

NEW HAVEN TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD JANUARY 11, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Downing called the monthly meeting for January to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Councilman Bristol, Councilman Parkhurst, Councilwoman Schmidt and Supervisor Downing present. The minutes of the December 14th monthly meeting were read and approved by motion of Parkhurst, second by Bristol. Unanimously carried. The minutes of the December 15th Planning Board meeting were read and approved by motion of Schmidt, second by Bristol. Unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Assessment Reval: Motion by Parkhurst second by Schmidt to accept the proposal of Briggs Appraisal Service to do a reval of all properties in the town.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Board Appointment: Motion by Bristol, second by Schmidt to reappoint James Searles for a seven-year term on the planning board Unanimously carried.

Highway Allowance for Small Tools: Motion by Parkhurst, second by Bristol raise the total annual amount the Highway Superintendent may spend on small tools without board approval to \$2,500.00. Unanimously carried.

Slate for 2005: Motion by Schmidt, second by Bristol to accept the slate for 2005 as presented and amended. Unanimously carried.

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.

Board Vacancy: Motion by Schmidt, second by Parkhurst to authorize the town clerk to advertise the Town Board vacancy created by the death of Virginia Halsey. Applicants must submit a resume and letter of interest by February 1st. Unanimously carried.

Truck Financing: Motion by Schmidt, second by Parkhurst to accept the attached resolution to finance the new plow truck with Pathfinder Bank for five years at a rate of 4.25%. Unanimously carried.

Water District #2 Financing: Motion by Parkhurst, second by Bristol to accept the attached resolution to bond for construction of Water District #2 with Pathfinder Bank at a rate of 2.82% for one year. Unanimously carried.

Executive Session: Motion by Schmidt, second by Parkhurst to go into executive session at 8:02 to discuss a personnel issue. Unanimously carried. Motion by Bristol, second by Schmidt to come out of executive session and resume regular session at 8:23. The purpose of the executive session was to discuss a proposal to appoint a Deputy Highway Superintendent Unanimously carried.

Deputy Highway Superintendent Appointment: Motion by Downing, second by Schmidt to appoint Craig Hurlbut Deputy Highway Superintendent. Unanimously Carried.

Audit of Books: Motion by Parkhurst, second by Bristol to accept the Town Clerk and Tax Collector books as duly audited. Unanimously carried. The Bookkeeper and Court will be asked to bring there books to the February meeting.

Bookkeeper Resolutions: Motion by Schmidt, second by Bristol to approve the attached resolution transferring funds from the contingency fund to the garage contractual fund to cover the cost of installing a drain in the highway garage. Unanimously carried.

REPORTS

Dog Control Officer Report: Read.

CEO Report: Read.

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

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

Legislator's Report: The County has met its goal of a 0% tax increase for 2005. For the first time in many years the County is debt free.

AUDIT OF TOWN BILLS

Highway Bills: Vouchers # 1-19 totaling \$11,415.37 were read and duly audited.

General Bills: Vouchers # 1-34 totaling \$26,438.59 were read and duly audited.
Motion by Parkhurst, second by Bristol to accept the Highway and General bills.
Unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: at 8:59 by motion of Schmidt, seconded by Bristol.
Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Allen
New Haven Town Clerk