

Town of Nelson  
Town Board Meeting  
November 12, 2009

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

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

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

The next Land Use Regulation Committee meeting will be on Dec. 3, 2009 at 7:00.

The Madison County's Supervisor's meeting will be November 17 at 9:20 am and 7:00 pm for the budget public hearing. The budget as it's now proposed is about a 2.3% increase over the previous year.

Supervisor's Report

Dick gave the supervisor's report and summary of expenditures. He said the expenditures for the month were \$42,417.08. There is an uncommitted balance with one month left of the year of \$60,808.02 and for the highway fund \$249,505.86. Total receipts for the month was \$16,764.94 of which \$8,438.00 is from per capita aid and the justice fund was \$7,330.00. Disbursements were \$42,417.08.

Sue gave the town clerk's report. The total revenues were \$187.43. She said that the hunting licenses were down from last month. She reported \$324.50 for zoning for the month which is also down.

There was discussion about the zoning board of appeals about not having a quorum 2 meetings in a row. It was decided to have Sue send a letter to each member asking about their intentions as to staying on the board. It was also discussed to have a back-up member in case of not having a quorum. At next year's organizational meeting it should be discussed to have an alternate.

### Public Hearing – Budget

Dick made a motion to open the public hearing for the review of the preliminary 2010 budget and Dean seconded. The public hearing was opened at 7:15 pm. Last week the board met and went over each item. General fund appropriations are \$287,218 less revenues of \$118,050 less the unexpended balance of \$20,000 which leaves the remainder of \$149,168 to be raised by taxes. Last year there was \$73,000 left over so only \$78,029 had to be raised by taxes. The highway fund appropriations are \$666,844 less \$126,500 revenues, less the unexpended balance of \$50,000 which leaves \$490,344 to be raised by taxes. The total to be raised by taxes is \$639,512 less sales tax distribution of \$245,264 for a total of \$397,248. Our tax base is \$155 million so our tax rate for this year is \$2.54 per 1,000 versus \$2.52 last year. The lighting districts in Erieville and Nelson are relatively the same. Morrisville and Cazenovia fire districts are basically the same, Erieville fire is down .01 from last year. CAVAC is essentially the same.

As there is a supervisor and bookkeeper change for next year, additional equipment is required for the automated bookkeeping system so \$8,500 was appropriated for that.

There is a change for the Joint Youth program in that we have reduced our portion from \$4,000 to \$3,000 and instead gave \$1,000 to the CACDA.

After another look at highway, the capital outlay was for \$140,000 of which we only spent \$120,000 so it was reduced to \$120,000 this year.

Dick asked for questions or comments from the public and there were none. The board had no questions. Dick made a motion to close the public hearing and Dean seconded. All voted in favor and the public hearing was closed at 7:24 pm. Dick made a motion to adopt the budget as presented and Dean seconded. The board was polled, all voted in favor and the budget was adopted as presented.

### Highway Report

Jack said that they are working on a complete plan for Chaphee Hill Road as there are a lot more homes coming in up there. They hope that the county will help on their end. The stuff on the top is pretty cut and dry. They are going to help with the water problem on Tuscarora Road at the catch basin. There have been improvement but there is more needed. There weren't any flooding incidents this summer. Jack said there were a couple of times they had to clean leaves out but there were no problems.

Jack said that he placed the backhoe on Auctions International and the bid just closed yesterday with a closing price of \$15,700. After discussion, Dean made a motion to sell the backhoe for \$15,700 and Mike seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Jack has re-written the certificate for the abandonment of the Roberts Road property and now it matches the road records inventory. Dick made a motion to accept the certificate and Mike seconded. All voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Jack said that Chaphee Hill Road on the south side from Diamonds to the lake needs more work done due to water. He said the biggest problem is with the catch basins collecting leaves. They will be working on that.

He said that they are ready for the winter season and have sanded once this season. A question was asked about the hamlet of Erieville and he said that the top coat of paving will be done next spring as they stop paving in the middle of October.

#### Correspondence

There was a letter from the Erieville Fire Department saying that there are two fire hydrants on Eatonbrook Road that don't work. Dick will forward the letter to Mark Nourse to see if he can fix them or needs to have an outside contractor do it. Dick also said he will remind Mark that the hydrants need to be flushed every 6 months.

There was a letter from Blue Cross/Blue Shield saying that the rates are going up next year.

There was a letter from the Madison County Highway Supervisor regarding the new snowplow agreement. Dick made a motion based on Jack's approval to approve the contract. Mike seconded and all voted in favor of the contract.

There was a letter from the Office of Real Property saying that the reval process is progressing and the new assessments will be available for the 2010 March roll.

Dean reported on the Youth Rec program. He attended the meeting. There was a list of the numbers of people attending from each town.

There were letters from the Association of Towns and Route 20 Association saying that our dues are due.

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#### Old Business

Barbara Henderson said that the Ag & Markets grant is approved but they are still waiting for the budget office to give up the funds. They expect to honor these grants but they don't know when.

#### New Business

We have received the new engineer's report on the Erieville Water project. Sue will send a letter to all those in the water district advising them of this report. Rob made a motion to have a public hearing for the water district next month and Mike seconded. All but Denise voted in favor. Denise felt that we weren't ready and voted no to the public hearing. It was decided to move the town board meeting to the 17<sup>th</sup> and have the public hearing then. Sue will include this in the letter to the water district members.

Tuscarora Park pump is installed. Dean will turn the water on and have it tested.

The next meeting of the town board will be on December 17, 2009.

Jeff Edgerton of the Tuscarora Lake Association was in attendance to report to the board that there are a lot of people in Erieville that would like to have the speed limit on Erieville Road from Kay's store to Hardscrabble Road lowered to 35 miles per hour and asked what the procedure is in doing so. He was advised to get petitions signed and present them to the board. It was felt that it would also have to go to the State Police. Jeff thought that he would probably wait until next summer when the summer people are back and get the signatures then.

Barbara Henderson thanked the board for the award to the CACDA and asked that we think about what we would like the association to focus on.

As there was no further business or discussion, Rob made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dean seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Henderson, Town Clerk