

REGULAR MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, JANUARY 14, 2009

The regular meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at the Albert Emerson Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT:	Supervisor	Kevin Geraghty
	Councilman	John Alexander
	Councilman	Joseph Barlow
	Councilman	Austin Markey
	Councilman	Dean Ackley

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk; Ed Pennock, Highway Superintendent; Richard Galusha, Sewer Superintendent; Sandra Parisi, Historian; Steve Parisi, Historical Society President; and numerous Town residents.

RESOLUTION #38-09

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Ackley, 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, Historian, Museum, Parks and Recreation, Sewer and Water.

DISCUSSION – PLANNING BOARD MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board they have two applications for the Alternate Planning Board member vacancy; one is Lori Kalisz and one is Danielle Robichaud.

The Town Board will conduct a workshop meeting on Monday, January 19, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. to interview the candidates.

DISCUSSION – TOWN PROPERTIES

Councilman Ackley asked the Supervisor if the Town has a list of properties and asked what the Town Board wanted to do with that. Supervisor Geraghty told Councilman Ackley the Town does have a list and he will supply him with a copy of it. Councilman Ackley said there must be some properties there the town could sell.

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Supervisor Geraghty suggested Councilman Ackley review the list, highlight the ones he would like considered and then come back to the Town Board for discussion with it.

Councilman Ackley asked the legal procedure for the sale of property.

Supervisor Geraghty said the Town would follow the same procedure as with the other two properties they have sold, a public hearing, and then advertise the thirty day referendum. Supervisor Geraghty did advise Councilman Ackley the County had received very low bids on the property they had advertised for sale.

RESOLUTION #39-09

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTACT WITH RICHARDS LIBRARY

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

IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to enter into a contract with Richards Library for the sum of \$25,000.00 for the year 2009.

RESOLUTION #40-09

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH WARRENSBURG EMERGENCY SQUAD

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

IT IS RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to enter into a contract with Warrensburg Emergency Squad for the year for \$30,000.00.

DISCUSSION – WARRENSBURG EMERGENCY SQUAD CONTRACT

Councilman Markey opened discussion asking if the payment to the squad could be broken down quarterly.

Supervisor Geraghty explained the contract asked for one lump sum, with payment due.

DISCUSSION – COOL INSURANCE CONTRACT

Councilman Markey opened discussion asking if this was the same kind of contract as last year. Supervisor Geraghty said yes, and he believes the Town has seen a reduction in its premiums.

Councilman Markey said he had discussion with one of the local insurance agents and he did know it was short timing when the policy is due to renew in two weeks; Councilman Markey asked if the Town could renew the policy and then cancel.

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Councilman Barlow explained if the Town cancels anything midterm they would take a short rate policy on the cancellation.

Discussion ensued on different articles the town gets RFP's for and the pros and cons on bidding the insurance now when the policy comes due in February and whether it is good to bid Insurance every year.

It was determined the Town might consider doing a RFP in October, Supervisor Geraghty will check to see if it is advisable to bid Insurance every year, if this allows the rating to be obtained that the Insurance companies need.

**RESOLUTION #41-09
AUTHORIZE COOL INSURANCE CONTRACT**

On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Barlow, the following resolution was ADOPTED by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Alexander	Aye
Councilman Barlow	Aye
Supervisor Geraghty	Aye
Councilman Markey	Nay
Councilman Ackley	Nay

IT IS RESOLVED to enter into an agreement with Cool Insurance for the year 2009-2010, with a renewal date of February, 2010.

**RESOLUTION #42-09
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS OUTLETS**

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

DISCUSSION – CREDIT CARDS FOR TAX COLLECTION

Supervisor Geraghty asked Town Clerk Combs to give the Town Board a brief status update on the credit card progress for tax collection.

Town Clerk Combs told the Town Board the current company the Town has tax collection software with, BAS, has made arrangements with Systems East, another software company to allow for credit card payments, electronic checks and debit card payments to be done on line, or in her office. Currently, tax bills can now be accessed through eGov.Basny.com, copies of bills can be printed out by property owners.

DISCUSSION – MILTON AVENUE BRIDGE

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion reporting the bid opening for the Milton Avenue Bridge is scheduled for April of 2009.

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DISCUSSION- TOWNS SEWER PROJECTS

Supervisor Geraghty reported with the proposed passing of the President's new stimulus package our three sewer projects are expected to be considered for funding, he has received two calls from different agencies, the ESF, and the USDA. Supervisor Geraghty said it looks like we are going to see something happening for funding for these projects.

RESOLUTION #43-09

PAY BILLS

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

IT IS RESOLVED, to pay the bills as outlined on Abstract #1-2009.

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Ackley, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk