

Nelson Town Board
April 12, 2007
Nelson Office Building - 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Richard Williams, Supervisor
Michael Costello, Councilman
Bridget Cunningham, Councilman
Dorothy Tainter, Councilman
Dean Coe, Councilman
John Sevier Jr., Highway Superintendent
Christabell Westcott, Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Williams with the Pledge to the Flag. He then greeted the guests and the press.

The minutes of the March 8, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Councilman Coe made the motion to accept these minutes as presented. Seconded by Supervisor Williams. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Announcements:

No announcements

Presentation:

Reports

Supervisor Summary of Expenditures

Madison County:: Board Meeting was held on April 10, 2007.1 .

Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Judge O'Sullivan

An extensive report from the Codes Enforcement Office. He has sent out violation letters to home owners and is working on the Pharm with Jim Stokes.

Highway Report:

Jack said that they are still plowing snow. We have had one good week which road repairs were done.

Chaphe Hill Rd. still has water on the upper part. Waiting for replies from homeowner's for an easement to take care of this problem. Sanderson Rd. has not had any problems. The wet spot is gone on Walrath Rd. But, the road needs some work done on it.

Waiting for dry weather to take care of the water problem on Beebe Rd. Also ditch and shoulder this road.

No drainage problems on Irish Hill Rd. As the retention pond is working well.

Madison County is planning on doing a traffic study on high use roads this summer.

Jack is still waiting for some parts from Johnson Control for the security system.

At this time a discussion on the purchase of a road broom. Jack had quotes from Tracy Equipment. A 2006 Demo, town behind with 115 hours on it for \$17,930.00 with one upgrade for a remote control for \$2,000.00 to operate from the truck cab. A new broom would be around \$34,000.00. Supervisor Williams made the motion to approve the purchase of the Demo broom contingent upon Jacks acceptance of the Demo, with a one (1) year warranty. Seconded by Councilman Cunningham. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Supervisor Williams made the motion to approve the Highway Superintendent attending a training school in Ithaca from June 4 to June 6, 2007 and the fee of \$85.00 be paid by the Town. Seconded by Councilman Costello. All voted in favor and motion carried.

The annual highway tour was scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2007. The Board will meet at the Office Building at 9:00 a.m

Clean up Day was scheduled for May 5, 2007. If for some reason dumpsters are not available the date will be May 12, 2007.

Correspondence:

A seminar on water runoff will be offered on May 2, 2007 at the Rusty Rail.

NY Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation will hold a grant seminar in May.

A letter from the ORPS that the Town is eligible for the Enhanced Coordinated Assessment Aid in the amount of \$5.00 per parcel for a total amount of \$8,895.00

Three letters of rejection of septic system on Tuscarora Lake.

A packet from Joyce Judd that a Feceral Grant is available for older people to upgrade their skills

Old Business:

The Town Engineer is still waiting to hear from CNY Aquastore to re-erect the water tower.

Nothing on the Eatonbrook project.

Supervisor Williams read the Questions and Answers on assessment that Priscilla prepared. The questions were asked by Cal Nichols at the last meeting.

New Business:

Barbara Henderson talked about different grant programs. She said that the Ag & Markets have funding for Counties to develop Ag Farmland Protection Agencies. Some grants are harder to obtain than others. It was suggested that grants be part of the Comprehensive Plan. Some Towns have their own Historical Ordinance with a Committee to oversee historical buildings and evaluate them for preservation.. The Welsh Church was brought up and that type of grant is for repairs rather than maintenance.

As the State has made it mandatory for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to have at least four hours of training per year, Supervisor Williams read Resolution No. 4-07 it included that the Town will reimburse the Planning Board and ZBA members up to \$150.00 for registration and travel expenses. Any cost that exceeds \$150.00 will have to have Board Approval.

CNY Community Foundation \$750.00 Green Space Grant applications were received. Last year a bench was placed on the dam in Erieville. Discussion of historic buildings. A survey was done in 2002 for the Hamlet of Nelson on historic buildings.

A discussion of the Enders barn on Erieville Rd. being made a Landmark. Permission would have to be obtained from Brian Enders.

Tom Clark asked if something could be done with the drainage on Moseley Rd. If it could be diverted to Thomas Rd. From Sharon Driscolls to the crosspipe. Jack will look into this request.

The following bills were paid after the meeting was adjourned.

General Fund Items 97 thru Items 122	\$ 6,497.03
Highway Fund Items 26 thru Items 41	18,166.99
Erieville Water District Items 10 thru Items 11	122.44

The next regular meeting will be held on May 10, 2007.

As there was not anymore business Supervisor Williams made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Coe. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m

Respectfully submitted by

Christabell Westcott

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