

March 19, 2009

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 7:30 pm. Supervisor Pulver absent, all other Board members attended.

Also attending were OIC Lawson, Atty. to the Town Replansky, PPWIA Clerk of the Works, Recreation Chairman, eight members of the community and the reporter from the Millerton News.

Deputy Supervisor Gardner called the meeting to order and the Pledge was done.

Motion by Couse second by Keeler to accept the Town Clerks monthly report for February 2009. 4-0 passed.

Correspondence/Supervisors Report – None

Public Comment – OIC Lawson said 4-5 men attended a fire training school.

Twin Island Lake Assoc. / Herbicide treatment - Carter Gregory addressed the Board on behalf of the Twin Island Lake Assoc. stating he is on the Executive Committee and introduced Ralph Boekemeier as Engineer and Consultant to the Assoc. as well as a member of the Assoc. He explained they are here as they are concerned with the Eurasian watermilfoil at Twin Island Lake and feel it could destroy that lake. They would like to have a herbicide treatment done. He said they have been assured that the herbicide would contact only the watermilfoil and nothing else.

Gregory added that letters were sent to residents of that area (both lakes), that herbicide treatment does not move around it is absorbed by the stems. Gregory said their consultant recommends blocking off the culvert pipe that goes under beach road- only about a twelve inch section. They said if the herbicide goes in during May there is no great potential for any flooding and if there is any flooding they would remove it. If this is done in June when things are drier the pipe would need to stay blocked for six weeks.

Councilman Gardner said her concern as a Board member is she knew nothing about it until she saw it on the agenda – the other Board members did not know about it either so it is all new to us.

Councilman Gardner said she is not for herbicide in the water any where, time or place – it is very scary to her. She added we also have the bass tournament there and the unsure ness of the whole thing is to scary to her and if this problem is a reoccurring problem you can't stop Mother Nature.

Mr. Gregory gave all Board members info packet on the herbicide for their review.

Councilman Butler said we have two issues here : one is an internal problem – the Board should have had the opportunity as a Board to review this the other is with blocking the culvert – I will not do anything without talking to the Highway Superintendent. I am not a big fan of this being done either.

Councilman Couse stated he is concerned about this weed getting into Stissing Lake. We should seriously look into if this is safe to do.

Butler stated he is more concerned about the culvert blocking.

Councilman Keeler asked if the water depth has any bearing on the growth of this weed.

Gregory responded that it grows more into shallow areas.

Resident Don Spohr said it is also in the “cove” in Stissing Lake. He asked what the chemical that would be used will do to the bass; the Bass Tournament is Saturday June 3rd, 2009. He also asked what it would do to baby fish and fish eggs. Gregory said the chemical is very dilute.

Councilman Keeler said he would like to touch base with Town Eng. Jurkowski also.

Gregory left a description of the herbicide and a letter from Keith Gazaille Senior Biologist with Aquatic Control Tech. Inc.

Councilman Butler said only the label on the product should be relied on.

Gregory asked if the Assoc. will hear from the Board and Gardner stated yes.

Don Bartles said the packet the Lions Club received from DEC has some excellent information in it.

Gregory was asked if they would just block the culvert or "sump". Gregory said their intention is to block it and thanks the Board for their time.

Motion by Butler second by Keeler to approve Highway bills #195-211, General bills #212-250 and PPWIA bills #251-259. 4-0 passed.

Highway Superintendents Report - they have been chipping brush from the storm, cleaning up the roads from winter and sweeping the roads.

PPWIA Report - they still have two (2) meters to replace – they had three delinquent accounts – they have all been collected. In April they will be flushing the hydrants – Keeler will let Judy know for the notice and Karen for the website. He said they want to clean out the valve boxes and put mud plugs in. He noted there was a leak at the Pine Mall – the meter froze, defrosted and flooded the basement. Building Inspector Drew Weaver was notified and the building was all shut down.

Police Dept. report - All have the monthly reports for Nov. 2008 to Feb. 2009. Deputy Supervisor said this will not happen again – the monthly reports need to be submitted in a timely fashion.

A resignation was received from Kevin Van Wagner effective January 1, 2009.

Atty. to the Town report – Replansky read a proposed Resolution to extend the Dutchess County Planning Boards time to respond/comment on the proposed Zoning

Motion by Couse second by Keeler to approve as read said Resolution. 4-0 passed by roll call vote of the Board,

Replansky said Karen will send a copy of said Resolution to Dutchess County Planning.

Replansky gave Board members copy of proposed Local Law to dissolve the Police Advisory Board and rescind Local Law #4 of 1997.

Motion by Couse second by Butler to hold a Public Hearing on said proposed local law on April 16th at 8:00pm. Motion passed 4-0 passed.

Recreation Report - Recreation Director Jen Chase said that the Recreation Committee was supposed to have Beach Director interviews at their last meeting – so far they have no applicants. Last years beach director has not replied back so they assume she is not interested. Jen wants to meet with Supervisor to see what we have regarding the beach program and Jen will get everything rolling for Board of Health approval.

Jen said the basketball program is over and the committee has the surveys, sign ups are going on now for the baseball and softball programs as well as the training for them. They have also been doing a lot of cleaning and throwing out the moldy items- information will follow on this. Jen said a budget analysis has been made and the Town web site now has the recreation information on it and they are working on adding "online" registration.

Building Inspector Report – all have the January and February reports.

Motion by Keeler second by Couse to accept the Building Inspector reports. 4-0 passed.

Other/ Public Comments/Questions – No public comments.

Supervisors Secretary asked the price to purchase the copy of the DGEIS. The Board said \$18.25.

Councilman Butler said that the Towns Personnel Policy needs to be updated- it will be put on the agenda to do at the April meeting.

Motion by Couse second by Keeler to adjourn. 4-0 passed.

Town Clerk

Deputy Supervisor DG _____

Councilman RB _____

Councilman GK _____

Councilman RC _____

Supervisor Absent _____