

Town of Nelson, Town Board Meeting
May 8, 2008
Nelson Office Building – 7:00 pm

Present: Richard Williams, Supervisor
Michael Costello, Deputy Supervisor
Denise Earl, Councilwoman
Dean Coe, Councilman
Robert Davies, Councilman
John Sevier, Jr., Highway Superintendent
Susan Henderson, Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Dick Williams. After the Pledge of Allegiance the minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. It was mentioned to clarify the fact that Fay didn't need anything at this time. Miriam Barrows suggestion that we put up signs entering Erieville should say that it should be on Dugway Road. A motion was made by Denise Earl and seconded by Mike Costello to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was carried after approval by all members

Announcements:

Dick thanked everyone involved and also the Madison County Solid Waste Department for another successful clean-up day. There were many participants, especially on Jones Road.

Summary of Expenditures:

Dick read the abstract of expenditures for the month. \$7,706.43 was expended from the General Fund and \$6,390.85 was expended from the Highway Fund.

Town Clerk Report

Sue Henderson gave the Town Clerk report and the Zoning Officer report.

There has been no Zoning Board of Appeals meeting yet this year.

Highway Superintendent Report

Jack Sevier said that the shared ownership with the Town of Fenner for the chipper is probably not going to happen. Dick said that he had a phone call with the insurance company saying that it would be difficult to insure a shared ownership. It was suggested that one town buy the chipper and the other could do an equal sharing of something else.

The Craig Omans situation will be looked at when the highway tour is done. The tour will be done Saturday, May 10.

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Jack said that Dottie Houck's problem on North Lake Road is just a drainage problem. She needs a new drain and that would be the only solution.

Jack would like to put bids out to pave Thomas Road 1.3 miles for milling and paving. Dick suggested doing the .3 miles as well on Lyon Road.

There is new CHIPS money and they increased it from \$85,000 to \$101,675.

Dick made a motion to get bids for the paving and milling and Dean seconded. All voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Jack said they still have to do the chips for the swing at the park. There was a choice of material to be used, the chips or a rubber mat system. It was decided to use the chips as the rubber mat system would be too expensive.

Miriam said that she was concerned about the Town Clerk's hours being only 3 days a week until 3:00. It was decided that Sue would post her home phone number as well so that people can call to make an appointment for times other than those posted.

It was suggested that the town survey be made easier. For example, have numbers to circle for answers. Denise will work on that.

Old Business

Jeff Trulick may have been reassigned so we don't know what's going on with the Eaton Brook project.

Dick has not had a chance to sit down and talk about the Highway Department employees' sick time. It would go into effect next year so we would have to budget for it this year. There is a total of 37 comp days.

Dick still has not heard anything from Brenda Kane on the audits.

Barbara Henderson reported on the Farmland Protection Plan and that we need to get going on it.

New Business

Erieville Water District Improvement project. Dick met with Madison County Board of Health and Town Engineer. They are in the midst of approving the project so we will be going out to bid soon.

Madison County Health Department said that the proposed water well that we want to put up in the Tuscarora Park would be a good back-up to the Erieville water system. If that were the case then the springs that we are currently using and now are required to put filtration, the filtration would not be necessary. Dean said he talked to Mr. Bickham and he thought that possibly we would be able to get water within 40 feet. Dean will put together the specs for the bids. Dick said that Bill Magee called and said we have a \$7,500 member grant so that would be used for the well.

Town Satisfaction Survey

Denise reported that people wanted to change it so that people don't have to write so many comments. It was felt that it would be easier to have choices 1 – 5 or something like that. Denise will work on it.

Dean asked about the number of bids needed and it was decided he would need to get 1 or 2 more quotes for the drilling of the well at the Tuscarora Park.

Discussion on NYS Ag & Markets application for Farmland Protection Plan Grant – Barbara Henderson has drafted the application. There are 2 initiatives that we are talking to Ag & Markets about: grant to help us do the zoning regulations specifically towards open space and farmland protection and the one to get our local farmers to get PDR. We need to get the application together soon so we are in line for the potential grant. It was thought that Fay Lyon and Kevin Pace should have some input as well. We also have to have a budget for the application. There was discussion about who should be in the project and general discussion about it.

There was discussion about changing the land use requirements. John Dunkle summarized his thoughts and suggested deciding on the zoning designations and then decide what each designation allows and go

from there. John said he would do whatever he can to help get this done. A committee would need to be formed to work on this and it was thought that the agriculture community should be involved as well. It was felt by the board that this would be a good thing to get going on. Dick will draft an authorizing resolution for the next meeting.

There was discussion about putting up no littering signs along the roadsides. Dick will call the county and try to get some signs.

Dick showed what the Erieville highway project was going to be. There will be a new storm sewer system, all new curbing and a more defined intersection.

Brenda Henderson talked about the mobile farmer's market project that is being started up and gave out posters.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike and seconded by Rob. The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Henderson, Town Clerk/Secretary