

November 20, 2008

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 7:30 pm. All Board members were present as well as Town Engineer Ray Jurkowski, OIC Lawson, ten residents and the reporter from the Millerton News.

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

Motion by Gardner second by Couse to accept the Town Clerks monthly report for October 2008. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Butler second by Gardner to accept the minutes of Oct. 16, 2008. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Gardner second by Keeler to accept the minutes of Nov. 6, 2008. 5-0 passed.

Correspondence/Supervisor's Report/Public Comments – Motion by Keeler second by Gardner to approve payment for four (4) wreaths for the Town Clock and Town Hall as requested by the Supervisor. 5-0 passed.

Supervisor noted that the Annual Assoc. of Towns meeting in NYC is coming up – due to budget we will only be sending a few this year. Planning Board will have first option then a couple of us.

Letter from Dutchess County Public Works regarding the speed limit request on County Rt. 83 including a proposed Joint Resolution if the Town decides to pursue this.

Supervisor Pulver will contact Supervisor of Northeast -Sherman and discuss this with him.

Supervisor said he has two memos that he will be putting out to all departments if the Board agrees – one will be regarding the office supply purchase procedure being done through “central supply” the second a budget memo to conserve.

The Board all agree with both going out. Pulver added that 2010 will be a very very tough year for the budget. The State is slashing State money, “Chips” money is being cut also – 2010 may not be a year to expect a raise.

Supervisor Pulver met on Veterans Day with Supervisors' from North East, Stanfordville, and Milan as well as County Legislator Cooper and the Dutchess County Under-sheriff regarding road patrols and election costs.

Matt Finley and the “BAR” members contacted the Supervisor asking for the process information to be put on the Town web site. Board all agree that is fine.

Public Comments- none at this time.

West Church Street Parking - Supervisor stated the letter regarding single side of the street parking was sent to residents of that area - three letters were received expressing their views on the issue along with many verbal comments to Board members. After review and discussion Supervisor feels leave well enough alone and Councilman Gardner agrees. Councilman Couse stated he went to all the businesses involved and they all felt negative toward single side parking. Councilman Butler feels there is no compelling reason to do this and Councilman Keeler agrees.

Supervisor stated this is a dead issue and no action will be taken then if all Board members agree. All do.

Bills – Motion by Gardner second by Keeler to approve Highway bills #830-846 & #901, PPWIA bills #847-855 and General bills #856-896. 5-0 passed.

Highway Superintendent Report - Harpp gave all Board members copy of bid results for road material etc. for 2009 with his recommendations. (On file)

Motion by Gardner second by Couse to approve the bids as recommended by Harpp. 5-0 passed.

The men have been cleaning ditches, doing tree work, painting the plows and winter maintenance preparation on the trucks.

PPWIA Report – Ray Jurkowski gave the report for PPWIA – the new telemetry system has been installed for about a month now and there is no interference with the cell tower etc. – so he will now disconnect the old line. Ray thanks the Highway Dept. for there clean up and brush-hogging in preparation for winter. Things have been quiet and there have been no leaks.

Ray met with the two applicants for the Clerk of the Works position and went over everything - he recommends Gary Keeler for the position. Ray stated that Gary has the 2A license – he will need to go back for further schooling as per NYS you now need to have the license for whatever system you will be running.

Motion by Butler second by Gardner to accept with regret the resignation of Doug Coons as Clerk of the Works. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Couse second by Gardner to appoint Gary Keeler Clerk of the Works. 5-0 passed.

Supervisor said Keeler will start at the current salary for one month – he will start Dec. 1, 2008 and then his salary for 2009 will be set at the re-organizational meeting in January.

Jurkowski said the last ten meters will be charged an additional fee if not changed over by December 31, 2008. Test reading have been done on the new meters and we can now monitor leaks and did detect about twelve. Some of the meters were installed backward; Mike George will correct this handful.

Supervisor thanks Jurkowski for all of his work.

Police dept. Report – all have copy OIC Lawson said our department is doing a pilot program with the NYS Police and we now have a computer in one of our cars and expect a second one soon - adding that there is no cost to the Town for this.

Attorney to the Town Report- Supervisor asked Replansky to review the proposed Intermunicipal Agreement received from Town of Milan. Replansky said it is very generic and geared toward the Highway Dept.

Supervisor explained that Milan is requiring neighboring Towns to sign this in order to work with them. Councilman Butler said no one is signing – Pulver said that is right.

Atty. Replansky addressed the proposed Local Law #4 of 2008 regarding outdoor furnaces - there is no County Law, Karen did find a State Law. Replansky can not find where it was ever passed, he said we may want to start by forwarding it to our Building Inspector.

Supervisor asked if Gallatin has a furnace law and Replansky responded no, the Village of Rhinebeck does and a number of other municipalities do.

Zoning update – Replansky said the Consultants have been working on the draft from the revisions. He feels Franson will have the draft to him before Thanksgiving. He wants to meet with the Board for explanations and their review. There will be no public comments

or input – just Town Boards. Board decided they will address this matter at the December 18, 2008 meeting.

Building Inspector Report – all have.

Other-Questions- Public Comments – Supervisor received memo from Assessor Chairman Jim Mara requesting the Town hire Scott Chase as an additional Clerk for them. Councilman Butler asked if he did interviews for this position. Supervisor said he could not say- he can check the process that was taken. Butler said he will defer to the rest of the Board. Supervisor said the salary would be the same as an Assessor. Motion by Gardner second by Couse to hire Scott Chase as requested. 5-0 passed.

Councilman Couse brought up the Cablevision Contract – Supervisor will have his Secretary send Replansky a copy of our contract and contact Cablevision regarding the contract.

Letter received from Pine Plains Vet. Assoc. – the Towns kennel for dogs picked up by the Town Dog Control Officer- stating all dogs picked up and brought in will now be required to have or be given a vaccine for kennel cough. Motion by Butler second by Gardner to approve. 5-0 passed.

Letter from Pine Plains Free Library requesting the Town Board approve and appoint Ted and Lou Ann Mallozzi Library Trustees each to a three year term as members of the Library Board of Trustees. (On file) Motion by Butler second by Keeler to approve said request. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Gardner second by Keeler to go to executive session for personnel and contractual monetary regarding salary schedule. 5-0 passed
Motion by Gardner second by Keeler to return to regular order of business. 5-0 passed.
Motion by Gardner second by Keeler to approve as submitted the Elected Officials Salaries for 2009. 5-0 passed

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

Town Clerk

Supervisor _____

Councilman DG _____

Councilman RC _____

Councilman GK _____

Councilman RB _____