

Town of Nelson  
Town Board Meeting  
February 12, 2009

Present: Richard Williams, Supervisor  
Denise Earl, Councilman  
Dean Coe, Councilman  
Robert Davies, Councilman  
Jack Sevier, Highway Superintendent  
Michael Costello, Councilman & Sue Henderson were absent

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Williams at 7:00 pm.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. It was decided to postpone the approval of the last meetings minutes as they were not distributed beforehand. They will be decided upon at the next meeting.

The next Land Use Regulation Committee will be meeting on February 26, 2009 at 7:00. There will be a PERMA meeting at the Hotel Solsville on April 8, 2009. This is a general safety meeting for the Highway Department.

Dick gave the Supervisor's report and Denise gave the Town Clerk's and Zoning Officer's reports in Sue's absence. Denise also reported from the Planning Board.

New Business

Doug Trush appeared before the Board to discuss his plan to put windmills in Trush Park sometime in the next 2 – 3 years. He has already approached the Planning Board and wanted the Town Board to be advised as well. The developers he has been talking with are Pat Oot and Doug Jarvis, the ones doing the windmills in Fenner. Russell Cary said he was looking for hydropower in addition to more windmills. The PILOT program – Canastota School is the only one that opted out. He said they have a "wind zone" which includes the windmills and an exit strategy. There was discussion about the tax exemptions and what the landowners get. Russ explained that it is only hearsay but they are saying the landowners get around \$6,000 to \$8,000 or around 2.5% of the gross. Asked about the downside, Russell said the biggest downside is sightseers traipsing around the property.

Richard Benner appeared before the Board to discuss his group, The For In Your Pace Running Club, having a foot race through the town as part of the Route 20 Challenge, which is sponsored by the Route 20 Association. He is asking for permission to set this up in the town. It would probably be in August. The Board discussed this and could find nothing wrong with it. Mr. Benner will get back with us once more plans are made.

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### Highway Superintendent Report

Jack Sevier gave the Superintendent's report and said that he has been working with the Hays to figure out how to fix their problem. He said they are working on a list of the summer projects and will post them on the website. He said that we will have \$58,000 for the CHIPS program for this year which is a 30 – 40% cut from last year. The backhoe will be around \$63,000 but the price will go up 7% after April. Jack will get the proposal and bid for it. There were 110 plow runs for the year so far and last year was 130. He thought that we should make it through the rest of the season with the salt we have. He also said the OSHA violations are being remedied.

Dick has received a draft plan of the Town Hazard and Mitigation plan. The town will have to adopt the plan in order to have FEMA money more readily available should the need arise.

Jack discussed the town law for parking in snow zone. He stressed the need for more signs and enforcement of the violation.

### Correspondence

The Attorney General's office sent an email to Sue about doing a presentation at our board meeting to assist seniors in any number of scenarios. It was decided to have this presented at a time that would be more conducive to this type of thing.

The public is invited to a session on Virgil Mountain Tri-County Upland DEC to unveil proposals for expanded accessibilities to 10,629 acres in Tompkins, Cortland and Tioga counties.

The Town of Cazenovia will have a public hearing about their site plan review process.

Public Service Department and Time Warner's new contract is still under negotiation.

The Town Historian report was read by Denise. She said Fay is still concerned about the room where everything is stored.

### Old Business

Rob reported on the meeting of the highway department. The men were upset about the personal time being repaid as opposed to the sick time. It looks like they will be using more days than they normally would as some are already capped out. It seems as though the sick

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days were being used as personal days. In order to eliminate this practice, the Town will only pay the Attendance Incentive (payment for unused personal time) when an employee does not exceed 24 hours (3 days) of sick time.

Erieville Water District – Bill Magee thought that there might be \$120,000 around for the water district. Dick Elliott got a call from one of his other clients that they are updating the state revolving fund list and maybe more could come from that. We are close to having the plans back to the county so it can all be approved.

Dick and Dean will brainstorm getting the water well going over at the Tuscarora Park. Dick will check where we are with the grant on that as well.

There was a motion made to adopt the resolution for the re-val by Rob and seconded by Dean. Roll call was done and the motion was carried by all.

Denise came up with a list of some of her thoughts on the comments in the town survey. Dick thought that each one of the board members could take a couple of them to work on over the next few months. One of the main things is the sidewalk project in Erieville.

A motion was made by Denise to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Dean. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Henderson,  
Town Clerk