

March 13,2012

The monthly meeting was held at 7PM in the Town Hall

Present were: Supervisor	Steve Breneman
Councilmen:	Sharon Eltz
	Jeff Smith
	Riley Closson
	Nancy Elwood
Town Clerk:	April Law
Highway Superintendent:	Jim Smith
Planning Board Chair:	Kathryn Elwood

Also present: Town Historian Beth Hummel

Steve opened the meeting at 7PM with Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Prior to the meeting The Board members read copies of the minutes

MOTION:“Accept minutes of meeting as written”

Made by Sharon Eltz, 2nd by Riley Closson

Votes Cast:	Sharon Eltz	Aye	
	Jeff Smith	Aye	
	Riley Closson	Aye	
	Nancy Elwood	Aye	carried

Prior to the meeting The Board members reviewed Accountant’s Report

Sharon asked if this report shows that we really don’t have that much money in the Building Reserves. The report shows the Equipment Reserve is down next to nothing.

MOTION:“Accept Accountant’s Report as presented”

Made by Sharon Eltz, 2nd by Jeff Smith

Votes Cast:	Sharon Eltz	Aye	
	Jeff Smith	Aye	
	Riley Closson	Aye	
	Nancy Elwood	Aye	carried

Prior to the meeting the Councilmen reviewed, discussed and signed Vouchers

MOTION:Pay Highway Vouchers for a Total of: \$7,832.57

Made by Sharon Eltz, 2nd by Jeff Smith

Votes Cast:	Sharon Eltz	Aye	
	Jeff Smith	Aye	
	Riley Closson	Aye	
	Nancy Elwood	Aye	carried

MOTION: Pay General Fund Vouchers for a Total of: \$2,176.04

Made by Sharon Eltz, 2nd by Jeff Smith

Votes Cast:	Sharon Eltz	Aye	
	Jeff Smith	Aye	
	Riley Closson	Aye	
	Nancy Elwood	Aye	carried

Total Funds disbursed was: \$10,008.61

INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Steve started out by saying he is not happy with the job Dean has done as Dog Control Officer. He has talked to him numerous times and is given many promises, but Dean fails to follow through. Dean did not do the Dog Enumeration and has lost the "Overdue" Dog list twice. Dean told Steve he would have to come see the Town Clerk for another copy. Steve said he is tired of dealing with him and Nancy agreed that it sounds he does not want to do it. Steve and Sharon met with Jim Lynch on Friday and he is interested and willing to fill the position. Steve and Sharon both liked him and think he will do a good job. Jeff asked if he had knowledge of the Dog Laws, to which Steve and Sharon replied he seems to have some knowledge about dogs and the procedures. Jim added that Pitcher had just let Dean go as their Dog Control Officer and Steve was pretty sure he heard Cincinnatus had gotten rid of him as well. The Board agreed to send a letter along with a final check to Dean on Friday relieving him of his duties. Sharon brought up the point that he had not done any calls this year do we pay him for 2 months. Jeff suggested we pay Dean for 2 ½ months just to be sure all days worked are accounted for. The Voucher will be submitted at next meeting. The town will also notify Jim Lynch of his appointment as the new Dog Control Officer for Traylor by mail.

MOTION: Relieve Dean Catlin from his position as Dog Control Officer

Made by: Sharon Eltz, 2nd by Jeff Smith

Votes Cast:	Sharon Eltz	Aye	
	Jeff Smith	Aye	
	Riley Closson	Aye	
	Nancy Elwood	Aye	carried

MOTION: Appoint Jim Lynch as new Dog Control Officer

Made by Sharon Eltz, 2nd by Jeff Smith

Votes Cast:	Sharon Eltz	Aye	
	Jeff Smith	Aye	
	Riley Closson	Aye	
	Nancy Elwood	Aye	carried

Steve brought up the issue with the Upton's and their dog. He has spoken to her and said she is a very nice woman who readily admits she is responsible for the bill. She informed Steve she would be contacting the SPCA to have the bill changed into her name. Steve did try to follow up with a phone call to see if this had been done, but got no answer. Steve felt the phone call went well with her and hopes this situation will be taken care of. Sharon mentioned that she did deny the letter sent to her via Certified Mail.

Steve asked the Board if they had a chance to review the list of Code violations given out to be enforced by the new CEO. Steve pointed out that this was all up for discretion and could be discussed and taken

care of at the next meeting. Jeff said he had some slight issues with a couple that seem strict for living in the country. There was a short discussion about when Permits are needed. Steve pointed out some of it is mandatory and some is things Michael has come up with. Steve wanted the Board to really look it over and we will discuss it at the next meeting. Sharon asked Steve to explain to the Board the Rules regarding abandoned buildings. Steve explained how it is a State mandate that they need to be boarded up and have a sign that tells the public not to enter. Steve used the fallen down house at the Stop sign as an example. These signs are also put in place to let Firefighters know that there is no viable life and not to enter in the case of a fire. These signs are \$25.00 a piece which the Town will pay for and then should be billed to the land owner. If the bill is not paid it can be added to their tax bill. Sharon added that Michael could explain it better.

Steve has gotten figures from Debbie regarding the Judicial Grant. The deadline has passed and from Debbie's accounting we have \$4100.66 to send back. Steve added that when talking with Debbie he mentioned that the 2 rooms in this building that were remodeled could be taken out. Steve suggested \$500.00 be put towards materials for those projects. The Board agreed this would be a good total, leaving \$3600.66 to be returned. Steve said he would notify them and let them know what we are doing.

