

February 8, 2016 the regular Town Board Meeting was held in the Town Hall beginning at 7 p.m. with Coun. Greenough absent. Sup. Gang led the pledge to the flag. A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

Old Business: Community bank holds the Bank Anticipation Note for the truck purchased last year and they want the financials to continue to extend it. The town's financials are not complete at this time and the county Treasurer is still working on 2012 and without them the bank will not extend the BAN through 2017. The Treasurer is continuing to work our financials and will try to complete them soon. The current financials were given to the board members and are on file in the Town Clerk's office. The Fischer Act check came in for \$5,033.63 and the budgeted amount we expected was \$1,500 so it was over the anticipated amount, which is good. There have been no donations towards the Veteran's sign at this time.

New Business: Resolutions for tonight's meeting include:

Resolution #6-2016 titled **Budget Amendment, Highway** enabling the Budget Officer to sign the contract with Community Bank to extend the contract at 2.39% was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor.

Resolution #7-2016 titled **2016 Teamsters Contract Amendment, Highway** authorizing the town board to change the wording in the contract to change Health Insurance Coverage being "**provided**" to being "**offered**" for current employees with 10 or more years of service to be able to access such health insurance benefits upon retirement. Coun. Greenough was not in attendance at tonight's meeting and an 80% vote is needed. Therefore, the resolution will be brought back to the next meeting for the vote. Highway Superintendent Mr. Hobus brought to the board's attention that there is a wording discrepancy in the teamster's contract for earned vacation time. Currently it states 25 days for 25 years and a maximum of 30 days for 30 years, but it also says 15 days for 10 years of service. With that in mind, that would allow for 35 days and exceed the maximum of 30 days so this could be addressed at the same time as the Health Insurance issue. In other New Business, Sup. Gang attended the Fish and Wildlife meeting held in Warrensburg on February 4th and a few points of interest were a low number of Sauger Fish found in Lake Champlain so they will be restocking them, as well as a high number of Lamprey Eels found so a more extensive eradication system will be introduced. Finally, there is currently no regulatory change in yearling buck strategy. It will remain as such and will continue to be on a voluntary restraint. Sup. Gang has talked to the WCDPW inquiring if they have a small vehicle we can purchase to use to pick up parts for the highway department but they don't have one to offer at this time.

Highway Superintendent's Report: There have been extensive complications with the town trucks and at the moment there are 4 down with repairs. Including with suggestions from the board as to how to solve them are as follow: the TD-11 has nearly 140,000 miles is still at Dudley's Garage in Whitehall. It needs a new set of tires, it has a slight oil pan leak, a slight cooler leak, a plugged DPF (diesel particulate filter) and a plugged catalytic converter. It will cost approximately \$4,200 to replace these two things with new parts. There is a company located in Connecticut that can clean them out for \$400. The cab will need to be removed and the engine lifted out of the frame to replace the oil pan and oil cooler. To fix the truck to tip top condition it will cost \$10,000 and the vehicle KBB's at \$9,700 and has a trade value of \$12,100 in a street sale. We can do a temporary fix to the DPF and the catalytic converter for about \$1,600 and just keep adding the oil and coolant as needed. The board agreed that this is the direction we will take. The truck with the blown rear end that has been at Dudley's for several month's was purchased by Mr. Dudley for \$1,100. The TD-9 at Walt Douglas's garage is nearly repaired and will be back soon. Work was delayed because of a back order on parts but we aren't in a rush to have it back. The bill will include labor and rebuild kit. The TD-24 is at the WCDPW and they are doing the repairs for shared services this summer. It has a blown head gasket and antifreeze entered the oil and took out the motor. This will be an expensive repair costing approximately \$11,150. Mr. Hobus has decided to replace the dual alternators and air conditioning unit as this time because to replace just any one of them would far exceed all three together. After talking to the Maintenance Supervisor and the diesel mechanic it was decided to replace the high pressure fuel pump at this time mainly because of where it is located since the truck will be disassembled for other repairs. The TD-7 during the last oil change we found 6 small screws stuck on the magnetic oil plug. These were found to come from the injectors that were replaced by North East Cummins about 5 years ago. They made their way from the top of the motor to the bottom without doing any damage. Walt Douglas came to the garage and removed the rocker boxes and replaced the injectors. The injectors came from D&W Diesel in Albany and cost about \$1,800. The gaskets came from NE Cummins for about \$450 plus we had to pay Mr. Douglas for his labor. While doing the injector repair job it was noticed that the radiator was in real bad shape and it was decided to replace it and the best price was \$749 from North Country Radiator in Queensbury as well as 4 small hoses were replaced. And finally, NYS says our paperwork for the T-11 bridge project looks real good and it looks acceptable. Mr. Hobus made contact with the APA about the salt barn contract and it's rolling along. If the APA makes us jump through too many hoops we should contact Senator Little and Assemblyman Stec for assistance. As for a follow-up on last month's meeting, the maintenance check list for each piece of equipment has been implemented and a clip board has been put in or on the equipment and are being recorded now. There were no further discussions and a motion was made by Coun. Wilbur to adjourn. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur Town Clerk.