

NEW HAVEN TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Downing called the monthly meeting for February to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Councilman Parkhurst, Councilwoman Schmidt and Supervisor Downing present. Councilman Bristol absent. The minutes of the January 11th monthly meeting were read and approved by motion of Parkhurst, second by Schmidt. Unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Surplus Equipment Bids: Sealed bids for surplus equipment were opened. Motion by Schmidt second by Parkhurst to accept following bids for surplus equipment. Phone \$5 – Karen Fidler; Router \$20 – Dennis Cooper; Hp 820cxi printer \$5 – Sharidon Babikan; 4 File cabinets \$20 total – Heather Murray. Unanimously carried.

County Dog Quarantine: The County dog quarantine went into effect on January 25th.

Executive Session: Motion by Schmidt, second by Parkhurst to go into executive session at 7:08 to discuss the applicants for the vacant Town Councilman position. Unanimously carried. Motion by Schmidt, second by Parkhurst to come out of executive session and resume regular session at 7:32. Unanimously carried.

Town Councilman Vacancy: Motion by Schmidt, second by Parkhurst to table appointment of a Town Councilman to fill the vacancy of Virginia Halsey until after the primary. Unanimously carried. The board had not anticipated the number of well-qualified applicants for the position and felt that to appoint someone would give them an unfair advantage in the primary.

NEW BUSINESS

New Haven Yearbook Add: Motion by Schmidt, second by Parkhurst to place a business card size ad in the New Haven yearbook at a cost of \$25. Unanimously carried.

Polling Site: Motion by Schmidt, second by designate the meeting room in the Town Hall as the polling site for 2005. Unanimously carried.

Town Offices to Be Voted On in 2005: The following elected offices will be up for election in 2005: Town Supervisor, currently held by Alan Downing; Town Justice, currently held by Terry Searles; 2 Councilman (4 year), currently held by Bernard Bristol and Robert Parkhurst; 1 Councilman (2 year) to fill a vacancy; Assessor, currently held by Jacqueline Rombough.

Simpelaar Dr. & Burton Dr. Petition: Petitions were received from 13 property owners on Simpelaar Dr and Burton Dr requesting to be included in Proposed Water District #3. The petitions will be passed onto the engineer for the project.

County Dog Quarantine: The County Legislature has authorized the Chairman of the Legislature to enact a countywide dog quarantine when he feels there is enough snow on the ground to warrant it. At the present time there is no countywide dog quarantine in place.

Insurance Renewal: The Town's insurance carrier has notified the Town that its insurance premiums may increase by more than 10% when the policy is renewed in April.

Time Warner Franchise Agreement Renewal: Time Warner has indicated its desire to renew their Franchise agreement with the Town. The board has some questions for Time Warner concerning the renewal.

Photo Contest: Motion by Parkhurst, second by Schmidt to hold a photo contest with photos taken in the Town of New Haven to be submitted for judging. Unanimously carried. Pathfinder Bank has agreed to provide sponsorship for the contest. Photos will become the property of the Town and will be displayed in the Town Hall as well as used on the Town web site, publications ect. A committee has been formed consisting of Debra Allen, Larry Parras, Helen Abbott and Charles Yablonski.

Audit of Bookkeeper Books: Motion by Parkhurst, second by Schmidt accept the Bookkeepers Books as duly audited. Unanimously carried. The Court's books still need to be audited.

CEO Cell Phone: Motion by Parkhurst, second by Schmidt to authorize the CEO to add a cell phone to the existing account the Highway Superintendent has for official town use.

REPORTS

Dog Control Officer Report: Read.

CEO Report: Read.

Town Clerk Monthly Report: Read. Motion by Parkhurst, second by Schmidt to accept the DCO, CEO and Town Clerk reports. Unanimously carried.

Supervisor's Monthly Report: Motion by Schmidt, second by Parkhurst to except the Supervisor's report as read. Unanimously carried.

Highway Report: The fuel tank has been cleaned. The 89 dump truck needs a new dump box. The 95 dump truck box needs repairs.

AUDIT OF TOWN BILLS

Highway Bills: Vouchers # 20-38 totaling \$16,951.14 were read and duly audited. Motion by Parkhurst, second by Schmidt to accept and Highway bills. Unanimously carried.

General Bills: Vouchers # 35-68 totaling \$9,975.12 were read and duly audited. Motion by Schmidt, second by Parkhurst to accept and General bills. Unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: at 8:56 by motion of Parkhurst, seconded by Schmidt. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Allen
New Haven Town Clerk