

Town of Nelson
Town Board Meeting
September 11, 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 and roll call the minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Dean and seconded by Mike to accept the minutes as amended. It was carried after approval by all members.

Land Use Regulation Committee scheduled to meet September 25, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the town office. Dick would also like to combine that with a Budget workshop meeting at 6:00 pm that same evening.

Dick Williams gave the Supervisor's Report and the Madison County Board meeting report. They did a proclamation for Beezy Madden. There was also recognition of Patricia Donegan McCarthy. Dick said she's an amazing woman, 82 years old who participates in archery, badminton, tennis and is a very impressive woman to meet. There is still a search underway for a County Administrator. They have some resumes to consider and are going to set up interviews.

Sue gave the Town Clerk's report and the Codes Enforcement Officer's report. Sue reported that at the Planning Board meeting Morrisville Auxiliary is proposing to purchase the Buck's Woods campground (owned by the Pashley's) and erect an equine rehabilitation facility. This would be the only facility of this kind in the northeast. There are only 2 or 3 others in the country.

Jack Sevier gave the Highway Supervisor's report. He said the one mile of Thomas Road is done. The cost was \$139,363.67. Beebe Road – Jack sent a letter to the resident that complained that because of the price of oil that this year was out of the question for repairs but that he would try to schedule it for next year. Larsen Road – it was determined that it cannot be blocked and Dick will get back to the residents and tell them.

Sand – County sand bid –Kinsella - 7.40 per yard, Marshall - \$6.40 per yard, Zupan - \$6.00 per yard. So the sand will cost \$24,000 by going with Zupan. Jack made the recommendation that we purchase 4,000 yards of sand from Zupan and Dean seconded. Mike abstained from voting and the motion was carried by the rest of the board members. Jack said salt has gone up too. To do the same amount of salt with the sand as last year - about 35 ton, would be about \$10,000 according to the state bid price. Last year it was \$31.26 a ton and this year it's \$43.38 a ton.

Jack received a letter from Joe Wyszynski of the County Highway Superintendent regarding the Hall Road and North Lake Road request from residents about making a four-way stop at that intersection. After much discussion it was decided that there doesn't need to be one there. It was suggested to put a 35 mile speed limit sign near the intersection. Jack will check into intersection signs or curve signs, etc. and also the no littering signs.

Miriam Barrows asked about the sign for the highway department. Maravene will check on it.

Correspondence

Dick said there is a shared services workshop in Utica on the 25th at 9:00 am and another one in the OnCenter on October 23rd if anyone wants to attend.

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There was a letter from Richard Elliott stating that September 4, 2008 he sent the revised plans and spec for the Erieville Water storage tank to the Madison County Department of Health.

There was a letter from Margaret Hay stating that she owns the land on the north side of Chaphee Hill Road and back in 1992 we entered into an agreement with Mrs. Hay to allow us to use the property for an easement to construct and level the spreaders that divert the water off Chaphee Hill Road and the agreement has expired. She said that on August 20th she walked up there and found new work had been done and not level the spreaders as designed. Jack said he had not talked

to her but that they went up there and cleaned stuff up but most of it is pre-existing. They also cleaned the shoulders the full length of the road. Dick will call her and discuss this.

There was a letter from CPA firm reminding us that the government accounting standards for GASBY coming up with a rule requiring municipalities to balance sheet accounting. It was set up in phases so that municipalities with less than 10 million dollars a year are supposed to be compliant by 2009. It's something we need to be aware of and may need to make some accounting changes.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

The Erieville Water District – A resolution that needs to go into the USDA application that grants the Supervisor the signatory authority for the loan application was read by Dick. Dick made the motion to adopt the resolution and Mike seconded. All voted in favor and the motion was carried. The clerk took the roll as follows: Dean – yes, Mike – yes, Dick – yes, Rob – yes, Denise – yes.

Dick introduced another resolution approving legal services and bond counsel services agreements with respect to financing of capital improvements to the facilities of the Erieville Water District. Also attached are the Legal Services Agreement and the Proposal to Provide Bond Counsel Services to the Town of Nelson. Dick made the motion to adopt this resolution and Rob seconded. All voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Dick asked Sue if the public notice was placed in the paper for these resolutions and it was. Denise asked if we could also put the notice in the Hi Neighbor as only 8 people have the Caz Republican delivered from the post office and Kay had only sold 1. Dick said the Hi Neighbor doesn't always put a whole notice on one page but puts it in wherever they have room.

Denise asked if there was any maintenance schedule or anything as to how the tank is maintained. Dick said the water should be tested every day at the end of the line – Kay's store. The operator would have to go to Morrisville to become certified and then take refresher courses and it's difficult to find someone to do that.

Denise asked if we ever got the income survey finalized. Dick said they are looking for 99% of the people and we are at 80 something now.

Tuscarora Park - Dean has a couple of proposals for the building at the park. We may buy the building with the grant money ourselves and the highway department can build a pad. Then the water line can come up to the building. It was suggested to have some kind of barrier around the building as well.

Town Satisfaction Survey - Surveys are still coming in but we need to bring it to an end. We have a pretty good response percent. Denise will put an ad in the Hi Neighbor for people to return them.

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Flag Pole – Dick suggested that we do something with our flag pole and move it toward the center of the yard. There are solar powered lights we can get for it so we won't have to do any wiring. He will talk to Ron Davies and Bob Markowski of the American Legion and see if it can get up before Veteran's Day.

Dick asked Barb Henderson if there was any news from Albany on our application for the Ag Protection Grant. She is calling them tomorrow to see if they have everything they need from us.

Development Rights – Fay Lyon said the interest is still there but there's not enough time this year to get it done.

Fay said the Nelson Citizen of the Year Committee is meeting and asked that one of our board members be on the committee. Denise volunteered to be on the committee.

Rob Davies said that the Otselic Valley School district is in the middle of exempting on a capital building project so they're going to be moving the Georgetown Elementary School down to South Otselic. So they are going to build onto the high school and ship everyone down there. They are doing meetings regarding the project and the Town of Nelson seems to be left off even though we have a small contingency of homes in that area. He said the school was going to all the towns involved explaining the process and it was an oversight to miss us. They will be coming to the town board but can't make the next meeting.

As there was no further business Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dean seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Henderson, Town Clerk