

April 8, 2015

Work Session

6:30 PM

Supervisor Grant along with Council Members, Mohun, Frounick, Hoy and Gadd audited the Highway, General Fund and Special District claims. Superintendent Czworka discussed the plow/wing purchase. Asked if he did anything on the undercoating of the vehicles yet. Told no he hasn't. Mr. Czworka asked for permission to attend Highway School in June. He also noted that he was told that Ed Arnold will take electronics. Board members also discussed the transfer station and sludge matter.

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Regular Meeting

7:30 PM

Supervisor Grant declared the open and asked Council Member Mohun to lead the pledge to the flag. Present Council Members Gadd, Frounick, Hoy and Mohun. Superintendent Czworka excused.

Public Informational Meeting: Supervisor Grant addressed the residents present (approx. 75) noting that the purpose of this meeting was to get suggestions/ ideas on what to do with the transfer station. Town has been losing money (total of \$71,469.41) over the past 6 years. The concrete under the hopper is in need of repair. Would like public input as to keep the transfer station open and how to fund it or go with the county-wide pick-up program. Supervisor Grant turned the floor over to Councilman Hoy who explained the situation/County wide program which would cost all town property owners approx. \$19.82/month which allows for curb side pick-up for all residents of 5 bags and 1 large item/ week. The yearly cost is \$237.80 and would be assessed on the town/county tax bills. Resident concerns were: Biggest concern was they liked having the option of either using the transfer station or procuring their own vendor for pick-up; town has bad roads now, how much impact/damage heavy garbage trucks would do to town roads, would the town have to expend more money on the roads that they would keeping transfer station open by keeping some of that truck traffic off of town roads; people using the transfer station should be paying for it; with curb-side, have animals getting into it, paper, trash, end trash cans blowing around, who's going to clean it up; try to get more people to use it to get cheaper rates; consider adding a small surcharge on all tax bills to offset the costs, similar to the Attica library tax on the school tax bill; will there be more dumping on town roads; more burning of trash if go county wide. Supervisor thanked the residents for coming tonight, noted that will be another meeting in May and then a town wide vote. Residents complained of the short notice of this meeting. Info will be into out sooner, in the newspapers, also on the website and flyers around town. Town Board will have to decide one way or the other by the end of May, in order to get on the tax roll to begin January 1st should they decide to go with the county wide pick-up.

Minutes from February & March – There being no corrections/amendments, a motion was by Mohun/Gadd to accept the minutes as presented, voting all ayes carried.

Financial Matters:

General Fund claims #78-99 totaling \$11,338.09 presented. Motion made by Hoy/Gadd to approve the General Fund claims presented. Voting all ayes, carried.

Highway claims #43 - 57 in the amount of \$53,613.92 presented. Motion made by Mohun/Frounick to approve the Highway Fund claims. Voting all ayes, carried.

Special District Claims: Cowlesville Water District claims #18-19 totaling \$66.66 and **Cowlesville Street Lighting** claim #4 in the amount of \$190.73 presented. Motion made by Hoy/Gadd to approve the Special District claims, voting all ayes, carried.

Public concerns: John Perl reported that they had 72 children sign up for softball, asked if was possible to get a load of clay for the diamond. Supervisor Grant will inform the Highway Superintendent.

Departments: Supervisor Grant reported the FEMA application has been submitted. Should get a check from the Federal Government in 2-3 weeks and one from the state in 6-8 weeks.

Highway Superintendent Czworka has requested permission to attend Highway Superintendents school, June 1-3 in Ithaca. Motion made by Frounick/Hoy to allow Superintendent Czworka to attend highway school, voting all ayes, carried.

Annual Agreement with Wyoming County Highway to Spend Town Highway funds (\$663,700) on the 65.8 miles of town highway roads. This agreement has to be signed by all Council Members. Motion made by Mohun/Frounick to execute the agreement, voting all ayes, carried,

Supervisor Grant reported that Highway Superintendent Czworka is working on getting the plow/wing equipment.

Parks/Recreation: Councilman Frounick asked about procuring bids for the surplus lawn mower. Motion made by Mohun/Frounick to authorize the deputy clerk to advertise for bids on the 61"Pro-Cut mower, 28 horse with 489 hours on it. Voting all ayes, carried.

Supervisor Grant reported they had 50-60 kids at the Easter Egg hunt.

Correspondence;

Newsletter from Letchworth park of their Spring programs.

Notice from WCCHS (Wyoming Co. Community Health System) that the new Adult Day Health Care program is now open.

Certificates of insurance naming the Town of Bennington as additional insured received from Eugene Jaworski Contracting and David Home Builders.

Information from the Arts Council on their various programs.

Information from Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council on the Spring 2015 Regional Local Government Workshop scheduled for May 14th.

Notice of the Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Conference scheduled of May 6th at Houghton College.

Zoning Officer Reports of Zoning permits issued to date.

Supervisor's Financial Report – March 2015 – Supervisor Grant reported that most of the activity in the accounts was moving money into CD's etc. Motion made by Mohun/Hoy to accept the February financial report, voting all ayes, carried.

Old Business;

Website – Working with Kyle Dehley, intention is to get a website software that we can maintain possibly from North Shore Solutions.

Records Grant - due 4/14/15 - Internet access has been setup.

New Business:

Attica Central School has requested use of the Town Hall for their budget meeting on April 29th at 7PM. Motion made by Frounick/Hoy to allow them the use of the Town Hall, voting all ayes, carried.

Oatka Valley Snowmobiling Club – 2015/16 permission to cross town property. Motion made by Frounick/Hoy to allow the snowmobilers to cross town property during the 2015/16 season, voting all ayes, carried.

County Public Forums on future budgets/county services – Four (4) Special informational forum meetings are scheduled throughout the county. Closest to Bennington is Thursday, May 7th, 7:30 PM at the Attica Central School Auditorium. Public is encouraged to attend to engage in a discussion regarding the formulation of the 2016 county budget. Big part of the County's budget is the retirement. Short discussion held on the hospital, big portion of the budget.

CHIPS money – Superintendent Czworka attended a superintendent's meeting yesterday and the town will be getting \$164,672.64 (2015-16 apportionment) and \$24,496.85 (2015-16 Extreme Winter recovery apportionment) for a total of \$189,169.49.

Other matters to come before the Board – Ken Storch's wanted to "vent", biggest concern is the hospital, if can't find someone to buy it, close it.

Supervisor Grant reminded Board Members that there is an application for Board/Committee Appointments in their folders for their review.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Council Member Mohun to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 9:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Judith Brown. Deputy Clerk