

July 13, 2015 - The regular Town Board meeting was held in the town hall with Councilmen Greenough and Barber absent. Supervisor 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.

Chris Navitsky, the Lake George Waterkeeper, was in attendance at tonight's meeting. He presented documentation laying out the effects of using road salt during the winter months and how it adversely affects the lake region. The Memorandum of Understanding of Municipal Governments Bordering Lake George Regarding the Application of Road Salt for Winter Maintenance and De-Icing describes an agreement of municipalities to work in good faith to create an effective program to reduce the levels of salt application surrounding Lake George. This is a non-binding MOU and was given to the board to consider and agree to recognize the impact of using road salt and the detriment to the lake quality.

Old Business: The state audit is slowly being addressed. The year 2014 was given to the Treasurer's office and was attempted to be submitted to the State Comptroller's office, however, without the 2012 and 2013 years also submitted they wouldn't accept the 2014. All of 2012 is complete and 2013 needs to be done as yet.

George Kapusinski will be meeting with Sup. Gang and discuss how to make the town website more user friendly and make it easier for us to upload our information.

The current financials were given to the board and are on file in the town clerk's office. There is a FEMA refund due for an overpayment made to the highway department in the amount of \$38,516.87 and a resolution will be offered during this meeting to address this refund.

Sewer District #1 continues to battle repairs and there is little money in their account to keep covering these repairs, therefore User Fees will need to be increased for 2016.

Fred Foster attended tonight's meeting and he addressed the board about the Veteran's sign located on the side of the Town Hall. He is offering a donation to make the project available and also suggested that perhaps the project could be a good one for a local Girl or Boy Scout to do as well as other suggestions. Coun. Greenough who is overseeing the project wasn't in attendance at tonight's meeting but will be given this information to assist in his research.

The weed program has begun and the town purchased a truck to be used to remove the weeds. It was purchased for \$8,500. It is almost ready to be used and it needs side rails put on. The vehicle included a plow so we can use it to do small removal jobs during the winter months. A contract was signed with Robert Banks for the use of his truck while we were in the process of acquiring our dump truck and is on file in the clerk's office.

A question of the use of the Washington County Public Beach has been recently brought to the attention of Sup. Gang, concerning the nightly closure and therefore non-use during off hours, for both kayak and canoe use. Sup. Gang brought this up with the County Committee and because of liabilities while no lifeguards are on duty the Beach will remain closed. Sup. Gang will continue to pursue it at the County level and will keep us updated.

New Business:

Resolution #16-2015 titled **Budget Amendment, Sewer District #1** moving monies from SS1 8130.4 to SS1 8120.4 was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor and is on file in the clerk's office.

Resolution #17-2015 titled **Budget Amendment, Highway** moves money from the Highway fund balance to DA-4960 in the amount of \$38,516.87 for overpayment by FEMA was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor and is on file in the clerk's office.

Resolution #18-2015 titled **Budget Amendment Sewer District #2** moving money from SD2 8120.4 to SD2 8130.4 was put forth by Coun. Raymond and seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor and is on file in the clerk's office.

Resolution #19-2015 titled **Budget Amendment, Highway** moves money from the Highway Fund Balance to DA 5130.2 to purchase the truck for the weed program was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor and is on file in the clerk's office.

Resolution #20-2015 titled **Budget Amendment, General** moves money from A 9050.8 to A 1910.4 to cover the insurance of the dump truck was put forth by Coun. Raymond and seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor and is on file in the clerk's office.

The August 10th regular Town Board Meeting will be held in the Hulett's Landing Volunteer Fire Company beginning at 7:00 p.m.

In further discussions with the County about assuming maintenance of the county roads, it is being discussed about sharing of services or bartering and will continue to be looked at.

Highway Superintendent's Report: Since the last meeting the crew has been very busy. Some of the projects include working on the pole barn and finishing the ditching and cutting shoulders on Leclair Road as well as paved it. The mowing has been done in the land fill and they have hauled material from Grande Aggregate. We also paved .8 of a mile of Pike Brook Road and replaced the shoulders on Sunset Bay Road, Marina Road, Leclair Road, and Pike Brook Road. We have just finished the first pass on the roadside mowing for both the county and the town roads. The crew attended a Washington County Safety Day at Lake Lauderdale on June 24th. Mr. Hobus personally spent time searching for a truck to be used for the weed job as well as for town use and was able to buy one from the Town of Fort Ann for \$8,500. It is a 2005 Chevrolet One Ton with a duramax diesel and four wheel drive with 143,000 miles and an automatic transmission and a snow plow. It should be able to pay for itself while doing the weed program in about 7 weeks. Some of the repairs done during the month include the wiring on the TD-24 as well as the fuel filter. The battery was replaced in the Allis Loader and the exhaust project on the Hyster Roller was completed and a bearing was replaced on the mower. Finally, the T-11 box culvert project is well underway and the structure is gone, the railing and post removed and the ledge broken away. The Hulett's Landing Fire Company will be coming up with a truck to wash all the loose debris from the work site and then the Washington County Engineers will come and set the location for us. We will then install a 30' culvert in the bottom so we can pour our footers and eventually the abutments.

A slight discussion ensued about the MOU for the agreement with the Lake George Waterkeeper in using alternative de-icing methods. The MOU does not obligate us to use an alternative way, but is only an agreement with them to help gain leverage at the state level. No further discussion's and the meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted Marcinda Wilbur Dresden Town Clerk.

Attendance: Chris Navitsky, Stiling Knight, Fred Foster