

THE TOWN OF CHENANGO TOWN BOARD MET MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2011, AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING, 1529 N.Y. ROUTE 12, BINGHAMTON, N.Y.

PRESENT: Harold Snopek, Supervisor
Rhonda Pudiak, Councilperson
Gene Hulbert, Councilperson
Terry Kellogg, Councilperson

ABSENT: Russ Hemedinger, Councilperson

ALSO PRESENT: Donald G. Walls, Town Attorney
Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk
Mike Kwartler, Highway Superintendent
Jerry Marinich, County Legislator, 10th District

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Snopek requested that all present stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hulbert moved, seconded by Mr. Kellogg, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as prepared and presented. Motion carried.

BID OPENINGS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

OPEN HEARING

Mr. Snopek requested that those wishing to be heard should give their name and address and limit their remarks to five minutes.

As no one wished to be heard, the open hearing was declared closed.

COMMUNICATIONS: Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk

Mrs. Milks received an application for membership in the Chenango Bridge Fire Company for the Town Board's approval. The applicant is Thomas Boburka, who resides at 52 Hospital Hill Road.

Mrs. Pudiak moved, seconded by Mr. Kellogg, to accept Mr. Boburka as a member of the Chenango Bridge Fire Company. Motion carried.

Also, since Mrs. Milks was absent at the March meeting, she welcomed Terry Kellogg, newly appointed Town Board member, and she is looking forward to working with him.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Pudiak - Reporting for the Public Works Department for the month of March, the Chenango Heights well went down on March 25th. The wire running from the well house to the well (700 ft) failed, which in turn took out the well pump and the VFD control. All of the wire had to be replaced before we called in Layne Christenson on Saturday to replace the well pump. A bulldozer had to be used for getting the pump truck out of the well location.

The pipe work and floors were painted at the Northgate, Route 12A, and the Applewood well houses. This is part of our ongoing maintenance program.

The iron and sulfur treatment system at the Pennview well house is in need of replacement. Ramsco evaluated the situation and drafted a replacement system.

New 10 horsepower pumps were installed at the Quinn estates sewer pump station. This was done to aid in high flow situation, such as winter melt offs and heavy rains.

There were 8 after hours call outs.

20 sewer pumps were pulled to have blockages removed.

The influent pumps at the Pennview WWTP failed on Friday, March 18th. One pump had to be replaced and the other needed repair. While the pump work took place, we had the tank pumped out and the grit and grease deposits removed.

For the Safety Committee, the committee met in February and decided on the training for the year.

There are several State and Federally mandated trainings each year. At this time we have completed Alcohol and Drug policy training, Workplace Violence Prevention, and Sexual Harassment training. All employees are required to complete those.

The Public Works and Highway Departments are required to complete the Hearing Conservation Training which includes hearing evaluations done by Audiology Association and viewing a video on the decibel level and hours not to exceed before using ear protection and the correct choice of ear protection.

During our heavy rain in March, we were very concerned for the possibility of flooding. We have at least two areas, Carmichael Road and Prescott Road behind the Spot Restaurant, that have the potential of flooding and therefore evacuation. We were very glad that didn't happen. Mrs. Pudiak added, although nothing happened, Chenango Fire, Chenango Bridge Fire and she were talking and making plans. Chenango Fire was prepared to evacuate and open a shelter in their station. Chenango Bridge Fire would help with evacuation and set up a shelter if needed.

She is so proud of both of these Fire Companies and wants all of us to know that we are well protected.

Mr. Kellogg - For the Music in the Parks program, he confirmed that all eight concerts are booked now and he will have the list of performers to the Town offices and hopefully we will get that on our web site soon.

This year we talked about asking for some under writing from some local businesses to help out to defray costs for summer events. We have already had one offer of support from Dance Connection for one of the events. He prepared a flier to distribute for the music program.

We are planning to finalize the date for the sock hop event and are still looking for a performer for that.

For the insurance report, he received updated excel spread sheets from the Town departments for our drivers, equipment, and Town hall facilities, so we can update our insurance. We did have one damage claim that had to do with a fire hydrant being hit during one of the storms. He received comments back from our insurance carrier on that. Unfortunately it was struck by a Town vehicle on Town owned facility and they declined to cover that. He has a copy of the report.

