

Town of Nelson
Town Board Meeting
October 9, 2008

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

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

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

Land Use Regulation Committee will be meeting on October 23, 2008 at 7:00.

Larry Thomas from the South Otselic School District reported on the upcoming election to determine if they will merge the Georgetown School into the South Otselic school. He spoke at length about the drawings for the proposed school set-up and the need to address the needs of the children. He stated that the children in the Georgetown area would be the farthest away and they are looking at their bus routes to see how they can be changed to accommodate these children. He said that if the proposal is approved, the staff would be less but that this would be accomplished through attrition instead of laying people off. They also propose to have a bus garage that would be bigger and able to have a work area as well. \$19.3 million is the proposed cost to for the building with 98% funding from the state. \$3.3 million is the proposed cost for the garage.

Dick gave the Supervisor's Report and Sue gave the Town Clerk's and Code Enforcement Officer's reports.

The tentative budget was discussed and ended up with a 3 cent reduction in the tax rate. We have cut the general fund account. A motion was made by Dean and seconded by Mike to accept the tentative budget. All voted in favor and the motion passed. We do not have the numbers from the fire departments yet. The budget hearing will be November 13th at the next board meeting.

Jack reported for the Highway Department and said the sand is about 2/3 in the building. Road signs are going up. He said he would like to spend \$5,000 on cutting edges for the plows. A motion was made by Dick and seconded by Rob to spend the \$5,000. All voted in favor and the motion was passed. Jack said the back hoe and the road mower need to be replaced and he will go and look at some used ones.

Dick said he met with Mr. & Mrs. Hay about their drain issue. It was decided that the drains need to be fixed. Jack will take care of it.

Correspondence

Dick received a letter from NYS Comptrollers Office reminding the town to keep funds in a secure bank.

He also received a letter from the NYS Route 20 Association about membership.

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Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

The Erieville Water District had the compliance inspection last Thursday for the Madison County Board of Health and everything was okay. In talking with operator Mark Nourse, there are a couple more leaks in the water tank. The mowing needs to be done better around the tank.

SEQR

Dick said we need the entire SEQR form to go along with our application for the funding. It needs a resolution from the board. He read the resolution and a motion was made by Rob and seconded by Mike to approve the resolution. Everyone voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Denise asked about bathrooms for the ball park. Dick said it was discussed when they were last up there and thought about making part of the existing pavilion into restrooms.

Dick read a resolution to support the DEC buying land in the Tioughnioga land near Corkinsville. Dick made a motion to approve the resolution and Mike seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Dick read the letter to the Roeller's stating that there was nothing they could do to block the road but that they were going to be putting up No Littering signs.

Denise reported on the Town Satisfaction Survey. She said she will get a copy of the synopsis to everyone. There is nothing that is really blatant that stands out but there are a few things we need to work on. Communication in the town is very difficult.

Fay Lyon said that Helen O'Dell has been chosen for Citizen of the Year. There will be a reception at the Erieville Fire Department on November 9th at 2:00. He spoke about the proposal that he and other farmers have received from the natural gas companies and says he's not going to sign it. He is encouraging others to not sign as well and may have a meeting to discuss the pros and cons.

Dick made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dean seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Henderson, Town Clerk