

July 11, 2016 the regular Town Board meeting was held in the Town Hall with all in attendance. Supervisor Gang led the pledge to the flag.

A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor.

During this month's meeting a special review for Sewer District #2 was held with many members of the district in attendance. There has been an ongoing problem with pumps in the district being replaced using the operation and maintenance fees collected from each household. After some discussions during sewer meetings held in the homeowners association it has been determined that a recurring replacement has affected some households while others have never had a problem or a replacement of the pumps. There is a Town Law that was drawn up during the preliminary onset of the sewer district. However, the law was never filed with the state authorities and only a draft copy is available. The law still needs to go through the chain of command with a public hearing and a vote. The town has been loaning monies to the sewer district to cover pump replacements and there are two sides to the issue: one side is in favor of individual replacement cost for pumps needing replaced; one side would like to keep the district responsible for the cost of replacement. The town doesn't make any money off the districts and it doesn't spend any money of its own but will loan money to the districts as needed. Sup. Gang read from the copy of proposed town law 4 statements of the homeowner's responsibility. The president of the Homeowners Association spoke collectively on behalf of most of those in attendance that the Sewer District #2 want to continue as a group, not an individual, to continue the cost of replacement of pumps to be afforded by operation and maintenance fees collected on their behalf but also are willing to agree to whatever the town decides the fees will be and will look forward to the new Law taking effect in the Spring of 2017. Data will be amassed and collected of every household that has had a pump replaced, new or used or rebuilt and Sup. Gang will email date to each homeowner. Councilman Wilbur requested from the group a list of which households are in favor of the individual coverage and which are in favor of continuing for group coverage.

Old Business: State Audit: Old and new, the County Treasurer is still completing the financials for 2012 as he has been busy with the recent County Wide Property Tax Sale from June. The State Auditor is still pouring over the financials for the most recent years. There have been a lot of petty changes that we haven't been doing for some time but most of the findings have been minor. A few alterations of where money is appropriated will be implemented and those changes as others will be in the upcoming months. George Kapusinski stated that there have been over 300 hits on the town website and that people have been reading the minutes. In the future the town policies and laws will be posted on the website. The older policies are difficult to read in the hard copy form so therefore any and all new policies and laws will be posted and over the course of time the old ones will be retyped. The financials were handed to the board and are on file in the clerk's office. There is no new update on the Veteran's Sign but there is \$1,310.00 in the account to cover the cost of replacing the sign. The total cost looks like it will be in the \$5,000 range and the town will not be able to donate at this time and rely on donations right now. The Dog Control Law will have to have a public notice and hearing put in the newspaper and currently we are waiting on the town attorney to go over the law and get back to us.

New Business: Resolutions:

Resolution #17-2016 titled **Resolution in support of Washington County's submission of local government efficiency project grant for shared regional highway operations centers.** Put forth by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor. This will be a grant used to conduct a study to see if shared services can be utilized and it will not cost the town anything. It is just a motion to have a study conducted.

Resolution #18-2016 titled **Water Quality Improvement Project and Nonagricultural Nonpoint Source Projects Municipal Resolution** stating that the town agrees that it will fund its portion of the cost of the project in agreement with the Department of Environmental Conservation. It was put forth by Coun. Greenough and seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

Resolution #19-2016 titled **Resolution to set salaries for summer workers attached to the weed eradication program on Lake Champlain.** It was put forth by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor.

Resolution #20-2016 titled **Budget Amendment, General** for continuing coverage for Dog Control expenses. It was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor.

Resolution #21-2016 titled **Budget Amendment, General** for appropriating the cost of the Deputy Highway Superintendent from the General Budget instead of the Highway. It was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

Resolution #22-2016 titled **Budget Amendment, Sewer District #1.** Higher rental fees to George Kapusinski for the use of the golf course for the storage of sewer waste was higher than anticipated. It was put forth by Coun. Greenough, and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

Resolution #23-2016 titled **Budget Amendment, Sewer District #1.** Pump repairs and pump replacements were higher than expected. It was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

Resolution #24-2016 titled **Budget Amendment, General.** A handmade silk flag will be hung in the Washington County Municipal Center at an approximate cost of \$3,000 for the framing and the cost will be divided by the 17 towns located in the county at a cost of \$200 per town. It was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor.

Resolution #25-2016 titled **Budget Amendment, Highway.** Machinery expenses came in higher than expected and are expected to increase throughout the year so money was moved from general repairs to machinery expenses. It was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

The town wide garage sales will be held August 13-14 and Kathy Huntington will be overseeing this and have it posted .

County Business: The budgeting process has begun and the department heads have been bringing the numbers of the money each will need to operate and more discussions will continue during the next few months.

Highway Superintendent's report: Since the last meeting the crew has finished the first round of mowing on the county and our roads. We have hauled #4 scalplings from Azzil Aggregate for some of our summer and fall projects. The crew installed a culvert on the gravel section of the North Road as well as reshaping that section with about 100 tons of scalplings. Most of the past month has been spent on ditching and cutting shoulders on the Pike Brook Road which is where the paving will be done this season. The crew recently reshaped Stragnell, Wilkening, Jeliff, and

Jenkins Hills on the Bluff Head Road with #4 scalping. Walt Douglas finally finished our single axle truck and we picked it up last week. The truck runs fine however there are still some issues with electrical system dash. The speedometer doesn't work. Equipment maintenance includes 2 large hydraulic hoses were replaced on the mower; 2 grease pins had to be removed from the 544 loader and cleaned out before the machine was used on the weed program. Last week we did a service on the TD-14 including a fuel filter, oil change, and oil filter. This is the truck we use for the weed program. We removed and replaced the front brakes on TD-11, both calipers were replaced and one of the rotors were turned. And finally the town is entering into the 3rd week of the water chestnut eradication program and presently located in South Bay and everything is going ok.

The money for last years weed program has still not come in. Sup. Gang calls the DEC but since the daily worksheets are not lining up with the amount paid out they do not know which figure is the correct amount to pay. Some discussion at tonight's meeting included the CHIPs money that the state gives each year to municipalities for Capital Highway Improvement Projects and it doesn't have to be used for road repaving. Out of that money we can choose to do a little paving and purchase highway equipment or do no paving and use all of it for new equipment for next year's budget. The town will be needing a tandem truck as well as a new truck for Mr. Hobus to use for work so further discussions will be taking place in the future months. No further discussions and a motion was made to adjourn at 9:18p.m. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur Town Clerk.

Attendance: Mary Abbott, Marybeth Abbott, Robert Leckonby, Michael Gorman, Nora Meehan, Kathleen Fredrick, Marguente Fredrick, Bill Borden, Ed Valla, Wade Valla, Daniel Morin, Peter Gregorio, John Chakurmanian, Frank Bifera, Scott Brown, Rebecca Gellenthien, Donald Gellenthien, Robin & John DeLucia, Louise Davidson, Tom Conrad, Kathy Gable