Mr. Hulbert - The Highway Department for the month of March performed snow removal operations 9 times. The area received a total of 25.9" inches of snow for the month. Normal snowfall for the month is around 14.2" of snow. The third largest snowstorm on record occurred on the 6th to the 7th and in some areas up to 22" of snow was reported.

Catch basin inspections began on March 24th. This is a new requirement under the MS4 parameters. The tops of catch basins were cleaned off on the 9th and the 10th.

Chipping brush piles was done on 4 separate occasions. This was primarily winter storm damage that residents had put to the curbs.

The Highway Department cleaned the ditch line out on Edelweiss Lane. The weather returned to

below freezing temperatures so further ditch work was not possible.

Mailbox repairs were done on Clark, Deborah, East Hill, Greenmeadow, Highland, Hoffman, Jason, Matthew, Oak Hill, Trafford, White, and Wilson Hill Road.

The Highway Department spent several days hauling snow sand back to Broome County Highway Department. The Highway loads trucks when necessary at the Broome County Facility. The sand/salt mix needs to be replaced on an annual basis. The straight salt is taken from our stockpile at the Joint Facility located at the B.C. Highway Department.

The Highway Department cold-patched potholes on 8 separate occasions. Residents are reminded that while the hot-patch plants may open in April the temperatures are still not warm enough to facilitate driveway repairs. They will be done in the later part of May into June.

Street sweeping began on March 17th. We use a power broom in the hills and a street sweeper in the streets.

Tree removal was performed at the following locations: Brotzman, East Hill, Fox, Houdlum Hill, Patch, Perry and Terrace Ave.

Tree trimming was performed at the following locations: Brotzman, Hoffman, Maplewood, Palmer, Patch, Perry, Swift and Warner Roads.

The yard waste program resumed as of April 4th. The landfill will be open from Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Snopek - As Mr. Hemedinger is on vacation, there will be no Zoning Board or Planning Board report tonight.

We are going to be putting a newsletter on our website. Alice Ruby is doing this and it will be coming up the first of May. A lot of our employees have put their comments in and it will be interesting. It is the first time we have done this.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION SETTING DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (Local Law No.1 - Timber Harvesting) was offered by Mrs. Pudiak, seconded by Mr. Kellogg, and carried by the following roll call: 4 ayes, no nays, absent one,

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CURRENT RATES FOR OPENING AND CLOSING OF CEMETERY LOTS was offered by Mr. Kellogg, seconded by Mr. Hulbert, and carried by the following roll call: 4 ayes, no nays, absent one,

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY SUPERVISOR (Russell Hemedinger) was offered by Mr. Hulbert, seconded by Mrs. Pudiak, and carried by the following roll call: 4 ayes, no nays, absent one.

RESOLUTION SETTING DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS (consolidated water districts and consolidated sewer districts) was offered by Mrs. Pudiak, seconded by Mr. Kellogg, and carried by the following roll call: 4 ayes, no nays, absent one.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS (Wendell Energy Services LLC) was offered by Mr. Kellogg, seconded by Mr. Hulbert and carried by the following roll call: 4 ayes, no nays, absent one.

RESOLUTION AMENDING CODE OF TOWN OF CHENANGO (stop sign at Oak Drive and Highland Road) was offered by Mr Hulbert, seconded by Mrs. Pudiak, and carried by the following roll call: 4 ayes, no nays, absent one.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT (new truck for Water, Sewer and Parks Department) was offered by Mrs. Pudiak, seconded by Mr. Kellogg, and carried by the following roll call: 4 ayes, no nays, absent one.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PART TIME LABOR RATE IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT was offered y Mr. Kellogg, seconded by Mr. Hulbert, and carried by the following roll call: 4 ayes, no nays, absent one.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE AT SEMINAR (Nancy Schnurbusch, Tax Collector, at Lake Placid) was offered by Mr. Hulbert seconded by Mrs. Pudiak, and carried by the following roll call: 4 ayes, no nays, absent one.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

Being that there was no further business to discuss Mrs. Pudiak moved, seconded by Mr. Kellogg to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RHONDA D. MILKS, TOWN CLERK