

THE TOWN OF CHENANGO TOWN BOARD MET MONDAY, JULY 18, 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  
Russell Hemedinger, Councilperson

ALSO PRESENT: Donald G. Walls, Town Attorney  
Lizanne Korinek, Deputy Town Clerk  
Mike Kwartler, Highway Superintendent

ABSENT: Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk  
Gene Hulbert, Councilperson  
Terry Kellogg, Councilperson

#### 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: 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.

Dick Trebilcock, Smith Hill Road, asked a question in regards to Doug's Fish Fry that comes to our Town on occasion, getting a free permit to sell their food, but never has a sign whose benefit they are sponsoring. They give a percentage of their proceeds to benefit many organizations, but they don't display what organization it is benefitting. They set up at Harley Davidson a lot, how do we know Harley Davidson isn't getting the benefit?

Mr. Snopek said we don't know, other than the fact that they do have to register with the Ordinance Department and it is also in the Good Times, where they are going to be and who they are benefitting. We've discussed this and encourage the schools, scouts, etc. to raise money themselves. It is a touchy situation.

There was further discussion on this matter. Also Mr. Hemedinger talked to Mr. Geisenhof in the Ordinance Department and they do pay a small fee and we can suggest they put up a sign, but there are restrictions on the size of signs.

Daryl Hartzell, 20 Pembroke Drive, said she agrees with that, she would like to see a sign saying who is profiting from that.

Mr. Hemedinger said we'll make that a part of our check list and recommend that they put up a sign who is profiting each time they set up to sell their fish fry.

Mary Minacci, 23 Woodland Drive, commended the Town on how nice the flower barrels look. It looks like some of the barrels had been robbed of their flowers and Mr. Snopek said some of them are missing some flowers, about 8 to 10 of them. They removed some of the worse looking barrels.

Ben Perkus, 1617 N.Y. Route 12, said he noticed a sign in the area of Hider Park regarding gas

lease area and wondered if the Town of Chenango was considering any zoning for drilling in this area?

Mr. Snopak said he is not up on this 100% but does know you cannot put up a well within 500 feet from a residence so basically any place around this area would be off limits. Mr. Walls is working with other attorneys in the County to come up with a reasonable plan, nothing has been done yet about gas leasing. No permits have been issued .

Mr. Walls said we are working on a uniform agreement in all Towns rather than different rules for each Town. All the Attorneys in the Towns and County are working on this. We have a meeting once a month, all the municipal attorneys, and a public hearing will be necessary and it will be advertised when that will be.

Mrs. Hartzell spoke on the same topic, saying she saw a video about the Town of Chenango, welcoming new property owners to our scenic beauty and rolling hills, and 500 feet is really not adequate. A lot of people are concerned about having a beautiful environment and it remaining pleasant for their families.

Mr. Walls said he is sure the issue will be aired before anything happens. It will be a little while yet, but he is sure it will have to be confronted.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Lizanne Korinek, Deputy Town Clerk

Town of Chenango resident, Mr Hanley, called to let us know that his drive down Front Street last Monday was so pleasant, as the flower barrels looked so beautiful.

A little update on our Town Clerk, Rhonda Milks. She finally had her surgery on her broken elbow and arm and as of this morning she is doing well and on the mend. Hopefully after her doctor's visit on Wednesday, she may return to work light duty part time. We'll keep you all informed.

There is one candidate for membership in the Chenango Fire Department, Melissa Conklin.

Mrs. Pudiak moved to accept this candidate into membership, Mr Hemedinger seconded the motion and it was carried 3 ayes, no nays, absent two.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Hemedinger - For the Planning Board meeting under new business, SSR POWERSPORTS, Michael Lumsden, application for Site Plan Update for 30' x 100' commercial addition.

LORI ASHLEY SALON, Lori Morgan, application for site plan review.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, 740 River Road, application to amend the use variance from the stipulated time for the led message board sign in a residential area.

DOUGLAS HEATH, 32 Daniel Drive, application for a double area variance for the expansion of a pre-existing non-conforming use exceeding the maximum square footage for a detached garage from 725' to 2296' and exceeding the maximum number allowed for detached garage from 1 to 2.

CHRISTOPHER AND TRACIE SMITH, 440 Dunham Hill Road, application for multiple area variance to construct a detached garage with less than required side yard setback.

