

Town of Nelson, Town Board Meeting
August 14, 2008
Nelson Office Building – 7:00 pm

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 Denise to accept the minutes as amended. It was carried after approval by all members.

There will be a meeting of the Land Use Regulations committee on August 28, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the town office.

Dick gave the Supervisor's report and Sue gave the Town Clerk's and Zoning Officer's reports.

Dick reported on the Madison County Supervisor's meeting. He talked about the "Buy Local" weekend and the farm tours.

Dick reported that Roger has written a letter to the people who live in the house where the noise complaint was as the owner is a bank in Pennsylvania. Bob Magee was present to say it has gotten better.

Jack Sevier reported that the main thing right now in the highway department is the paving of Thomas Road. Hansen told him they could not do the paving for what they originally quoted due to the price of oil. It was decided that they would do 1 mile of road instead of 1.3 miles. There was discussion about having the paving done earlier in the summer.

There was a phone call from Dick Steinbach about Beebe Road. Jack will go over and look at the road and talk to the homeowners there that were complaining about the road to explain what the plan is for it.

There was a phone call from the Roeller family wanting to know about putting a gate up on their road. It was determined that they cannot do that because the state rules say that they have to own both sides of the road and they don't. Dick will write a letter to them.

There was an e-mail from Karen Stone on Jones Road wanting us to follow up on putting up No Littering signs. Dick will have the County make the signs.

Barbara Henderson was at the meeting and said she has completed the application Ag Protection Grant. She explained there is enough funding for 10 more grants which should be out by December. Dick said he hasn't heard anything further from any of the farmers involved with the purchase of development rights.

Correspondence:

Dick received the final report on rural aging summit. Our county has less elderly people than most.

There was a report from NYS Office of Real Property. Our final equalization rate has fallen to 89%. Dick said that the town of Cazenovia is at 78%. The town of Hamilton is at 80%. Madison is 90%. Sullivan is 88%.

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The Insurance Services Office is going to go through and talk with our codes enforcement officer to arrive at an index that indicates how well our code enforcement is being done. That index is used by our insurance carrier to get a good or bad rate on our property insurance.

There is a letter from Penny Croot indicating that she is very upset with the geese hunting on Tuscarora Lake and would like Dick to spearhead some form of legislation or reform to stop hunters from shooting geese on the lake.

There was a letter stating that our STAR aid is going to be \$504.82.

New Business

The Erieville Water District had an inspection but had to be rescheduled. The county came out and did random sampling. They had a problem with chlorine residuals at the end of the system by Kay's store. Mark Nourse was told about it and he went out and flushed the hydrant to eliminate the problem.

The water supply well – we need to get bids to build a pump house where we could put a hydro pneumatic tank, electric panel, submersible pump and all piping involved.

Dean said that Mr. Daggett that does the lawn mowing gave him a bid for putting the swing set up to code for \$1,000. It was decided to have him go ahead with that. Dean said that there was some joyriding on the field. He put the sod back and thought we might do something else with that.

Dorothy Tainter asked what needs to be done to make Hall Road and North Lake Road a four-way stop.

Dick made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dean seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Henderson, Town Clerk