	POSTING DATE/ RACK PRICE	DIFFERENTIAL	FLUCTUATING	FIRM BID
Reese Marshall 6254 County Rd 32 Norwich, NY 13845	BUCKEYE VESTAL 5/11/2020			
ULSD	\$.931	\$.16	\$1.091/GAL	\$1.43/GAL
ULSK Winter Blend	\$1.405	\$.16	\$1.565/GAL	\$1.59/GAL
Propane(Hwy &CC)	XX	XX	XX	\$0.999/GAL
Mirabito Energy Prod P.O. Box 5306 Binghamton, NY 13902	OPIS 5/15/20			
ULSD	\$.9715	\$.2020	\$1.1735/GAL	\$1.6432/GAL
ULSK Winter Blend	\$1.4215	\$.2020	\$1.6235/GAL	\$2.0932/GAL
Propane (Selkirk) (both Hwy & CC)	XX	XX	XX	\$1.1700/GAL

NB4) Discussion and award of fuel bids:

It was decided to move the fuel bid discussion and award to this point. Board members felt the firm bid prices were the best way to go and were the best prices seen in many years. Since Reese-Marshall had the lowest firm bid prices for all three products bid, it was decided to award all firm bid prices to Reese-Marshall. This was put into a Resolution.

RESOLUTION # 16 (2020): AWARD ALL THREE FIRM BID FUEL PRICES TO REESE-MARSHALL (2020-2021)

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Evans the following Resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES Cammarata, Ludwig, Holcomb, Evans,
NAYES 0

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ABSTAIN: Whitmore

WHEREAS the fuel bids received by the Town of Smithville were from Reese-Marshall in Norwich NY and Mirabito Fuel in Vestal, NY, and WHEREAS Town Board members felt it better to commit to a firm bid price and WHEREAS Reese-Marshall had the lowest firm bid prices for Propane, Low Sulfur Diesel and Kersosene, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED to award all three fuel bids to Reese-Marshall of Norwich NY. Such contractual bid is for the period June 1, 2020-May 31, 2021.

CORRESPONDENCE
C1) none

6:55PM

Resident Marie Kehl was recognized and asked if she had any business to discuss with the Board but she replied she was just there for attendance at the meeting and had nothing to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

6:35PM

NB1) Firm Resolution for hiring of Att’y for court case: Labor dispute possible. Board Members were polled before the May 18th meeting to ask about securing an Attorney for a potential Labor dispute between the Town of Smithville and the Teamster’s Union regarding a decrease in hours for the Town Hwy employees. No Motion or 2nd was recorded but the Resolution was upheld by all Town Board members.

RESOLUTION # 17 (2020): SECURE ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN’S INTEREST FOR POTENTIAL LABOR DISPUTE WITH THE TEAMSTER’S UNION

No motion or 2nd recorded but the following Resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES Cammarata, Ludwig, Holcomb, Evans, Whitmore
NAYES 0

RESOLVED to secure an Attorney for the Town’s interest vs the Teamster’s Union in a labor dispute should the need arise. The Town Hwy employees working hours were recently decreased.

NB2) discussion of maintenance of cemeteries: The Town of Smithville has 12 abandoned cemeteries which have no maintenance performed on them unless volunteers take on the responsibility. Town Clerk Owens asked Assessor Jeff Lowe if the Town owned these cemeteries since they have their own tax map #, to which the response was yes. It would then be Town responsibility to provide maintenance on abandoned cemeteries at least twice a year and to provide some sort of fencing along the front. Hwy Sup’t Witkowski said he could have 2 employees do the 1st weed whipping and then have Jessica Bixby, Town Custodian who had offered to weed whip these cemeteries, to follow up with a second cutting. Town Clerk Owens also recommended signs in these old cemeteries indicating permission from the Town of Smithville is required before burial. Town Clerk Owens will work with Hwy Sup’t Witkowski for signs for these cemeteries saying “no burials without Town permission”

NB3) discussion of possibility to add complaint form to Town website and require future complaints be written. Town Clerk Owens will check with the webmaster to see if something like that could be put on the website.

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OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES IF ANY)

6:35PM

OB1) update on broken window found during Sheriff's inspection: Supervisor Cammarata will try and find a contractor to come and repair the window

Other updates as needed:

REPORTS

7:10PM

R1.) Highway: report submitted:

- roads should be paved after graveling with CHIPS funds. The roads are just not holding up with just stone and oil. Paving would be the better long term solution.
- Collyer Rd is being repaired with FEMA funds. BAR member Angelo Cioffi indicated Collyer Rd is looking very good.
- The Gradall has continual issues. If they cannot be successfully be resolved, then Hwy Supt. Witkowski would like to sell it and replace it with a mid sized rubber trak excavator. Having the trak excavator will make it easier for the employees to maneuver as it is a smaller piece of equipment. Board members will await to hear a further report from the Hwy Supt. Regarding the future of the Gradall

R2) Assessor: report submitted: the Town took a hit on assessments this year due to exemptions and people moving money and property around to avoid paying taxes. Grievance Day will be held June 3rd. Only 10 people will be allowed at the meeting at one time and everyone will be required to wear masks.

R3.) Enforcement Officer: no report.

R4.) Planning Board: no report

R5.) DCO: report submitted: 1 dog bite was reported and the owner asked to license the dog. That has not happened yet

R6.) Attorney: no report submitted

R7.) vacant

R8.) Custodian: report submitted

R9.) Playground Committee: no report

R10) Town Clerk: report submitted.

R11) vacant

R12) Supervisor's Report: submitted. No meeting in April. Account # A1620.4 is still short because of the alarm system expenditures as monies were not transferred over but will shortly be transferred from the Building account. For the 2021 Budget, the amount of funds the Town will have to spend is 1.67% over the Budget amount for 2020. Sales tax was strong the 1st quarter but will start to go down the remainder of the year because of the Covid pandemic. Trust and Agency is ok this year but 2021 could be a challenging year.

A motion to accept the Supervisor's report was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilwoman Holcomb . All five Boardmembers: Ludwig, Holcomb, Evans, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL for March 17th

7:30PM

The minutes of the March 17th meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve these minutes was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilman Ludwig. All five Board members: Ludwig, Holcomb, Evans, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried.

WARRANTS

7:35PM

General Warrant # 5, with Claims # 65-77, in the amount of \$ 1,973.24 were reviewed for payment. A motion to accept and pay these claims was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Evans. All five Boardmembers: Ludwig, Holcomb, Evans, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried.

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Highway Warrant # 5, with claims # 45-55, in the amount of \$ 13887.78 were reviewed for payment. A motion to accept and pay these claims was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilman Ludwig. All five Boardmembers: Ludwig, Holcomb, Evans, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried.

Next meeting is Monday June 15th @ 6:30pm

OTHER:

7:50PM

The **Cincinnatus Lake Dam** is being inspected June 1st. Those involved will see if the dam can be reclassified as an "A" dam. With the lower classification, Town insurance should come in at a lower price and can probably be bid out similar to the Town of Guilford, which also has a dam.

Different paperwork for the NYS fishing access along Strong Brook has to be signed and submitted back to NYSDEC.

2021 Budget work session will start after the June 15th regular Board meeting.

There was no other business to come before the Board. Supervisor Cammarata declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Alison B. Owens

Smithville Town Clerk