

Town of Nelson
Town Board Meeting
June 11, 2009

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

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

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

The next Land Use Regulation Committee meeting will be on June 25, 2009 at 7:00. The Madison County Fair is set to begin on July 9, 2009. From all indications it looks like there will be quite a bit going on. Denise said that the Town of Nelson is coming along nicely with their display. Because the opening day is the same as our normal meeting date, there was discussion to move our meeting to Wednesday. Dick made the motion to move the date of the meeting to July 8 and Dean seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Dick gave the Supervisor's report and reported that at the Madison County Board meeting the supervisor's approved the emergency communication system which will cost about \$20 million. One of the issues was how to pay for it. It was decided to raise fees instead of taxes to pay for it. They will be raising the mortgage tax, cell phone monthly payments and land line fees. The mortgage tax was tabled for now. The cell phone and land line fees will be \$0.75.

Sue gave the Town Clerk's report and Zoning Officer's report. It was decided to wait until the dog licenses are totally fixed before raising the fees. Jim Stokes has prepared a local law for filing when we need it.

Sue reported that the new copier is here but she hasn't had much time to figure out the whole thing but it does work. Dick said the landscaping project came out good and looks nice.

Jack gave the highway report. The tentative date for the paving of Judd Rd. and Thomas Rd. is still scheduled for the end of June. Beebe and Tainter Hill are scheduled for July. The sign is up on the Town Barn. Jack said that on Funk Road there is a set of stairs that were damaged by the plow this winter. The railing was knocked over and they asked that the town replace them. Dick made a motion to replace them and it was seconded by Dean. All voted in favor and it was

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decided to replace them at a cost of \$300. Joe Deyo will put markers up on the railing next winter.

The mowing is going along fine. Jack said the mower is working fine. Jack said the Erieville Road project is progressing and the county will start digging next week.

Correspondence

There is a letter from Cazenovia Area Senior Citizen Association thanking us for the \$1,000 we appropriated for them.

There was a Niagara Mohawk release for putting up the banners. Sue will send it back with the insurance certificate and we can put up the banners.

Rob reported that the Wastewater Treatment Center is ready to go to the composting project. They are not doing any more land application rights and then people can get fertilizer for their flower gardens for free. It can't be used on vegetable gardens and there will be a release form to sign to that effect.

Dick received a letter from a citizen regarding the gas drilling exploration wanting to be sure we are not endangering the resources, wildlife and environment if we are going to be doing this. Supervisor Goldstein is putting together an informational meeting at Morrisville College in Norwich in June regarding this.

Old Business

Barbara Henderson reported that all is going good with our grant process and we just have to wait now. The Purchase development rights resolution was read by Dick. Dick made a motion to adopt the resolution and Rob seconded. Sue did the roll call and it was approved by all.

The In Your Pace run is progressing and Dick Benner will be dropping off flyers to Sue. They are just waiting for the cones.

New Business

Dick gave an update on Erieville Water District. He said he has submitted the application to the Dormitory Authority to go after the \$125,000 member grant that Bill Magee appropriated. One thing we found from someone in the Assembly was that we can't get the \$125,000 grant without having the BAN in hand, which means we have to borrow the money before we need it.

Then what we can hopefully do is borrow it at say, 3% and then invest it at 2% for a loss of 1% but that's the way it has to go. Dick Elliot is ready to get the drawings done and get everything outlined and having it ready to bid.

Denise asked about the springs for the water system. Dick explained that there are actually two springs and the well is about 200 yards north of the springs. The well is actually drilled in the area of the old creamery because everyone knew that the creamery had a good water supply. If we have enough money the idea is that the springs could be used as a secondary source. If that's the case, we have to have reverse osmosis and ultraviolet disinfection. That will add more money to the project but if we have the money we'll do that and that way if we want to rotate between the two sources we could. If we don't have the money the springs will be used only as an emergency back-up. We would have to issue a boil water notice and only use the springs in that scenario.

Dean has bids for the Tuscarora Park water supply. Dean and Dick went over there last week to see where the building should be. They decided that it would be better if they did not put the building under the existing pavilion. Dean went to the Amish people and they gave him a quote for \$500 which seems very reasonable.

Dean also said he went to Wampsville and talked with one of Jeff Snyder's co-workers about the pump and he said we definitely have to go to a purifier system for the pump. So Dean obtained bids from Automatic Utilities and Jim St. Pierre. Automatic Utilities bid was \$7,725 and Jim St. Pierre was \$3,800. Mike made a motion to accept Jim St. Pierre's bid and buy the Amish building and Rob seconded. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.

Dean said Gene Daggett did not get the wood chips. He will find out about them and get them in.

Denise gave an update on the county fair and said the display is coming together nicely. The Setliff's are making a pamphlet on swamp flowers and also bookmarks. Denise asked about business cards to give out at the fair. It was decided to get them as long as they don't cost over \$50.

The laptop for the assessor was discussed again. Dick said he talked with the other supervisor's and they all agreed that that was how this was handled in the past and right now she is using the Brookfield's computer. Dick made a motion to pay \$300 for our town's share of this laptop. There was no second, so there was no action taken.

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Dick received a copy of a Memo of Understanding from Theresa Frank who is with the NYS Office of Real Property and he believes that in February we passed a resolution to go forward with the re-evaluation. We need to send it back to her. Dick made a motion to go ahead with this Memo of Understanding and Dean seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

As there was no further business, Dick made a motion to adjourn and Rob seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Henderson, Secretary