

June 8, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting was held in the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with all members of the board in attendance. The pledge to the flag was led by Sup. Gang. A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Greenough and seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

Old Business:

The annual report for 2014 is done and Sup. Gang will set down with the County Treasurer and submit the report to the State Comptroller's office.

Sup. Gang will be meeting with George Kapusinski when he comes up for the summer. He will be asking for Mr. Kapusinski's help to maintain the town website.

Coun. Greenough has been in contact with a few companies that are able to assist with the Veteran's Sign located on the front of the Town Hall. An email was sent out to all the board members with examples.

Coun. Greenough has established a committee of himself and his wife Kathy and Chet and Joanne Foster to compile a list of names of local family members who served. Anyone with names of veterans or who would like to assist in this matter may do so by contacting any of the members of the committee. Perhaps a mailer can be sent to all residents to get names of loved ones as well as seek donations to help out with the cost of the sign.

Recently there was a discussion about acquiring the Ripley house on the corner of Rt.22 and Clemons Center/Lake Road to be turned into a Town office/ Town Court. It may be looked into at a later time because a bank is still paying the taxes and has not decided on the future of the house.

The weed eradication program will begin soon but there is no date it will begin as yet. We are still trying to find a truck to use to transport the weeds. Sup. Gang has asked Bob Banks to oversee this project again this year.

New Business:

Resolution #15-2015 titled **Budget Amendment Sewer #2** to move some money around to cover social security for the operator. A motion was made by Coun. Raymond and seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor.

Last year a solar company made a proposal to the County Board of Supervisor's to put in solar panels which was turned down by them because they wanted a 20 year commitment. Now a Hydroelectric proposal has been put forth by the same company. They will be taking over dams and fixing them up and setting them up for hydroelectricity. The terms have been adjusted to a 10 year commitment and the County is considering the next step. This is still in the works and we will be kept up to date.

As for County Business, Daniel Stec's office sent a letter to the Clerk's office recognizing the receipt of Resolution #10-2015. The town of Easton has a facility capable of being used for growing marijuana as per the State Initiative but essentially the final decision will come down to politics.

There are still some discussions about broadband being implemented in the rural areas. It continues to be difficult to get cell phone service in our area, as well as high speed internet. The town's attorney said that Independent Tower was proposing an unrealistic contract and to stay away from the terms. The county is looking into broadband. \$500 million is being offered by the State to bring internet to the area. It could be another issue that the urban areas will receive the most. It could be helpful to incorporate our state and local representatives to try and get some communication assistance for the area.

As a reminder at the meeting tonight, it was mentioned about the Washington County Business Showcase being held at the Whitehall Athletic Club on Thursday June 11, 2015 from 3p.m. until 6 p.m.

All of the towns and villages and schools have agreed to the terms of the Efficiency Plan implemented for the 1 percent savings along with the County.

The Adirondack Community College has proposed their budget for next year. As a representing county we have a vote on that budget. The proposal was given to a committee and the school is requesting a 2 percent increase to cover the costs for building a new facility to address Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Nursing to bring the college up to date. This could possibly raise taxes on a county level depending on how it's distributed between Warren and Washington Counties.

Highway Superintendent's Report: Some of the work the crew has been busy with includes cutting the shoulders and ditching for three days on Dresden Hill Road and using the dragbox and picking up shoulder material on Leclaire and Ottenburgh Road's. The crew removed two trees at the T-11 box culvert site. The permit has been filed with the Washington County Engineer and is on the way to the Army Corp of Engineer's. The crew has spent most the last month ditching and cutting shoulders on Pike Brook Road getting ready for paving that will begin June 11th. Two culverts were installed on Leclaire Road and replaced a driveway culvert on Clemons Center Road. The county is paving most of Hulett's Landing and we hauled 10 loads over three days to help and in return the county paved 300 feet of Marina Road. We need to pay for 85 tons of blacktop still. The crew also spent a couple days working on getting the polebarn ready for the siding and spent a day at Fort Edward Firehouse doing our yearly MSHA refresher class. The past month has been very quiet as for repairs. The main repair was the muffler and pipe replacement on our Hyster Roller. And finally, Mr. Hobus spent 3 days at the 70th Annual Highway School sponsored by Cornell Local Road Program in Ithaca College.

As a final note, there are a couple trees that need removed in the cemeteries and Sup. Gang said that Scott Brown, the cemetery caretaker, can cut them down for \$250 per tree. Not further discussions, and the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur, Town Clerk.

Attendance: Dan King-Whitehall Times Bernadette Perrone Phillip Perrone Louise Davidson