MOTION: Return \$3600.66 from Judicial Grant to the State

Made by Sharon Eltz, 2nd by Jeff Smith

Votes Cast:	Sharon Eltz	Aye	
	Jeff Smith	Aye	
	Riley Closson	Aye	
	Nancy Elwood	Aye	carried

Steve then spoke briefly about the difficulty we are having with DEC over hunting license sales. We are still unable to sell licenses. Last week they called and said they had received our application, but page 1 was missing. They faxed over page 1 and it has to be mailed back, it will not be accepted via Fax. DEC has been difficult throughout this ordeal and nasty on the phone. Steve pointed out we are 2 weeks away from the start of fishing season. We will let it go until Friday, if we don't hear anything we will tell them their equipment can be picked up outside at their convenience. We are hoping this will get the situation resolved in a timely manner. Steve pointed out the \$.50 a license we receive is not worth this hassle.

Sharon then spoke briefly about concern over the light poles that went up on Potter Hill. She was asked by someone if we as a Town asked permission before they went up or should we have been. Jeff answered no, stating it is not in the Town's right away or it better not be. Steve asked for measurements about right away's. Jim answered stating 24 ½ feet from the center line is the Town's right away. Short discussion followed.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT:

Kathryn handed out copies of the finished surveys in the Pudney sub-division. She explained it was on 2 sheets because she couldn't get it all one and she wanted the Board to see that all Planning Board members had signed it. They had a meeting the 29th with no new business.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Jim stated we have to do something about a mower. Kennedy's, a dealer in Williamstown, has a used 3 point hitch 451 in real good shape for \$1850.00. This is like the one Cincinnatus rented and the same as we had. We bought ours 13 years ago. Jim understands this is a lot of money and would like to get caught back up, but would like to go look at it. Steve told him to check it out and see if it is something

we could use. Tomorrow they are going to start moving sand. There was a short discussion about sanding this season. They got the tractor in and serviced, got the loader in today and they are going to service the ditch digger. We have Cincinnatus's wood chipper here to use. Steve thanked Jim for cleaning the brush up in the cemetery. Jim said they had to chip it because it wouldn't burn. Steve joked he didn't use enough tires. Jim asked if we were going to insulate the other side of the garage and if so they can start working on cleaning that out on rainy days. Steve said he was assuming yes that is the plan. Jim mentioned that he had spoken with Andy Hull who knows someone who would do it for \$1.00 a square foot cheaper. Sharon reminded him we have to have 3 bids. Jim said whenever we are ready he will get the man's name and have him give us a bid on it. Sharon added that the insulation we have had done has really been worth it. Jim stated we should have a lot of coal left this season. Jim is still very pleased with the heating system. Steve ended telling Jim to go check out the mower that was discussed earlier.

CLERK'S REPORT:

This month there was no sales for DEC, I did license 1 new dog this month giving the town \$6.00 and Cortland County \$1.00. In Collection of Taxes I received \$17,117.75 and another \$176.09 in interest. I wrote a check to Steve Breneman for the \$176.09 and another check to Cortland County Treasurer's Office for \$40,000.00. Making total for funds disbursed \$40,176.09. I have made copies of both these checks on the back of my report. I got a bank statement that reflects we have earned \$18.91 in interest so far to date. Sharon brought up a conversation regarding Dog License expiration. As it stands now all licenses expire on the last day of August. If someone buys a license earlier in the year their license will expire in August along with everyone else's. Steve used this last sale as an example, he bought it in February and it will expire in August. The Board agrees that they should be good for one year from purchase. The Clerk was asked if this would be any more work to which she responded no. When Jim originally set up the dog program he stated that it would be easier if we did it by the month. A Resolution needs to be made up for next month's meeting for the Board to review and vote on.

Nancy stated she would like to know what is going on with the trailer on Cheningo Solon Pond Road. She stated that they called her up one night and wanted to know if Rollan could come up and move it, they did not get involved. Steve answered he really didn't know what was going on with that trailer. They have not followed up on anything they said they would do. April sat here for over a half hour on Saturday waiting for them to drop off a check to pay for the building permit and they never showed. There was some discussion as to the age of the trailer. It has to be made after 1975 and not have Aluminum wiring. Michael Andersen reported that the only thing he could see was a sticker on the window stating it was approved glass for 1975. Which leads him to believe the trailer was manufactured in 1975. There was a short discussion involving another resident who wanted to move a trailer down by the pond. Jim pointed out that if it is going to be used for storage the bathroom and kitchen have to be ripped out. Sharon added that they have stated that these have been removed, but it has not been proven. Mike has not been in the trailer, but Sharon was witness to them telling Mike these had been removed. We have been told that they were up again this last weekend and were sleeping in it. Steve brought up a little shed up Hawley Woods Road that was to be used as storage and Larry gave them an Occupancy Certificate. Kathryn asked if we found out who transported the trailer and Steve replied yes, Mike needs to call them and see if they have the needed information. Mike is still working on resolving this issue.

Steve took a minute to express to the new Town Clerk what a tremendous job she is doing. The minutes are just great and phone messages get relayed right away. When he has a question he gets an answer

quickly or she gets right to finding the answer, very, very good job so far. The Town Clerk responded with a heartfelt Thank You.

Jim wanted to add that the County has bought land for 2 more towers. They had 2 locations that wanted too much for rent so they went up on Knickerbocker's and somewhere by Gutches. So now out of the 8 towers that will be running this system, they will have built 7 of them. David Fuller said now they know what to charge others if they want to piggyback there towers.

MOTION:To adjourn meeting was made by Nancy Elwood, 2nd by Sharon Eltz...carried

Respectfully Submitted,

April D. Law
Town Clerk