

THE TOWN OF CHENANGO TOWN BOARD MET MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2011, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING, 1529 ROUTE 12, BINGHAMTON, N.Y.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Donald G. Walls, Town Attorney]
Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk
Mike Kwartler, Highway Superintendent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mrs. Turna 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: None

OPEN HEARING

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

John Barrett, Stever Drive, said he noticed in the resolutions for tonight there is one for establishing office of Deputy Supervisor and wondered what is the reason for this?

Mrs. Turna said we've had it every year. It is an organizational resolution and Mr. Snopek has been the deputy for several years. It is just in case she isn't here he runs the meetings and also has authority to sign checks if she isn't here, so there are two people to do that.

Mike Linville, Clark Avenue, wished to thank the Parks and Cemetery staff for taking such good care of the cemeteries. Kattelville always looks so nice and they do a real good job .

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk

Mrs. Milks received notice from the N.Y.S. D O T regarding a speed reduction on West Chenango Road. It has been determined that the current speed limit of 55 MPH is the appropriate speed limit for this segment of highway.

On December 27th she received notice from Margaritas Cantina at 1166 Front Street that they were applying to the N.Y.S. Liquor Authority to renew their license to sell alcohol.

The big news in the Town Clerk's Office this month is that we mailed notice to every resident in the Town to notify them that any dog over the age of four months is required by N.Y.State Law to be licensed. The cards were mailed in mid December and as of today we have had 325 new dogs licensed. It has kept us very busy but the people who took this opportunity to license their dogs were not charged the additional \$25.00 fee for having an unlicensed dog. We are pleased with the result we have had. We have now started licensing under the new law so all renewals will come from the Town instead of New York State. All dogs licensed in the Town will have a Town of Chenango tag.

Mrs. Milks wished every one a Happy New Year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Hemedinger - The Highway Department, during the month of December, performed snow removal operations 13 times. The area received a total of 32.6" of snow for the month.

Christmas trees can be placed curbside with all the tinsel and decorations removed. The Highway Department will dispatch its chipper truck to chip the trees curbside.

Ditch cleaning was done on Dimmock Hill Road, Perry Road and Hillside Drive.

The Highway Department fixed mailboxes that were damaged during plow operations on Heights Court, Jacobs Highway and Palmer Road. The Town repairs mailboxes that were damaged. The Highway Department will try to fix a broken mailbox as quickly as possible but residents need to be aware that those repairs will not be made until after the snow event is over.

New stop signs were installed on 34 roads in the Town. The Highway Department is currently taking old stop signs and putting newer faces on them. The new faces are in compliance with the new reflective regulations. A new stop sign costs \$32.00 each and a face costs \$19.00. This is a savings of \$12.00 per sign, approximately 30% savings.

Tree removal was performed at the following locations: Broad Acres, Brotzman, Carmichael, Hillside, Poplar Hill, Port, VanKuren Dr. Tree trimming took place on Ethel Street, Ruth

Street, and Willette Park Road.

Residents are reminded that if they have lawn damage from Town snow plows to notify the Highway Department and they will be put on a list to have the repairs taken care of in the spring.

Mrs. Pudiak - For the year 2011, the committees she will chair are Public Works, which includes sewer, water, parks and cemeteries and the Safety Committee.

Mr. Snopek - Reporting for the Public Works Department for December 2010, they found a water leak at 8 Prescott Road. They also repaired a water break at 26 Hoffman Drive and 12 Sandy Lane.

Several road cuts were dug out and the highway paved.

A hydrant leak was discovered at 10 Hoffman Drive. Grit and debris caused the pressure switch to fail at the Maplewood water tank causing the water to overflow.

Three 25' Jersey barriers were placed at the Caste Creek Civic Association. This will help prevent water damage to the little league fence and field.

The Parks crew sanded and painted the dump truck box, bumper and other exterior items.

There were 7 after hours call-outs.

Mr. Hulbert - For the special events committee, the Music in the Parks program for 2011 will be scheduled as in the past years, during July and August, and also the sock hop will be scheduled again for 2011.

There was one insurance claim involving a plow truck, the claim was settled and all is good with that.

Mrs. Milks added that the Christmas party for our residents young and old in December was a huge success and wished to thank all who helped us out in so many ways. We had nice music, goodies and gifts for the children.

Mrs. Turna - Every one received their tax bills and if you notice the percentage increase this is a major error in the Town tax. The Town tax went up less than one cent and it said this percentage was 286%. The dollar amount is about the same as last year. When she got hers last Friday she looked at it and thought the numbers were wrong, but the amounts are right, it's just the percentage that is an error.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWN OF CHENANGO OFFICER AND EMPLOYEE AND SETTING 2011 SALARY SCHEDULE offered by Mr. Hemedinger, seconded by Mrs. Pudiak

and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WORK RULES was offered by Mrs. Pudiak, seconded by Mr. Snopek, and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING OFFICE OF DEPUTY SUPERVISOR was offered by Mr. Snopek, seconded by Mr. Hulbert, and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARY FOR TOWN HISTORIAN was offered by Mr. Hulbert, seconded by Mr. Hemedinger, and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION SETTING DATE FOR ANNUAL AUDIT was offered by Mr. Hemedinger, seconded by Mrs. Pudiak, and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION APPROVING ENGINEERING CONTRACT was offered by Mrs. Pudiak, seconded by Mr. Snopek, and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION SETTING TOWN BOARD MEETING DATES 2011 was offered by Mr. Snopek, seconded by Mr. Hulbert, and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BANK DEPOSITORIES, OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE TOWN AND AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO INVEST MONEYS AND ESTABLISHING CLAIMS AND AUDIT PROCEDURES was offered by Mr. Hulbert, seconded by Mr. Hemedinger, and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE AT THE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS MEETING was offered by Mr. Hemedinger, seconded by Mrs. Pudiak, and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO RENT EQUIPMENT was offered by Mrs. Pudiak, seconded by Mr. Snopek, and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES BY THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL was offered by Mr. Snopek, seconded by Mr. Hulbert, and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, absent none.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING PROPERTY TAX CAP was offered by Mr. Hulbert, seconded by Mr. Hemedinger, and carried by the following roll call: 5 ayes no nays, absent none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

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

Respectfully submitted,

RHONDA D. MILKS, TOWN CLERK