

REGULAR MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, APRIL 14, 2010

The regular meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at the Albert Emerson Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT:	Supervisor	Kevin Geraghty
	Councilman	John Alexander
	Councilman	Bryan Rounds
	Councilman	Austin Markey
	Councilman	Dean Ackley

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk; Ed Pennock, Highway Superintendent; Richard Galusha, Sewer Superintendent; Sandi Parisi, Steve Parisi and numerous Town residents.

RESOLUTION #89-10

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Rounds, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to accept the minutes as presented.

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS

Reports were received and placed on file from the following Town Officials: Town Clerk, Supervisor, Assessor, Justice, Dog Control Officer, and Enforcement Officer.

TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following town committees gave reports: Highway, Museum, Parks and Recreation, Sewer and Water.

DISCUSSION- BI-CENTENNIAL

Sandi Parisi, Town Historian told the Town Board now was the time to start thinking about creating a budget for 2011 and 2012 for banners, stationary and any things they might be planning for events to celebrate the Centennial.

RESOLUTION #90-10

APPOINT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBERS

On motion of Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Markey, the following resolution was: ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to appoint Herbert Muller to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the term of Eileen Frasier and Harold Moffitt as an Alternate to fill the term of Herbert Muller.

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DISCUSSION – RECYCLING AT THE TRANSFER STATION

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board they have had more inquiries about recycling at the Landfill. Supervisor Geraghty spoke with Mr. Galusha about the Town now having more plastic recycling at the Transfer Station, and, said he was sure once the surveys are done by the Towns in Warren County and they decide what they are going to do with the trash plant perhaps the Town can take a more active role in the recycling. Supervisor Geraghty said he knew it has always been a problem to recycle because it is hard to get rid of the materials and it actually costs money, the Town does not wish to burden the tax payers any more by putting more cost on them to go to the landfill, perhaps they will have to in the future.

DISCUSSION – BANDSTAND GRANTS

Supervisor Geraghty announced the grant application to get a fund for the bandstand was not funded, due to the state of the State, the town will reapply in the future when the State economy improves, in the mean time the town will do the work in house with volunteers, one paint company has already volunteered paint.

DISCUSSION – STREET CLEAN UP

Supervisor Geraghty announced the street clean up that is done by the Highway Department did start on April 2nd and will run through Memorial Weekend, May 27th. Supervisor Geraghty explained this is a longer time than it has run before, part of the reason for the extended time is the Town cannot take brush at the landfill and we have not found an alternate way to get rid of it.

Highway Superintendent Pennock said the biggest thing they were dealing with is the repeat places, having to go back several times.

RESOLUTION #91-10

AUTHORIZE LOCAL LAW TO BE CREATED

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Ackley, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to give the Town Clerk permission to spend the funds to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Section §198-42, titled Schedule IX, Stop Intersections.

RESOLUTION #92-10

AUTHORIZE USE OF BANDSTAND

On motion of Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Alexander, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to give permission to North Country Ministry to use the Floyd Bennett Memorial Bandstand on Saturday, June 5, 2010 for a band concert to kick off North Country Ministry Fund Raising Event and Warrensburg Bible Week and for Elm Street to be closed to traffic from 1-5:00 p.m. for this event.

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RESOLUTION #93-10

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Alexander, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize the Supervisor to sign a proposal agreement for professional services with Chazen Companies, Inc. for a map. Plan and report for Library Avenue Sewer District in the amount of \$4850.00.

DISCUSSION – ADDING USERS FOR LIBRARY AVENUE

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board he would like to schedule a public hearing for that section at the same time, it is Chazen's belief the Town could capture that area into the current sewer system by gravity feed over to Elm Street. Supervisor Geraghty said he did not have a date and time to do schedule the public hearing, he would have to call Chazen to see when they would have time to meet with the Town Board, he would like to do it sometime in May. Supervisor Geraghty will schedule the hearing and notify the Board of the time and date.

DISCUSSION – MILTON STREET BRIDGE

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board the Milton Street Bridge is going to be removed and a new one constructed. Supervisor Geraghty said there are at least four users on Milton Street who are already in the Sewer District who are not serviced by the pipe, part of the contract negotiated by Jerry (Supervisor Quintal) were for them to hang the pipes on the bridge. Supervisor Geraghty said he had checked on that today, he would like to get that done while the construction is being done and he would like to go to the users and propose that they hook on, not mandatory hook on, they are in the district and once the pipe is run---his whole idea was while the construction was going on was to get the pipe connected on River Street and come up Milton Avenue as far as they can where the district already is before they repave that area. Supervisor Geraghty said he has talked to at least one user but he would like to get those folks in for a little discussion if the Board is alright with it Supervisor Geraghty said they are definitely going to lay some pipe in and Rick will be in touch with construction crews working down there, this would also include the water pipe.

