

## NEW HAVEN TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD APRIL 20, 2009

### CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Wilbur called the monthly meeting for April to order at 7:00 p.m. at the New Haven Town Hall. Roll call: Councilman Guile, Councilman Perras, Councilman Rombough, Councilman Sturtz, and Supervisor Wilbur present.

### VISITORS

**Property Assessment:** There were 148 people attending the meeting including the board, town officials and representatives of the county and state real property tax services. Jeff Bartholomew from NYS Real Property gave a brief overview of the assessment process and how the current assessments were reached. He explained that the state has determined that the properties on the lake in New Haven were assessed approximately 20% low and the rest of properties in the town were approximately 6% low. Several residents including Charles Parkhurst, Mike Prosser, Chuck Yablonski, and Tim & Sue Teifke expressed concern and displeasure with the new property assessments.

### AUDIT OF TOWN BILLS

**Highway Bills:** Vouchers # 59-72 totaling \$41,682.49, were duly audited by motion of Sturtz, second by Rombough. Unanimously carried.

**General Bills:** Vouchers # 86-127 totaling \$40,334.95, were duly audited by motion of Rombough, second by Sturtz. Unanimously carried.

**Water District #3 Bills:** Vouchers #6-7 Totaling \$2,796.31 were duly audited by motion of Guile, second by Perras. Unanimously carried

**Street Lighting Bills:** Voucher #4 totaling \$255.22 was duly audited by motion of Sturtz, second by Rombough. Unanimously carried

**Trust & Agency Bills:** Vouchers #19-25 Totaling \$3,091.40 were duly audited by motion of Guile, second by Perras. Unanimously carried

### OLD BUSINESS

**Audit of Town Books:** The court books still need to be audited. They are scheduled for the next two Mondays at 7:00.

**Water District #3 Change Order:** Tabled until work performed is satisfactory, by motion of Perras, second by Guile. Unanimously carried.

**Gravel & Stone Bids:** Motion by Sturtz, second by Rombough to award the bids to the low bidders. Unanimously carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Sandblaster Shared Purchase:** Tabled until Palermo has had a chance to discuss it.

**Insurance:** Motion by Perras, second by Guile to increase the insurance coverage as suggested by the insurance agent. Unanimously carried.

**Water District #3 Payment:** Motion by Rombough, second by Sturtz to pay the remaining \$28,133.40 of the most recent payment request to Syracuse Constructors as recommended by the Town Attorney. Guile, Perras, Rombough and Sturtz in favor, Wilbur apposed. Carried.

**Water District #3:** The board needs to review the punch list items and schedule a construction meeting. A set of as built plans will be requested for the fire department as well as the GPS locations of the hydrants.

**New Haven Fire Department:** Mike Prosser is the new president of the New Haven Fire Department. Ray Abbott will continue as the Fire Chief. The Town has received a copy of the fire department's by-laws, proof of insurance and a roster of members. Last year the fire department answered 298 calls. 76% of these were medical calls. So far this year they have responded to 88 calls. The fire department currently has 40 active members, 2 paramedics and 8 advance life support medics. Chief Abbott reported that the hydrants and stortz fittings have been a great help in fighting fires. The fire department is working on getting the ISO rating that will help lower fire insurance rates.

**Fire Department Payment:** Motion by Sturtz, second by Perras to create voucher #128 for \$204,185.00 and pay the fire department contract. Guile, Perras, Sturtz, Wilbur in favor, Rombough apposed. Carried.

**Application for Interpretation:** The application for interpretation, regarding a building permit issued after construction was tabled.

**Board of Assessment Review Appointment:** Motion by Sturtz, second by Rombough, to appoint Yancy Wells to another term on the Board of Assessment Review. His term will expire September 30, 2013. Unanimously carried.

**Marriage Officer Appointment:** Motion by Sturtz, second by Rombough to appoint Debra Allen to another 4 year term as marriage officer. Unanimously carried.

**Tree Removal:** Motion by Sturtz, second by Guile to accept the proposal of Mannise Tree Removal to remove trees on Woolson Road contingent on them providing proof of a minimum of \$500,000 liability insurance. Unanimously carried.

**Legislator Gardener Report:** Legislator Gardener reported that the county is working on a PILOT agreement with Entergy. Meals on Wheels will be moving their kitchen from Pulaski to Mexico.

## **REPORTS**

**Reports:** Dog Control Officer, Code Enforcement Officer, Assessors, Highway Superintendent, Town Clerk, and Supervisor reports to be posted.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 10:59 by motion of Sturtz, second by Guile. Unanimously carried.

Next regular meeting May 18, 2009 - 7:00PM.

Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting April 27<sup>th</sup> - 7:00PM.

Planning Board meeting May 20<sup>th</sup> - 7:00PM

Minutes are unofficial until approved by Town Board

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Allen  
New Haven Town Clerk