

Town of Nelson  
Town Board Meeting  
April 9, 2009

Present:               Richard Williams, Supervisor  
                          Denise Earl, Councilman  
                          Dean Coe, Councilman  
                          Michael Costello, Councilman  
                          Jack Sevier, Highway Superintendent  
                          Sue Henderson, Town Clerk  
Absent:                Rob Davies, Councilman

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited and roll call was taken. Denise made a motion to accept the March minutes and Mike seconded. All voted in favor and the minutes were approved.

The next Land Use Regulation Committee will be meeting on April 23, 2009 at 7:00. The town clean-up day will be May 2, 2009 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Dick gave the Supervisor's report and Sue gave the Town Clerk's report and Zoning Officer's report. The Madison County Supervisor's meeting will be next week.

Jack reported a quiet month for the Highway Department. There were 7 plow runs in March and 4 in April. They have been working on doing maintenance and attending safety meetings. Jack said he had a voice mail from a group that wants to have a bicycle race on the town roads. It was suggested that he have them come to the next meeting to discuss what needs to be done. There was discussion again about the mower and it was determined that Dick will get bid requests.

Dick Benner gave a report on his club – In Your Pace – that they can't get insurance for their race as it is too costly. Dick Williams said he would call our agent to see about a rider on our insurance for that day. The race will be August 1, 2009 with registration at 7:30 am and race to start at 9:00 am. They are hoping for 40 – 100 people. Dick Benner has already talked to Mrs. Dusell and Nelson Farms and both agreed it will be a good idea and did not have any problem with this race. He still has to get hold of Bill Magee. The sheriffs are already lined up and said if he can get the insurance, they will have 2 men there.

Old Business

Barbara Henderson reported that the Ag Protection Grant seems to be moving ahead and it looks like we will be getting the money. There are still a few things they want cleared up, such as a more specific scope of what we will be doing with the zoning. She suggested that the two towns, (Nelson and Cazenovia) have more consistent zoning regulations. We should also take

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an inventory of all farms in the two towns. It was suggested to have a steering committee of farmers from both towns get together to discuss this. We also need to have more of an idea of our soils and the condition they are in. Miriam made reference to the article in the paper about the number of Amish farms and how the Town of Fenner is changing their regulations to allow for more leniency as to where they can put their stands to sell their wares.

The town survey comments were discussed. The comment about the fire department not having enough people - Dean felt that is due to all the training they are required to have. Denise said we have a very active group of people in the town as far as dealing with the gas wells. Denise suggested that we write an article for the paper for people to see so that they know we are doing something about the comments. We are already redoing the zoning laws. There was discussion of swimming on Tuscarora Lake. There is nowhere to swim and if there was, then we would have to have lifeguards and money to pay them, clean-up crews etc. Sidewalks- Dick said he would go back to the county to find out if they have a design and see if we can at least leave stakes for the sidewalks that are there. If the town were to take care of the sidewalks, then there would have to be a district drawn up as a town cannot spend money on upkeep of a hamlet as it only benefits a small number of people. As far as the highway department – our expenditures per mile of road are half as much as Cazenovia's. We are right about the average for the county.

Miriam asked about the letters for the Highway garage. Jack said that we have them but haven't had a chance to get them up yet. Dick said he will call Jim Murphy at the county to see when we could get their bucket truck to put up the banners.

#### Correspondence

There was a letter from Excellus stating that COBRA benefits will be extended.

#### New Business

There is an application for \$125,000 in grant aid in to Bill Magee for the Erieville Water District. The Environmental Facilities Corp. through Senator Valesky's office needs more information for their grant and Dick Elliott will be sending that information on to them.

The county health department said we need an ultra violet (???) for the water supply at Tuscarora Park. Dean will get bids again based on this new information.

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Holly loset has been chosen as a new member of the Planning Board. Mike made a motion to approve Holly and Dean seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Sue will send the books to her.

There was a meeting that Dick attended with people from Cazenovia about what to do with the Route 20 corridor. There is no water supply from the end of the village up to Trush Park. They found out that Beverly Johnson has gone on a land acquisition campaign and purchased the former Ambrose property where the Franklin museum was going to be. Basically, the town of Cazenovia is not going to have any developable land left in the Route 20 corridor. The green zone is going to be self-preserved so there is nothing that can be done.

The New Woodstock Women's Softball League has asked for permission to use the ball fields again this year. Mike made a motion to approve their request and Denise seconded. All voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Dick said that the Madison County Historian is preparing something to present at the Madison County Fair.

We have to designate the polling places again. They will again be at the Town Office building and the fire station in Erieville. Dick made a motion to approve these sites and Dean seconded. All voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Jack asked the Board if he could go to Highway School from June 1 through 3. Dick made a motion to approve this request and Dean seconded. All voted in favor and the motion was carried.

As there was no further business or discussion, Mike made a motion to adjourn and Dick seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Henderson, Secretary