

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

Present: Richard Williams, Supervisor
 Michael Costello, Councilman
 Denise Earl, Councilwoman
 Dean Coe, Councilman
 Robert Davies, Councilman
 John Sevier, Jr., Highway Superintendent
 Edward Nelson, Deputy Highway Superintendent
 Susan Henderson, Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Williams.

After the December 2008 minutes were reviewed, Supervisor Williams made the motion to accept these minutes as presented. Councilman Coe seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted by all.

Supervisor Williams then administered the oath of office to the newly elected officials. They are: Denise Earl, Councilwoman, Robert Davies, Councilman, Susan Henderson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Edward Nelson, Deputy Highway Superintendent.

Announcement:

There will be an appreciation luncheon Jan 19 – 2:00 at Rosie’s for all the outgoing people with elected officials to pay \$5.00.

Reports:

Summary of expenditures by Supervisor Williams. Copy attached.

Madison County Board Meeting:

Newly elected board chairman – John Becker from the Town of Sullivan
Committee Assignments are yet to be announced.

Town Clerk’s report: Report attached.

Dick reported Denise gave him note regarding Jan Roberts, Bob McKinnon and Chris Westcott thanking them all. Denise then read the letter and Dick will prepare resolutions for the January 19th luncheon.

Highway Superintendent:

Highway Superintendent John Sevier reported that they have been doing a lot of plowing and running at the same start times. He said it’s not a healthy condition for roads now and there are a lot of lost shoulders. They have also been busy running for tree limbs that have come down.

There was discussion regarding the 2008 organization plan for the highway dept. Dick reported that there were no significant changes other than a few minor changes to personal leave. Report attached. Dean motioned to accept the plan and Denise seconded. The motion was carried.

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Correspondence:

There was a letter of resignation from Tim Etter. This position has not been filled. Dick asked that if anyone knows of anyone to fill it to please let him know. There is also Bob McKinnon's resignation letter.

Letter from Judge O'Sullivan read by Dick. He is willing to continue doing both judges' work until next election with a doubling of his salary which will net us a savings of \$2,000. There is also a back up plan with Judge Jim Ryan in case it's needed.

There was a letter of engagement from Jim Stokes, the Town Attorney. Dick read the letter and a motion was made by Denise to accept these terms, seconded by Mike. The motion carried.

Letter from NYS DOT public service. Negotiations with Time Warner still going extended to July 11, 2008.

New Business:

EWD – plans not ready yet but should be ready next week. There will be a special meeting with the commissioners of the water district when completed.

Organizational Meeting: Copy attached.

Planning board – reappoint Jim St. Pierre for another term and Bob Carr for Bob McKinnon. We still need one more.

Zoning – Mary Perry reappointed and there is still a vacancy on the board.

A note was made to review procurement procedures at next meeting.

Deputy clerk – There was discussion about policy for a board member to act as deputy clerk. It was determined that it is okay. Policy was determined in 2004 by local law.

Tim Etter recommended Jack Decker for board. Jack hasn't decided yet. Mike Emerson was asked but has declined. If anyone else knows of someone please let Dick know as we still have 2 vacancies.

Organizational Chart: motion to accept organizational chart with the caveat to have contract with town engineer made by Mike Costello, seconded by Dean. All approved and the motion was carried.

Discussion about NYS Ag & Markets Farmland Protection Grant. Dick discussed this with Supervisor Moran of Cazenovia and they are going ahead with plan. We can go with them or do it independently. The question was brought up about now that we have the comprehensive plan done, would this grant help us with the rural zoning plan and should we be doing farmland protection plan as well? Dick asked Denise to look it over on the website and give her thoughts. It was decided to keep it on the table for now and discuss it at next meeting after understanding the whole concept better.

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Public Comments:

Comments about “The Pharm”. Dick said he would call Roger and find out what’s going on with it.

Note that revision to organizational chart that John Dunkle is Chairman and Jim St. Pierre is Vice Chairman.

The next meeting will be Feb 14, 2008.

Motion was made by Dick to go into Executive Session. Mike seconded. There was roll taken of the board members and all okayed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Henderson, Town Clerk