

December 19, 2013

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 7:00pm. All Board members were present. Also attending were Recreation Director Catherine Prentice; Building Inspector Drew Weaver; Officer in Charge John Hughes; Attorney to the Town Replansky; the reporter from the Millerton News and fifteen members of the public.

Supervisor called the meeting to order and the pledge was done.

Motion by Jackson second by Keeler to accept the minutes of November 6<sup>th</sup> and November 21<sup>st</sup>. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Lyons-Chase second by Keeler to accept the Town Clerks monthly report for November 2013. 5-0 passed.

Supervisor's Statement – a letter came from Cablevision stating the changes that will be made.

Workers Compensation Renewal – Motion by Keeler second by David to approve Perma as the Towns carrier for the Workers Compensation at a cost of \$31,637.00. 5-0 passed.

A letter from Peter Hage was received on behalf of Boy Scout Troop 45 requesting use of the former Library building to hold their meetings from January 9 to March 27, 2014 on Thursday nights from 6:45 to 9:00 pm. Motion by Keeler second by Lyons-Chase to so approve. 5-0 passed.

Highway Superintendent Issue/Announcement – The Supervisor read a statement stating that Barry Hay has resigned as Highway Superintendent as of December 5, 2013. He added that Atty. Replansky has prepared a Resolution regarding this and it will be discussed in Executive Session.

Approval of Bills – Motion by Keeler second by Coons to approve payment of PPWIA bills #1063-1070, Highway bills #1071-1087 and General bills #1068-1114. 5-0 passed.

Public Comment – Jim Mara addressed the Board asking that Rich Diaz be appointed to the Library Board immediately through December 31, 2015. Supervisor said this will be discussed in executive session.

Councilman Keeler announced that the American Legion and the VFW are doing a food and clothing drive and also accept cash for the Castle Point VA Hospital.

Recreation Report – Catherine gave a voucher for the Mens' League Refs fees. She is asking for checks to be cut for December, January and February. She would like separate checks for each month.

Motion by Jackson second by Keeler to approve. 5-0 passed.

Supervisor asked about the other programs starting January 11, 2014, yoga, tai chi and family exercise will be taking place upstairs in the new Library- times to be announced. It will be on the web.

Catherine stated the recreation department will be getting a two week free trial on a "One Call" program. She also noted that Pee Wee Basketball starts January 11, 2014 and they are still looking for sponsors.

Highway Report – Heather Wilson gave the report. The old sander and truck body has been removed- it needs to be hauled away. The guard rails on the North side of Hammertown Road have been installed, due to the storm the South side has not been done yet. She also stated that Truck #10 is back with the body and tarp all installed. The “Chips” money in the amount of \$91,315.85 has been electronically transferred to our account. We received another container from Welsh for our recycling at no charge.

Heather would also like to donate to battered women through Verizon eight old cell phones from the Highway Dept. Motion by Keeler second by David to so approve. 5-0 passed.

She would also like to request a clothing and boots allowance for the part time worker Jeff Swartz. She will research the cost. She said the Highway crew is doing a great job with everything that has been going on.

Supervisor Coons noted that you cannot pick through the scrap metal pile.

Assessors Report – Jim reported there is nothing new, The Appraisers’ are coming on Tuesday and the mailing will be done late February.

PPWIA Report – Councilman Keeler reported that Central Hudson will be working out of the PPWIA for two – three months.

Police Report – Hughes reported that Officer Bogdanfy is in charge of the “E-Justice Portal” and training the other Police Officers on it and all have the monthly report.

Town Attorney Report – Replansky said he has nothing new and would like an Executive Session regarding the Library.

Building Inspector Report – All have the monthly report.

Other – Supervisor Coons would like to thank Rosie and Sandra for their faithful service to the Town at this time.

Lyons- Chase – John Nolan from Pace University came last week- it was a very good meeting regarding the Affordable Housing & Economic Development.

David – Sandra spoke of Ariel Schlein who is working on a distillery on the Dan Adams property regarding his interest in the Trails Committee. Sandra also said Nan Stolzenberg came and met with the Trails Committee and talked about what they need to do regarding applying for a grant. Sandra feels that it is important that the Trails and Sidewalk Committees work together.

Motion by Keeler second by Jackson to hold the Town Board re-org meeting on January 2, 2014 at 7:00pm. 5-0 passed.

Motion by David second by Lyons-Chase to go to Executive Session for personnel and contractual issues. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Keeler second by Jackson to return to regular order of business. 5-0 passed.

Supervisor Coons stated at this time the Town Board acknowledges Barry Hays resignation.

He also stated that in regard to the Library Trustee appointment the Board wants a statement from Diaz with his vision for the Library. Jim Mara said he does not understand the Board point – he feels the Board is micro managing and he is not pleased with the Boards action or lack of action.

Supervisor said at this time the Board will appoint Heather Wilson Highway Superintendent for the remainder of this year with a stipend till the end of the year and will advertise for the position.

At this time the Resolution regarding Hays resignation was read and the motion was made by Keeler second by Lyons-Chase to so approve as read. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Keeler second by Lyons-Chase to adjourn 5-0 passed.

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Town Clerk

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Keeler \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman David \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Jackson \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Lyons-Chase \_\_\_\_\_