

May 21, 2009

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 7:30pm All Board members were present. Also attending was Engineer Ray Jurkowski, Atty. to the Town Replansky, OIC Lawson, Recreation

Director Jen Chase, Paul Zerbato of Dedrick Ins., ten members of the community and the reporter from the Millerton News.

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

Motion by Butler second by Keeler to accept the Clerks report for April 2009. 5-0 passed.
Motion by Gardner second by Keeler to accept the Clerks minutes of March 19, 2009. 4-0 passed – Supervisor abstained as he was absent from that meeting.

Motion by Butler second by Gardner to accept the Clerks minutes of April 16, 2009. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Couse second by Gardner to accept the Clerks minutes of May 12, 2009 workshop meeting. 5-0 passed.

Public Comments – Susan Crossley: Susan read the contents of a petition regarding honey bees and mowing the sides of the road at Johnnycake Hollow Road. (On file) She added that all the residents on that road signed the petition.

Supervisor replied that per the Highway Superintendent they must mow at least once during the time period of July 15- August 15 per the Consolidated Laws of NY-Highway Law and he also checked with the Association of Towns. Pulver added that Bob said he will have the men do one pass only. Councilman Couse added that the Town Highway goes about twenty five (25) feet from the center of the road and therefore the Town is responsible should anything happen. Susan said nothing is in the right of way. Supervisor said we will continue to look into this.

Susan asked for clarification on speed limits on Town roads. Supervisor Pulver said only some Town roads have speed limits – this is something we have been working on with the State.

At this time Supervisor asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of Abondio “Tony” Grassi. Supervisor stated that Tony was a great guy – he was always available, a WW-2 Vet, the Highway Superintendent in Gallatin for many years and a Judge for Pine Plains for over twenty years. He will be greatly missed.

Supervisor reminded all that the Memorial Day Parade will take place Monday at 10:30 rain or shine.

Insurance - Supervisor said it is insurance renewal time for the Town and introduced Paul Zerbato of Dedrick Ins. Paul has met several times with Councilman Dorean Gardner. Paul stated that he received quotes – he gave all a summary of the coverage including a comparison. Supervisor asked if the NYMIR coverage is equivalent to Selective. Paul stated yes. Paul added that the driver list may need to be updated. Supervisor asked if NYMIR is good to deal with and Paul said yes very good.

Councilman Gardner said that NYMIR clumps us with other Towns and we pay for their losses too, Paul said that NYMIR never professed to be the lowest price – this year NYMIR is the cheapest and from a coverage standpoint it matches. Atty. Replansky asked if their claim response is good. Paul replied that NYMIR is in business to insure Municipalities. Replansky wants to see the exclusions to look them over. Paul will take care of this. Motion

by Butler second by Keeler to accept NYMIR as the Towns Ins. for May 2009 to May 2010. 5-0 passed.

Paul said NYMIR will want to set up a time to do inspections and appraisals.

Motion by Gardner second by Butler to approve PPWIA bills #366-375, Highway bills #376-387 and General bills#388-443. 5-0 passed.

Highway Superintendent Report – Hoffman Road has been reclaimed and Peckham will be returning next week to pave Hoffman Road – their paver broke down. The men have been mowing and doing clean up for Memorial Day and putting out the Flags.

Supervisor thanks the Highway Dept. stating they go above and beyond.

PPWIA – Ray Jurkowski reported that there was a billing issue at 2847 Church Street. The total due back to them is \$2710.56.

Motion by Butler second by Gardner to so pay. 5-0 passed.

Ray also reported that the water usage has been running very high in the last three weeks in the area of the new Library and Rural Water will be out on Tues. to check this out. He also said that they will be getting two quotes on the use of a “mole” to replace a water main on Rt. 199 West of Academy Street. Rural Water will also be finish checking the rest of the PPWIA. Ray will also be meeting with the PP Fire Company to let them know which hydrants to use and will be providing them with the maps they asked for. Ray said the PPWIA may color code or put bands on the hydrants.

