

THE TOWN OF CHENANGO TOWN BOARD MET MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING, 1529 N.Y. ROUTE 12, BINGHAMTON, N.Y.

PRESENT: Harold Snopek, Town Supervisor  
Rhonda Pudiak, Councilperson  
Russ Hemedinger, Councilperson  
Gene Hulbert, Councilperson

ABSENT: Terry Kellogg, Councilperson

ALSO PRESENT: Donald G. Walls, Town Attorney  
Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk

#### 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. Hemedinger moved, seconded by Mrs. Pudiak, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as prepared and presented. Motion carried.

BID OPENINGS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (1) Proposed Code Changes

Mr. Snopek asked Mr. Walls to conduct the Public Hearing.

Mr. Walls said the subject of this Public Hearing is some technical changes to the Town of Chenango Code and there are three proposals.

(1) The first has to do with visibility at intersections and the previous code indicated that the triangular area formed by intersecting street lines would be 30' and this proposal amended it to 60', but he added that after consideration from the ordinance department it was decided to pull this proposal and not to recommend this.

Mr. Walls asked for questions and/or comments and as no one wished to speak this first proposal was closed.

The next has to do with a redefinition of a shopping center or a shopping plaza.

The existing ordinance said that a tract of land containing 3 or more store fronts should be considered a shopping plaza, and the Ordinance Department recommends it be amended to read 2 or more stores be considered a shopping plaza.

There were no questions on this proposal.

The third and last amendment has to do with the ordinance that requires side walks to be clear of ice and snow. We all know that the Price Chopper has an intersection on Route 12, cars can enter there, and they put in a new side walk at this intersection up Theresa Blvd. This ordinance says that area is included under the ordinance, so the shopping plaza owners are responsible to maintain that, keeping it clear of ice and snow.

As no one had a question or comment, the Public Hearing was declared closed.

#### 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

Merlin Folmsbee, our Dog Control Officer, received a nice thank you from Kathy Wright from N.Y.S. Agriculture and Markets for helping her with a situation with a Town of Maine dog that a Town of Chenango resident had picked up to rescue. According to N.Y.S, it was still a Town of Maine dog and it was their responsibility to take care of the situation, but they refused to come get the dog. Kathy from N.Y.S. asked Merlin if he would help her out by taking the dog to the Humane Society. We are so fortunate to have Mr. Folmsbee as our Dog Control Officer. He is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and responds any time he is needed. His devotion is like no other.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Hemedinger - For the Planning Board scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup>, on the agenda under new business:

The Buffalo Inn - 700 Castle Creek Road, application for site plan update

Mavis Tire Company (Richard Pierce) formerly Corey's, application for site plan update

Pavlik Photography Studio - James Pavlik, 604 River Road, application for site plan commercial re-occupancy

Advisory opinion/referrals:

Gregory Patinka - 16 S. Morningside Dr, amended application for area variance for a driveway with less than required side yard setback from 10' to 0'.

Joseph Cordisco, 720 Castle Creek Road, application for an area variance to construct an accessory building with less than required side yard setback from 15' to 1'.

Mrs. Pudiak - The Public Works Department for November 2011 reports the Hickory Road water main project was completed and most of the restoration was also completed.

A new in-line valve was installed on the Cherry Lane water main.

An Eagle Scout marked all of the trails at Wolfe Park with new plastic markers, and also shifted one of the trails to a dryer area.

A new valve was installed on the Cherry Lane water main. This was done to allow better isolation during water breaks.

The Broome County Health Department performed the annual inspection of the Town owned water systems. No problems or issues were found.

The Chenango Bridge Park concession stand was cleaned out and pressure washed. This was part of the flood cleanup.

Personnel removed gravel and other debris from the Castle Creek Civic site.

There were (7) after hour emergency call outs.

The new water meter reading system was used and bills sent out at the end of the month. Very few issues arose during this new process.

Mr. Hulbert - The Highway Department performed the following operations during the month of November 2011:

The Highway Department concluded its yard waste program and shifted its focus onto the leaf pick-up program. The primary difference is that scheduled chipping is no longer performed on a weekly basis. Chipping will be done when the demand warrants dispatching the equipment.

A catch basin on Clarendon Drive was cleaned out and the tops of each basin were cleaned of fallen leaves town wide. A catch basin was rebuilt at 10 Penny St.

Ditches were cleaned on Dimmock Hill Road, Dorman, Fox, and Parsons Roads. Dorman, Fox, and Parsons were ditched due to flood damage. A washed out ditch line was repaired on Ransom Road.

Major crossover drainage pipes that were damaged during the September flooding were replaced, one at 28 Aitchison Road and the other at 145 Dorman Road.

The Highway Department began hauling snow sand to the storage lot in Castle Creek.

Mailboxes were repaired at 28 Aitchison Road and 145 Dorman Road, as they were damaged during the removal and restoration of the crossover drainage pipes.

Hot mix patching continued due to the mild temperatures that the area is experiencing.

Snow reflectors have begun to be installed. If a resident would like them installed along their property lines they need to contact the Highway Department and request them. The snow reflectors are no longer delineator posts, but are thinner and more flexible and economical posts purchased through the NYS OGS discount at Lowes.

The road edge of Van Etten Road was dug out and repaired with blacktop.

A sluice pipe was replaced on Dorman Road.

Minor washouts and road repairs were made on Brotzman, Fox, Houdlum Hill, Mix, Oak Hill, Swift Roads and PennView Drive.

The Highway Department also prepped trucks and equipment for winter weather and winterized the summer equipment, which was then placed into storage.

Mr. Snopek - Mr. Snopek reminded every one that the no on-street parking ordinance became effective 11/15/11 and continues through 4/15/2012.

## RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 (Local Law regulating timber harvesting in the Town of Chenango) was offered by Mr. Hemedinger, seconded by Mrs. Pudiak. The roll call that followed was no ayes, 4 nays, absent one.

Mr. Walls stated that this resolution was not approved, proposed Local Law 1 failed.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 2 (a local law for commercial well drilling and selling of water) was offered by Mrs. Pudiak, seconded by Mr. Hulbert. The roll call that followed was no ayes, 4 nays, absent one.

Mr. Walls stated that this resolution was not approved, proposed Local Law 2 failed.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRING OF ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (John Thomas Snyder, on-call wingman) was offered by Mr. Hulbert, seconded by Mr. Hemedinger, and carried by the following roll call: 4 ayes, no nays, absent one.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

The Town Board wished all a very Merry Christmas.

Being that there was no further business to discuss Mr. Hulbert moved, seconded by Mrs. Pudiak, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk

