

NEW HAVEN TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 14, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Wilbur called monthly meeting for February to order at 7 p.m. Roll call: Councilman Perras, Councilman Yablonski, and supervisor Wilbur present. Councilman Parkhurst and Councilwoman Schmidt absent. The minutes of the January 10th monthly meeting were read and approved by motion of Perras, second by Yablonski.

OLD BUSINESS

Pathfinder Bank Wire Transfer Resolution: Jack Forsyth from Pathfinder Bank discussed security measures the bank has in place for electronic transfers. Motion by Perras second by Yablonski, to table the Pathfinder Bank wire transfer resolution so that the full board would have an opportunity to review the information. Unanimously carried.

Use of Town Roads by Snowmobiles: Councilman Yablonski reported that he has been looking at the roads, trails and laws governing use of roads by snowmobiles.

Board of Assessment Review Position: One application has been received. The matter was tabled. A special meeting will be held February 22 at 6:00 to appoint one or more members to the Board of Assessment Review. Special meeting to be advertised and posted.

Revaluation: The new contract has been signed with Briggs Appraisal. Marty Webster will be the new data collector. A notice will be put in the paper instead of sending a notice to all property owners, as most residents seem to be aware of what is going on. The time frame for milestones of the project will be posted on the Town's website at www.newhavenny.com

Audit of Town Books: The finance committee is working on auditing the books.

Planning Board Position: Motion by Perras second by Yablonski, to appoint Roger Lamson to another term on the planning board. Unanimously carried.

Electrical Work: Motion by Yablonski second by Perras to accept the proposal of Secil Brown for electrical work at the town hall. Unanimously carried.

Water District # 3 Financing: Tabled until the special meeting on February 22nd so that the full board will be present.

Building Maintenance: Tabled to allow more time to get proposals for maintenance of overhead doors. One proposal has been received for maintenance of the furnace and air-conditioning. Another contractor is expected to look at the furnace and give an estimate.

Salt Building: A Maintenance Bond has been received from R&S Associates for the warrantee on construction of the salt building. A Warranty Certificate has been received from Cover-All. Motion by Yablonski, second by Perras to sign the substantial completion for Beneficial Occupancy agreement and make payment #10 minus \$1,000 retainage for the grading work that needs to be done in the spring. Unanimously carried.

State Route 104 Project: The State Route 104 Project was discussed. Principal concerns are the intersections at Co Rt 51, Middle Rd and St Rt 104B, and lowering the speed limit and placing flashing lights near the school. Kevin Gardner is setting up a meeting between the State, County and the Town.

NEW BUSINESS

Tri-State Industrial Laundry: Tri-State has submitted another bill for the charges addressed in a letter to them by the Town Attorney. The finance committee will contact Tri-State concerning the matter.

Local Government Conference: Motion by Perras second by Yablonski to allow up to six town officials to attend the Local Government Conference in Watertown March 30th. Unanimously carried

Town Clerk Conference: Motion by Yablonski, second by Perras to allow the Town Clerk to attend the Town Clerk conference in Saratoga Springs April 23-26. Unanimously carried.

Water District #3 Right-Of-Ways: Tabled. A special meeting will be held February 27th at 6:00 to address the approval needed by the Town Attorney to proceed with the work to obtain right-of ways on the private roads. Meeting to be advertised and posted.

Public Access to Records of the Town of New Haven: Motion by Perras, second by Wilbur to accept the attached Public Access to Records of the Town of New Haven policy. Unanimously carried.

NYS Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: The Town will be sending a letter to Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton in support of reinstating funding for the NYS Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to its previous level.

Donation to Town Historical Program: Tim & Ruthann Searles have made a sizable donation to the Town's historical Program in memory of Tim's aunt Nancy Searles, who was Town Historian for over 22 years. Tim says the current historian is going a great job and Nancy would be proud.

Subdivision Regulation: The Town Attorney has recommended that the Town adopt subdivision regulations. The Planning Board will be asked to review regulations from other towns and come up with a proposed regulation for the Town.

Senior Citizen Tax Exemption: Senior Citizen Tax Exemptions were discussed. Jackie Rombough will check with other towns to see what their income limits are.

Water Filter: The cost of a filter system for the Town hall water is being looked into.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tentative Special Franchise Assessment: The tentative special franchise assessments were received. The special franchise assessments are down from last year.

Voting Machines: A letter has been received from Oswego County Board of Elections informing the Town that we will be using the old voting machines one more year.

CHA Energy Review: Information has been received from CHA suggesting doing an energy review.

Wind Energy: A letter was received from Labella Associates concerning wind energy.

USDA Loan & Grants: The USDA is offering low interest loans and grants to help very low-income families purchase homes, or repair their homes. They also offer a loan/grant program for municipalities. Pamphlets are available at the Town Hall.

Deputy Highway Superintendent: Questions were answered about the Deputy Highway Superintendent's duties and salary.

Australian Water: A visitor inquired about a water test kit left on her mailbox by Australian Water. Australian Water is an independent company with no affiliation to the Water District, the Town, County or State.

REPORTS

Reports: Dog Control Officer, Code Enforcement Officer, Town Clerk, Supervisor and Town Historian reports to be posted.

AUDIT OF TOWN BILLS

Highway Bills: Vouchers #23 – 41 Totaling \$11,456.51 were read and duly audited by motion of Yablonski, second by Perras. Unanimously carried.

General Bills: Vouchers #46 - 84 Totaling \$9,600.38 were read and duly audited by motion of Perras, second by Yablonski. Unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: at 9:37 by motion of Perras, second by Yablonski. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Allen
New Haven Town Clerk