

January 7, 2010  
Re-organizational Meeting

Town Board meeting on the above date at 7:30pm. All Board members attended. Also attending were fifteen members of the community and the reporter from the Millerton News.

Supervisor Pulver called the meeting to order and the Pledge was done. He started the meeting by welcoming Sandra David and Rosemary Lyons-Chase as the new Board members and informed all that they both had just attended a training school for newly elected officials in Albany through the Association of Towns.

Public Comment – None

Annual Appointments – Supervisor read the proposed list of appointees and asked that the position of Officer in Charge be left open until the next meeting and stated that the Deputy Supervisor is not an annual appointment – it is an appointment by the Supervisor by law. He added that we will wait until the next meeting on January 21, 2010 to decide on the Liaison listing – giving Sandra and Rosie time to look the list over.

He asked if there were any questions at this time.

Scott Chase asked about the appointment of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Chairman. Supervisor thanked Scott and said that was a good catch we need to add that to our list.

Fulton Rockwell – Questioned the position of Deputy Supervisor. He also questioned why the Planning Board Chairman was being replaced. Stating that Bartles is an honest, well versed and fair person and you are replacing him with the person who received the least amount of votes by the voters.

Supervisor replied that the position is not an elected one and that Bartles said he would like to stay on the Planning Board until March then he plans on leaving. This position will be voted on by the five members of the Town Board and that he (Pulver) feels that it would be good that Bartles would be there to lead the way for Butler.

Councilman Lyons-Chase would like to take that position separately from the list. Supervisor said OK.

Next the Board looked at the Planning and ZBA list – Coons and Osofsky both want to stay on the Planning Board- Pecorella wants to go to ZBA from Planning, DePreter resigned from Planning- Sarah Jones would go to full time as would Butler and John Forelle would be the alternate.

As for the ZBA, Supervisor Pulver feels the Chairman should have the longest term.

Salary list for 2010 – Supervisor stated the only raise was given to the PPWIA Clerk of the Works as he has completed his mandated tests and was told when he did he would receive a raise.

Councilman Lyons-Chase asked why if you are a full time employee you are paid hourly. Supervisor said that Management is paid salary and employees are and always have been hourly.

Councilman David asked if with the budget we can find out how many hours they work. Pulver said the Board members receive monthly reports and review all bills.

Motion by Couse second by Keeler to approve the 2010 appointments except for the Planning Board Chairman as submitted. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Keeler second by Couse to appoint Rick Butler Chairman to the Planning Board. Councilman Lyons-Chase said she feels conflicted – not because of Rick, but because of personalities.

Councilman David said that since Bartles is leaving anyway she feels Rick is a good choice and knowledgeable. Vote 4-1 passed – Lyons-Chase abstained.

Motion by Couse second by Keeler to approve the Salary list as submitted. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Keeler second by Couse to approve the Planning Board member appointments. 4-1 passed Lyons-Chase abstained. (On file)

ZBA List – Councilman David would like Kathleen Augustine as the Alternate on the ZBA and date changes to the terms of Steve, Gary and Jane.

It was asked if there is any ZBA training mandated. Supervisor asked Scott Chase and Scott said there should be but does not know, Pulver said we will look into it. David also asked about an attendance policy and said she feels it is needed. Supervisor said we can check other Towns policies regarding this and asked Lyons-Chase if we had that with the School Board. She replied she was not sure. Supervisor said he does not disagree with that concept.

Motion by Lyons-Chase second by Keeler to approve the ZBA member list with the changes made to the term dates. (On file) 5-0 passed.

Supervisor read the letter from the Association of Towns regarding the school that is held annually in NYC. This year it will be February 14- February 17, 2010. Supervisor Pulver will be attending this year as the Town representative, Town Board members are welcome to attend too. The Planning Board has been urged in the past to go also. This year on a purely fiscal basis we will decide at the next meeting how many we can afford to go. We will also discuss at the next meeting a “meal policy” – some Towns do a “cap” or do not pay for meals at all, just travel and hotel reimbursement. Pulver stated the logical order to attend would be Town Board, Planning Board and ZBA.

Town Clerk gave Supervisor travel request from Judge Acker – he said we will address it at the regular meeting January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Supervisor Pulver now appointed his Deputy – Dorean Gardner. He added that his reasons for this are: she is already bonded by the Town and she is the most experienced – Keeler and Couse are not interested. He read as requested by Susan Crossley the rules regarding appointment of the Deputy Supervisor from the Association of Towns of NYS Town Law Manual. Councilman David welcomes Dorean.

Resident John Henry Low asked who the prior Deputy Supervisor was. Pulver replied Dorean.

Motion by Keeler second by Couse to go to executive session regarding personnel. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Keeler second by Lyons-Chase to return to regular order of business upon returning from executive session. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Couse second by Keeler to appoint Alec Pandaleon 3<sup>rd</sup> as a Town Police Officer. 5-0 passed.

Public Comment – Renee’ Merryman announced that she has filed the DBA for the “Plainsman”.

Supervisor Pulver congratulated David and Lyons-Chase both for being here and for their schooling.

Councilman Lyons-Chase wanted to publically thank Gardner and Butler for their years of service to the Town.

Joan Redmond asked about potential CAC members. Supervisor said he will give her a copy of names he has and asks for the CAC Board to give their recommendations and then the Town Board will act on it.

Supervisor also mentioned the signing/approval of bills to the new Board members and stated he will meet with them for any questions on this they may have.

Motion by Keeler second by Couse to adjourn. 5-0 passed.

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Town Clerk

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

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

Councilman Couse \_\_\_\_\_

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

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