He said Gary has completed his Class D exam and will take Class C in June then in August his lab class. Councilman Butler asked about street plates, Ray said Millerton has them and we can use them if we go pick them up. Butler said we should check the purchase price and then we can decide what we want to do. Ray also said ¾” crushed stone can now be used instead of k-Crete.

Police Dept. Report- All Board members were given.

Recreation Report – Jen Chase Recreation Director gave report stating that the softball and baseball programs are both in the middle of their season and going well. They were down on Coaches so the Baseball Director took over the vacated spots. She said the committee will have a better formed budget in July/August. She said the shed looks great – the interviews for the camp and beach positions will take place within the next week – week and a half. The soccer and flag football programs are also in progress.

Jen introduced Charlie Norman and Chris LoBruto to the Board. They will be giving a presentation on the idea of a triathlon in Pine Plains in 2010. Charlie handed out an informational packet to the Board and explained they will need a full year to prepare for this. Supervisor said he would love to see this happen. Chris said a couple of Albany Clubs have agreed to come. Charlie said any proceeds from this would go into the recreation for a possible bike lane. Supervisor stated that anything the Board can do to help and support this they will. Councilman Butler agrees. Jen thanked the Board for their support. Councilman Butler added that it is great to see vitality in the recreation department.

Atty. to the Town report – Warren said there was an e-mail from Bonnie Franson that Supervisor Pulver and Councilman Butler should have received. He asked them both to look it over and give him their response by Wed. as he is meeting with her then.

Motion by Butler second by Keeler to hold a special workshop meeting on June 9th, 2009 at 7:30pm regarding the proposed zoning. 5-0 passed.

Warren said he reviewed Bonnies latest proposal to update the Sub-Division Regulation and approves this.

Motion by Keeler second by Butler to accept said proposal. 5-0 passed.

Building Inspector report – All have copy.

Other/Public Comments/Questions – Supervisor stated he met with Beth Doyle today and over the last ten years Pine Plains received about a half million dollars in grant from CDBG, plus we have gotten other grants – the total roughly is about a million dollars in the last ten years.

Motion by Gardner second by Keeler authorizing Supervisor to sign CDBG agreement. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Butler second by Gardner authorizing Supervisor to also sign the Amendment enclosed with the CDBG contract. 5-0 passed.

Supervisor said the North Main Street water main replacement could come through stimulus money and that Beth is pushing for applying for an infrastructure grant for Highway. We have until August to decide. Pulver will talk to Harpp regarding this.

Pulver will also talk to Harpp about a quote received (\$2605) for a sulfur/iron water conditioning unit.

Justice Court grant money – they received twenty thousand and have gotten another estimate to do the proposed project - \$28 thousand. We would need to go out to bid to do the project. Supervisor does not like the proposed project and wants to see if they would utilize the old Library building as the Court building. He does not want to see that building left empty and it seems like grant money is out there for Justices .If this happens we could get rid of the “annex” and move the Assessors and Building Inspector in here.

Councilman Keeler asked what it would take to do that – Supervisor replied one -hundred thousand plus. Supervisor added that the old Library building has historic value and he is just not ready to throw in the towel – we would need Municipal specs followed if we built new. Councilman Keeler and Butler are both in favor of Pulvers idea. Gregg said Engineer Ray Jurkowski, Building Inspector Drew Weaver, himself and maybe Gary can go and look over the building on Saturday – he does not want another dead spot in Town.

Supervisor reminded everyone that the annual senior picnic will be held June 3, 2009 at Wilcox Park at noon.

He also said the “Chips” funding has been restored.

Jane Waters asked if the Town is giving money to the new Library for the old one.

Councilman Butler responded that we never committed to selling it.

Motion by Butler second by Keeler to hold a Public Hearing at 8:00pm on June 18th, 2009 for proposed Local Law #1 of 2009 - dissolving the Police advisory Committee. 5-0 passed.

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