

September 8, 2014 Regular town board meeting held on this date in the Dresden Town Hall with all the members of the board in attendance. Sup. Gang led the pledge to the flag. A motion was made to accept the previous month's minutes by Coun. Greenough, was seconded by Coun. Wilbur, and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Greenough, was seconded by Coun. Barber, and all were in favor.

**Old Business:**

The County Treasurer's office is nearly done with all the cash accounting for 2012, finishing the General and working on Highway. The journaling needs to be given to Mr. Nolette but things are progressing as expected. The town's website is looking good and will continue to improve as more information is placed on it. The password and log in information was mailed to the Supervisor as well as the Town Clerk so that we can maintain our own site without the aid of George Kapusinski, however he is still willing to assist with the additions. \

There were some preliminary numbers brought out for the upcoming budget and they were discussed at a meeting made up of the budget committee. There will be some increases due to insurance coverage for town employees as well as some equipment purchases. There will be an excess over the 2 percent tax cap, but we aren't sure what it will total up to as of yet.

We will be auctioning or scrapping old unusable equipment that is around the highway garage and we will be putting photos and descriptions up on the general public auction site to help defray some of the new truck costs. There has been an extensive amount of repairs done on the 1987 truck and it has a nice dump box but it still needs a rear end repair done. The Town of Kingsbury is interested in a fork lift we have on inventory and has offered to purchase it and that will provide some revenue to repair the rear end.

The weed removal program is completely done as of August 30. Sup. Gang is trying to contact the DEC and have them go over the final expenditures of the program but has yet to respond to his requests. We put up money to conduct the removal of the weeds and the state pays us back, so we want to get the ball rolling on it.

Sup. Gang talked to Laura Chadwick from Real Property Tax Service and there is no record of the easement to the town for the Sewer Treatment facility on Jacques's Way in Hulett's Landing but George Kapusinski has some documents stating such a fact and he will be submitting it to us soon. It isn't real clear the way it's stated but he will be discussing it with his lawyer and put something put into writing.

**New Business:** Sup. Gang will be at the county building for several meetings next week and is hoping to gain some insight from other local towns on the budget process and complete ours in a timely manner.

He is also interested in acquiring someone to do the book keeping and paying the audited town vouchers so that he doesn't have to spend so much time working on them. He also feels that by him paying the bills there is a conflict of interest and he will be asking what other towns do for book keeping.

It has been brought to the attention of Sup. Gang that the transfer station located in Whitehall will be closing for two of the three days that they are supposed to be open beginning September 15. There is a contract signed from Earth, Waste, and Metal and the county but it is unclear on who sets their operational hours. The company claims there isn't any money being made. Sup. Gang will be checking into what the contract says about hours of operation. The Town Clerk brought up that Rick Hobus's term on the the Board of Assessment Review is up at the end of September. He is not interested in continuing on the board and will allow his term to lapse. A new candidate will need to be assigned at a later time.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:** Since the last meeting the crew has finished the shoulder cutting and ditching on Manning and Belden Roads. They are now doing the same project on Pike Brook Road in the area we will be paving this season. They also capped the culverts we replaced this season with black top as well as spending time hauling winter sand from Armstrong's pit in Ticonderoga. We started our final roadside mowing project but had to stop because of a major problem with our ford tractor. The output shaft on the transmission stripped from the pressure plate also damaging the rear seal on the motor. The tractor had to be trailered to Walt Douglas's garage. There was also a number of hours spent repairing equipment used for the weed program. Other equipment issue's included removing and replacing the hydraulic pump on TD-30 and we did this repair ourselves. The alternator and belt tension bar on the TD-11 had to be replaced. The air filter and front belt were also replaced at the same time. And finally, it has been determined that a CD in the amount of \$2,900 is on account for the Dresden Recreation Fund and will reach its maturity during October. We will be giving the recipient from this year's graduating class the \$300 award and recover that amount from the mature CD. The firehouse is the caretaker of this fund and they do not want to do it anymore and wanted someone else to take over. It was brought to the board's attention that there will be a Columbus Day Parade located in Hulett's Landing and all town children are invited to attend. No further discussions and meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur, Town Clerk.

**Attendance:** Sue Ives Helenmarie Sunkenberg