

June 9, 2014

The regular monthly meeting was held at 7pm at the Town Hall

Present were: Supervisor: Steve Breneman
Councilmen: Joey Pudney
Theodore Law Jr
Riley Closson

Town Clerk: April Law
Highway Super: Roy Eltz
Code Officer: Mike Andersen

Absent:
Planning Board Chair: Kathryn Elwood
Accountant: Debbie Fisher
Councilmen: Jeff Smith

Also present: Historian Beth Hummel, Marie Peri, Legislator Charlie Sudbrink and Nancy Bauer

Steve opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Charlie addressed the Board about the ash for trash program and explained the reason he had questioned flow control was due to the County having to do a 10 year management plan. They have to figure out how much garbage they take in plus the percentage of recycling and show an overall tonnage. He reported that they do not have a solid number. They can say what the County brings in but they cannot tell DEC what they produce in total. He explained that the more we send the more ash we get back which would produce greater revenue. Steve asked if we would be receiving ash other than Cortland County and

Charlie said yes Onondaga too. Steve asked if they still pay us for the ash and he said yes. They want a specific amount of it so they can be considered "at maximum capacity". Charlie said right now they only accept trash from Onondaga and would have to change their Laws to add Cortland County. He said right now we are making 23,000.00 tons a year and they want 40,000.00 which would put them at maximum capacity. Steve said well obviously the numbers you gave them initially were satisfactory or they wouldn't have gone as far as they did and Charlie agreed. It is beneficial to them to have a place that is 50 miles closer. Steve said he felt that it was a way for the Legislators to hose the business men. Riley said it would be cheaper than dumping it with tipping fees to just keep it here. Charlie stated that they will still take tipping fees even if ash for trash goes through plus the profit off the ash. He added that there was probably no reason they can't drop them \$10.00 in some cases. Riley said if the deal goes through you should lower the tipping fees and more people will come increasing the tonnage then you are making the money off Onondaga County. Charlie said Seneca Meadows always gave around 50 but might be a little lower like 45 and they are farther so this will save them even on fuel. He added that he is not a fan of flow control and has been asking many Board members. Riley said it seemed pretty simple in his eyes keep the tonnage here and saves them money and we get to participate, everyone wins. Charlie said it will not be a million dollar surplus a year and said that is just a fairy tale. Riley said if we broke even that would be nice and Charlie said the way it is set up right now it will be profitable but now a million dollars a year. The County right now has 450,000.00 a year deficit which is spent on something's that are not necessary. He said there is \$2-300,000.00 worth of equipment sitting there just for solid waste. He added that the budget allotted \$181,000.00 a year just to dig the shale which isn't really shale anymore they are down to bedrock. He said that all that would be gone switching to this setup and said they found out they could have been hauling a few loads of the ash down every day to cover the landfill, instead of

shale, but DEC hasn't approved it for cover right now. Steve said it is mismanagement. Charlie said it is the same things with tires and all he hears is we don't want tires. He said he has never heard of a landfill not taking tires and Seneca Meadows takes our (Cortland County) tires and they grind them up for bud (?) another approved cover material. He said buy a \$50,000.00 grinder take the tires in and grind them at the landfill using them as cover in place of the shale. He said a lot of it doesn't make any sense to him and he has always worked in the private sector but feels that is really bad. There is no reason to be doing all the digging and taking the bedrock out when we could be taking money in and using it for cover and Riley added that it saves them from ending up on the dirt roads too. Steve asked if he had anything else and Charlie said that on Thursday they will be passing 11 new Laws. Steve joked asking if they were doing it legally this time. Charlie said all the Laws from 2008 that were illegally passed will be redone Thursday night and Steve asked if they were getting pizzas for the occasion. He finished up saying they are still looking for a Highway Superintendent and Steve asked if that decision was being made soon. He said yes within a couple weeks they are hoping by the 26th that they can find somebody. They are desperate for a PE but he personally feels that a Superintendent and a PE are two completely different occupations. He added that there are 11 Superintendents in New York State that are PE's and said maybe down in Manchester County they need one, but not here. Charlie said everyone likes to complain up there but nobody wants to break the mold and they just want it the same because it so much easier. He welcomed anyone that wanted to come to a committee meeting or legislative to come on up. He said that was all he had and he really didn't have much new but everything moves slowly. Steve thanked him for his time and said good luck.

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

MOTION: "Accept minutes of meeting as written"

Made by Riley Closson, 2nd by Tj Law

Votes cast: Riley Closson
 Joey Pudney
 TJ Law **carried**

MOTION: “Accept Accountant’s report as written”

Made by Riley Closson, 2nd by Joey Pudney

Votes cast: Riley Closson
 Joey Pudney
 TJ Law **carried**

Prior to the meeting the Councilmen reviewed, discussed and signed vouchers.

MOTION: Pay Highway Vouchers for a total of: \$4,930.92

Made by Riley Closson, 2nd by Tj Law

Votes cast: Riley Closson
 Joey Pudney
 TJ Law **carried**

MOTION: Pay General Fund vouchers for a total of: \$1,389.34

Made by Riley Closson, 2nd by Joey Pudney

Votes cast: Riley Closson
 Joey Pudney
 TJ Law **carried**

Total funds disbursed: \$6,320.26

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE:

Steve said the only action items were the F-350 it went for \$2,125.00 in the auction.