RESOLUTION #94-10

GRANT PERMISSION FOR PROPERTY USE BY CHAMBER

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Ackley, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign an agreement with the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce to use Town Properties during the Worlds Largest Garage Sale on October 2 and October 3, 2010.

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UPDATE-FENCING

Supervisor Geraghty asked Mr. Galusha if he has heard anymore about the fencing that is supposed to be installed on the Tot Lot. Mr. Galusha told the Town Board it would be here sometime this week; it is the same type of fencing that is already there.

DISCUSSION –TIMBER CUTTING HACKENSACK

Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board the Town Forester has finished marking Hackensack Mountain tract and he is looking for the best entrance into the property before the Town goes to bid with the timber cutting.

DISCUSSION – WARRENSBURG BOARD AND PAPER

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board they have the information from DEC about the Warrensburg Board and Paper, there was approximately \$25,000.00 in charges the Chazen had billed the State for that the DEC disallowed, he has been to Albany, had two or three meetings and DEC has agreed to settle for \$4,732.42 on the Warrensburg Board and Paper Brownfield project, it is his recommendation and the recommendation of the Towns Attorney that the Town accept that money and then deal with Chazen from that point on. Supervisor Geraghty said he did not believe that Chazen will come back on the Town of Warrensburg because DEC disallowed those charges, they will continue to work for us.

Supervisor Geraghty explained that DEC disallowed a lot of Chazen's costs; DEC has no more money for these Brownfield projects.

RESOLUTION #95-10

ACCEPT DEC RESOLVE FOR FINAL PAYMENT OF WARRENSBURG BOARD AND PAPER BROWNFIELD PROJECT

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Alexander, the attached resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

DISCUSSION – BROWNFIELD PROPERTY SITES

Supervisor Geraghty explained to the Town Board that he did inquire about the Richards Avenue parcel and Chazen hopes to have the report written in another month or so, he is hoping to have that piece of property by midsummer. Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board the other thing they would have to do is once they sign off on the Board and Paper, they will have to meet with the Attorney and decide what the Town wants to do with that property.

RESOLUTION #96-10

BUDGET TRANSFERS

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Rounds, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

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IT IS RESOLVED TO DO THE FOLLOWING BUDGET TRANSFERS:

\$1500.00 from A1990.400, Special Contingent to A1010.400 Town Board Contractual

\$900.00 from A1460.400, Records Management Contractual to A1330.400 Tax Collector Contractual

RESOLUTION #97-10

PAY BILLS

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Rounds, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to pay the bills as outlined on Abstract #4-10.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – PUBLIC CONCERNS

Teresa Whalen, Warrensburg Beautification Committee – asked if the plaques from the Woolen Mill bridge would be saved, asked about irrigation and seeding for the Farmers Market Park, asked about a cross walk for the Farmers Market Park, asked about extending the Echo Lake Beach Park hours open longer hours.

Supervisor Geraghty explained the Town will seed the Farmers Market Park; there will be difficulty in getting the grass to grow when people are walking on it. Supervisor Geraghty explained the New York State DOT policy on cross walks on their roads, River Street is their road, a cross walk on River Street by the Farmers Market is just not going to happen.

Councilman Ackley told Ms. Whalen that NYS Department of Health regulates the Echo Lake Beach Park hours because of the Beach; Councilman Ackley said if anyone steps in that water, whether the Town authorizes it or not, the Town of Warrensburg would be liable if someone is hurt or drowns.

Supervisor Geraghty will check with the DOH to see if there is anyway the Park hours at the Beach can be extended, and, with some of the other towns to see how they handle this.

Teresa Whalen spoke about the importance of the Census count and said she is working in southern Essex and Hamilton County for the Census and wished to remind people of how important the Census count is to each town.

Paul Gilchrest, Warrensburg Historical Society – spoke to the Town Board about re-introducing Elm Trees to Warrensburg, the Elm Tree disease and inquired about what could be done for diseased Elms on private property. Mr. Gilchrest said the Historical Society will host an Arbor Day Ceremony on Arbor Day, April 30th at 11:00 a.m.; some students from the High School will participate.

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Councilman Alexander- spoke about the two meetings the Comprehensive Planning Committee is going to be having with the Planners and the businesses.

Discussion ensued on the green space between the sidewalks and the road side, Warrensburg was a trial area for that program, the State now does different things for the Towns where they put the green spaces, and the green spaces were something the State of New York insisted on when they did the road re-construction.

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Ackley, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk