

Town of Nelson, Town Board Meeting
July 10, 2008
Nelson Office Building – 7:00 pm

Present: Richard Williams, Supervisor
 Michael Costello, Councilman
 Denise Earl, Councilman
 Dean Coe, Councilman
 Robert Davies, Councilman
 Susan Henderson, Town Clerk

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

After the pledge and roll call the minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Dick and seconded by Dean to accept the minutes as amended. It was carried after approval by all members.

Dick mentioned that the Madison County Fair will be held this weekend in Brookfield.

The first meeting of the Land Use committee will be held July 17, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the town office.

Supervisor's Report

Dick gave the supervisor's report and Sue gave the town clerk's report. Dick reported on the Madison County Board Meeting. County Board of Supervisor's approved a local law establishing a Cold War Induction real property tax exemption. This will be granted on the tax bill for the county taxes. If the town chooses to do the same we will do the local law at the next meeting. Update on the emergency communications project: The task force working on that project have come up with a more fine tuned cost estimate which is a little under 20 million dollars. They have to purchase the equipment to improve the quality of the emergency communication system within the county.

Highway Report

Ed Nelson reported for the Highway in the absence of John Sevier. He reported that Lyon Road is scheduled for oil and stone, Stone Bridge has been ground up and is on hold until Jack gets back.

Correspondence

There was a letter from our attorney in response to an insurance company that wanted to buy out the insurance claims from our former insurance company, Reliance. We don't have any pending claims with Reliance.

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There is a letter from NYS DEC regarding the Tioughnioga Wildlife Management Area. The DEC is interested in purchasing 42.5 acres of land that is contiguous to that area. They are asking if we have any comments pro or con regarding the acquisition.

There is a letter which requested that we write to the US Army Corps of Engineers reaffirming our support for the Eaton Brook Reservoir Aquatic Restoration Project. Dick has written to them and sent the resolution as well.

There is a letter from Bradley and Dawn Roeller regarding their land. They are concerned about the illegal dumping on Larkin Road and they wondered if we can somehow block the entrance to that road. We can't do that as people use that road year around.

There is a letter from Lewis Neuburger complaining about the condition of Beebe Road. Dick will discuss this with Jack when he gets back.

There is a contract from the Madison County Board of Elections for the both polling places.

We were contacted by the NYS Deferred Compensation Plan Company. It is similar to a 401K plan if our employees want to join. Dick will distribute them to the employees and ask their opinion.

Dick has a copy of notice of petition in the matter of the application and Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York as a petition against the state's real property services.

Judy Wright of the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation and American Farmland Trust appeared before the board to explain more about the Ag & Markets Purchase Development Rights Program for qualified farmland. The town can submit an application on behalf of land owners to purchase development rights in viable Ag areas. Judy Gianforte with Cazenovia Preservation Foundation would consider working with the landowners to do the application. Also here was Pam Woodworth who is willing to help prepare the application. Also, Barbara Henderson was here to offer her expertise as she has worked with Cazenovia in getting their application in.

Noise Complaint Issue in Erieville

Jane Magee appeared before the board with a petition signed by her neighbors asking the board to do something about the noise of ATV's in a neighbor's yard for long periods of time. They have talked to the neighbors and nothing happens. The Codes Enforcement Officer will send them a letter.

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Erieville Water Project

Dick Williams spoke with the town engineer who said the county planning department is assisting him and they are making progress on the USDA Rural Development loan application. We are on track in getting financing from that source. We were scheduled to have EPA compliance inspection today but it was postponed because of the Legionnaire's Disease in Onondaga County. Madison County Health Department sent a form indicating that we were committing to perform filtration of the water source which is a requirement under the Federal Clean Water Act.

Tuscarora Park Update

Dean has contracted with Bickhom to drill the well. They moved their equipment in today and thought they would be drilling tomorrow and they feel that there is plenty of water. The next step would be the electrical and plumbing.

Town Survey

Denise said we were at a finish point. Sue said she will send the cards to Central Services to be made and go forward from there.

Eaton Brook Reservoir

Dick received the resolution from the County saying that Cornell is going to do another study to look at the lakes in the county and also the study about stocking walleye will propagate the right kinds of fish that will eventually eat the Eurasian Milfoil. This year it has been officially awarded to Eaton Brook.

Application for Ag Protection Program Grant

Barbara Henderson was here to talk about the application for the grant for the Ag Protection program. She said we were about 50% through the application process and we need to get it done soon. She told what we needed to do next.

Dean said that he has researched the material needed under the swing sets at the Tuscarora Park. There are two different kinds of materials recommended – wood chips and a rubber type of material. It was decided to not use the rubber material and go with the wood chips.

Bob Magee asked if the fire department could be notified of events going on in front of the fire station referring mainly to the road improvements being done next year. Dick said he would talk to the county

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to make sure they have a contact person. Jane said that the chicken barbecue will be held at the fire house this year instead of Tuscarora Park. They are going to try it for this year and see how it goes.

A motion was made by Dick and seconded by Mike to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Henderson, Secretary