CHRISTOPHER PELTO, 1330 Upper Front street, application for an interpretation of non conforming uses and possible multiple area variances.

MICHAEL LUMSDEN, 273 East Hill Road, application for an area variance to place an accessory building in front of the principle use.

The last 5 mentioned will go to the Zoning Board.

Mrs. Pudiak - For the Parks Department and Public Works, the Music in the Parks program has begun and is going well. Mowing in the parks and striping of fields is on going.

The new belt press has been installed at the Northgate Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Meter readings were started early because the new meters have begun to be installed throughout the Town. Approximately 500 meters have been installed to date. If you have not made an appointment as yet, please call 1-800-557-3088, In Line Services.

We have flushed hydrants in Chenango Heights, Morningside and on all dead ends. Curb boxes have been repaired.

One of our employees, Rick Fendick, had surgery last Friday and is doing well. We want to wish him a speedy recovery.

For the Safety Committee, on August 11, we will be providing training for our employees on Right To Know - Material Safety Data Sheets personal protective equipment and hearing conservation. These trainings are all mandated yearly.

The Town has been registered with the State to use the LENS (License Event Notification System). This system is free. We are notified if any action has occurred with our employees licenses, if they re-new, get a ticket, and especially lose their license. Mrs. Pudiak recently verified all employees have valid licenses.

Mr. Hulbert - Absent from this meeting, but submitted the following report via E-Mail to the Town Clerk's Office.

The Highway Department performed the following operations during the month of June 2011:

June received 4.33" of rain. This was only .53" above normal. This has allowed the Highway Department to begin catching up on road projects.

Driveway repairs were started as well as normal pothole patching.

Lawn damage repairs were completed within the first two weeks of June.

Catch basins were cleaned on Arbutus, Columbine, Councilman, Dorman, Savitch, and Thistle. Catch basins were rebuilt on Arbutus Lane, Columbine, and Maye Street.

Ditch digging was done on Brotzman, Fuller, Hand, Jessie, Poplar Hill, Port, Ransom, and VanKuren. Shoulders were cut on Dorman Road.

Drainage pipes were replaced on Port Road and So. Morningside Dr. Upgrades to existing drainage systems were done on Poplar Hill Road and Columbine Drive.

Sluice pipes were replaced on Dimmock Hill Road, Oak Hill, Swift and Treadwell Roads. A new sluice pipe extension was added to the driveway at 184 Swift Road.

The department hauled wood chips from the Sewer Department to the landfill. #1A stone was hauled to the lot in Castle Creek to stockpile for future work.

Storm debris removal with the sweeper and power broom was done again during the first part of the month due to the severe thunderstorm from the previous month.

Washouts and water damages were repaired throughout the month. Signs were repaired on Wilson Hill Road and Elizabeth Street

There were two mailbox repairs on Trafford Road and Wilson Hill Road.

Roadside mowing has been ongoing. The entire town has been mowed at least one time.

June 10, 2011, Federal Disaster Declaration was issued for the spring storms. This included Broome County. The Highway Department attended the initial meeting and submitted a RPA (Request for Public Assistance). Although the Town of Chenango's continued drainage improvements held up remarkably well there was some damage sustained. The Town will be eligible to be reimbursed for 87.5% of covered expenses.

Mr Snopek - No report except to say he will be at the meeting on Thursday on tobacco-free open spaces.

## RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE AT SEMINAR (Tom Geisenhof, Assessor/Code Officer, Introduction to Farm Appraisal) was offered by Mr Hemedinger, seconded by Mrs. Pudiak, and carried by the following roll call: 3 ayes, no nays, absent 2.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE AT SEMINAR (Tom Geisenhof, Assessor/Code Officer and Michael Pecha, Code Enforcement Officer, NYS Building Code training classes at B.U.) was offered by Mrs. Pudiak, seconded by Mr. Hemedinger, and carried by the following roll call: 3 ayes, no nays, absent 2.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2011 APPROPRIATION FOR KID'S STUFF PROGRAM AND HANDICAPPED PROGRAM was offered by Mr. Hemedinger, seconded by Mrs. Pudiak, and carried by the following roll call: 3 ayes, no nays, absent 2.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lizanne Tiesi Korinek, Deputy Town Clerk