MOTION: Approve the sale of the F-350 for the amount of \$2,125.00

Made by Tj Law, 2nd by Riley Closson

Votes cast: Riley Closson
Joey Pudney
TJ Law

carried

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Roy said they have been putting in pipes and scraped some roads. They have been working on some equipment and it just depends on the weather as to what they do that day. Roy said especially in the back country it is still wetter than the dickens. Riley asked if the heavy rain Monday helped that out and he said it wasn't too bad until they were up on Mount Roderick road. He said they hauled several loads up there and fixed it up and now he is being told it is rutted up again and he said sorry he can't help it. Roy added they are going to take that truck down to get it painted probably within the next week or so. Riley asked him if he had heard anything on the other truck and Roy said not since the last meeting when he called them. They were still waiting on their plow and the salesman, whom Roy has dealt with, went over after that and that is what he was told as well. Roy said as far as he knows that is where they are at. Steve asked if they weren't supposed to get that in April or May and Roy said it was something to do with the plow company. They are behind and haven gotten to it or something.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mike said there is not a lot going on right now. He did meet with the owners of the race track to go over some of the specs for an observation deck as well as a seasonal home they are putting up. Mike said there were some questions regarding the bleachers around the racetrack as to whether it is too close and he reported that it has nothing to do with him. Mr. Gonzales renewed his permit on his home and Mike said he is pretty close to being done up there. Mike said April had received several phone calls from Mr. Wilkins regarding his property and Mike again has told him he needs to contact the Health Department on the septic permit. He said they do have the well but

have requested an inspection of the septic system to see if it is able to handle the upgrades he has in mind over here. He said he did get a permit for Crandalls up on Allen hill for a pool and unfortunately they paid \$15.00 for a 32inch pool and he told them not to bother because now you are going to need a \$1,000.00 fence to go around it. He suggested a rigid frame 48inch high pool and that eliminates a lot of the codes and all you have to do is plug it into a GFI basically and she is still working on that. Mike finished by speaking briefly about Mr. Miceli who built a beautiful home up on Potter Hill Road. He said when he was building it they had a conversation regarding the CofO, Certificate of Occupancy, and he was not worried about it because he was paying for everything in cash. He was not dealing with a bank or mortgage company that would require it. Mr. Miceli has called Mike and said they are going to up his Homeowners Insurance because it is listed as an unoccupied home and he was looking for a CofO. Mike told him he could not give him one until he completed the building. When building the home he built with Styrofoam and that all has to be covered and there were issues with the handrails as well as a few other things. Mr. Miceli said stated that he was in a time crunch and they were going to double his bill and Mike apologized but said he could not help it had been 2 years. Mike has setup a time to go back over and meet with him to go through the list of things needed to get the required CofO and added that the Insurance company will get you every time. Mike said that was all he had unless anyone had any questions. Nancy Bauer said she did and asked Mike if he received a message to come up and see her for 2 weeks regarding some solar panels. Mike said he had been up there 2 Fridays in a row but could not find her house. Nancy said I was there and you never pulled in my driveway you drove up and down a few times. Mike said I could not find any house numbers and added that it is code that you have them and she said it is on the front door. Mike said he did not see it but I will come up on Friday and she said she would not be there but she did have them installed and had the electrician there. Mike asked if she was feeding it back to the system

and she said yes and he stated that it would need to be inspected and she said she was aware. Mike said he drove by there several times and she said she saw him drive by all the time and wondered why he didn't pull in. Mike said he drove all the way up through there and at one point took a wrong turn and got stuck and she said well I had all the work done because I couldn't wait. She is not sure what paperwork she needs to fill out or what and Mike said yes for the solar panels you do but they can take care of that. Mike said the most important thing is feeding back and overloading the system and she said she had them grounded. Mike added that structurally they need to be on your trusses or rafters and she nodded in agreement. Nancy said he is a contractor so everything is precise and Mike said fine as long as you have all the paper work they can get together. She said the contractor told her it would take 3 months to get the inspection done and she asked Mike if that sounded right. Mike said well it all depends on the inspector but if you get someone good they can have it done in about a week. She said that she had the electrical box and all put in and Mike told her he needed to put the stamp on it and Nancy said he did that already. Mike said then just get all that paperwork to us and he would get it taken care of, it would be just a matter of days. Nancy said they were going to mail it to her and she would get it to Mike. Mike said that would be fine and then it would be on file in case it is ever needed. Nancy asked if there was a limit to how many she could have and he replied no as long as they are in the trusses or rafters and the only thing is the feeding back into the system. If the power goes out they don't want you feeding back into the line while someone is working on it without knowing it. Nancy said they have the converter box and they have it running to that just not back in and Mike said fine you just don't want it feeding back. Nancy said right now it is just waiting for inspection. Mike said well hopefully I can find you and she said she is the corner lot on Brook and Potter. Roy said go up Brooks and it is the first place on the right and Mike said I saw someone mowing there the other day and Nancy said that was her. Mike said oh alright and April said to Nancy

can I just ask why you didn't flag him down and Nancy said she didn't realize it was him until she saw him go by the second time. That was when she thought maybe that was the guy I was waiting for but said lately she has been getting a lot of traffic up there and has had people stop and take pictures on a large John Deere chair her husband built that sits on the lawn. Mike said so I go up Brooks and you are the first place on the right and she said yes. Joey added that she is right next to Foggy Bottom racetrack. Mike said now he knows where it is and he looked all over for numbers but couldn't find any. Nancy said her mailbox has numbers but was taken out in the winter so it is propped up by the door. Mike said he will swing by and look it all over and she said she just doesn't want to get in trouble.

CLERK'S REPORT:

April reported that she would be settling with the County Treasurer this Friday and was glad to think that Taxes were almost over. Taxes received were 416,728.01 and \$326.31 in interest was issued in a check to Steve. We had 3 building permits issued this month 2 for Wehner totaling \$225.00 and 1 for Smith at \$25.00. A check was issued for \$250.00 to Steve. April said she realized she missed a \$10.00 fee for building permit renewal and caught it when Mike was giving his report and aid she would issue it next month.

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting was made by Riley Closson, 2nd by Tj Law....carried

Respectfully Submitted,

April Law

