

NEW HAVEN TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD DECEMBER 21, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Wilbur called the monthly meeting for December to order at 7:00 p.m. at the New Haven Town Hall. Roll call: Councilman Rombough, Councilman Sturtz, and Supervisor Wilbur present. Motion by Rombough, second by Sturtz to accept the November 16th minutes as read. Unanimously carried.

AUDIT OF TOWN BILLS

Highway Bills: Vouchers # 184-194 totaling \$91,670.88, were duly audited by motion of Rombough, second by Sturtz. Unanimously carried.

General Bills: Vouchers # 345-381 totaling \$20,546.79 , were duly audited by motion of Sturtz, second by Rombough. Unanimously carried.

Water District #3 Bills: Vouchers # 22-24 totaling \$4,418.65, were duly audited by motion of Sturtz, second by Rombough. Unanimously carried.

Street Lighting Bills: Voucher # 12 totaling \$270.73, was duly audited by motion of Rombough, second by Sturtz. Unanimously carried.

Trust & Agency Bills: Vouchers # 65-73 totaling \$2,394.33, were duly audited by motion of Sturtz, second by Rombough. Unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Tree Removal Bids: Sealed bids for removal of trees on Pleasant Point Dr. were opened and read aloud. The bids were: Cornerstone Const. Of NY, \$21,400.00; Mid-State Lawn & Tree Service, Inc., \$1560.00; Mannise Tree Service, \$7,000.00. Motion by Rombough, second by Sturtz to reject all bids and rebid. The new bids must name the town as an additional insured. Bids must be submitted by 2:00 on January 18th. Unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Assessor Appointment: Motion by Rombough, second by Sturtz to appoint Esther Rogers sole appointed assessor for a 6 year term effective 1/1/2010 the term expires 12/31/2015. Unanimously carried.

Assessor Hours and Salary: Motion by Sturtz, second by Rombough to accept Esther Rogers proposal for work hours for the assessor with the minimum hours per week to be a minimum of 20 and to set the salary for the position at \$16,500. Funds will be transferred from the carry over from 2009 to the Assessors personal services account for 2010 to cover the shortage in that account. Unanimously carried.

Town Attorney Rate Increase: Motion by Sturtz, second by Rombough to approve the town attorney's request for a rate increase. Unanimously carried.

Insurance Rates: A notice has been received from the Town's insurance agent advising the board that the town's insurance rates will be decreasing.

Notice of Petition: A notice of petition has been received from Donald & Charlene Moody RE: the Chase Gazebo.

Tax Rates: The 2010 town and county tax rates are: General, 2.86699; Highway, 5.61621; Fire, 1.55451; Water district #1, 300.85393; Water district #2, 398.10811; Water district #3, 323.34753; Street Lighting, 0.94159; County, 8.30258.

Water District #4 Vote Results: The result of the vote on forming water district #4 was 46 in favor, 18 opposed.

Water District #4 Funding: Motion by Sturtz, second by Rombough to accept the attached resolution to make final application to NYS Rural Development for grant money for installation of water district #4. Unanimously carried.

Transfer of Funds: Motion by Rombough, second by Sturtz to approve the attached resolution authorizing the bookkeeper to transfer funds to overspent accounts and to make any necessary transfers to close the books for 2009. Unanimously carried.

Computer Backup Policy: The town will be implementing a policy for backing up computers to prevent data loss.

Motion by Sturtz, second by

2010 Organizational Meeting: The town's annual organizational meeting will be held January 5th at 7:00.

Councilman Resignation: Lonniel Guile has submitted his resignation effective at 2:15 on December 21, 2009.

Councilman Appointment: Motion by Sturtz, second by Rombough to appoint Yancey Wells to the unexpired term of Lonniel Guile as town councilman. His term will expire 12/31/2010.

Unanimously carried

Annual Report Preparation: Motion by Rombough, second by Sturtz to engage Larry Perras to do the annual report for 2009 for a fee of \$500.00. Unanimously carried

Audit of Town Books: Motion by Sturtz, second by Rombough to engage Burdick & Pearson to audit the town books. Sturtz & Rombough aye, Wilbur nay. Carried. There will be a special meeting at 7:00 on December 22nd to meet with a representative of Burdick & Pearson to discuss what they will do for the town.

Personnel Issue, Union Contract & Law Suit: Motion by Rombough, second by Sturtz to enter into executive session at 8:40 to discuss a personnel issue, the union contract and the law suit by the Moodys. Unanimously carried. Motion by Rombough, second by Sturtz to come out of executive session and re-enter regular session. Unanimously carried.

Union Contract: Motion by Sturtz, second by Rombough to sign the contract with teamsters local 317 for the highway department personnel. The term of the contract is 1/1/2010-12/31/2012. Unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Association of Towns: Correspondence was received from the Association of Towns RE: Deficit Reduction Plan & Pension Reform Legislation

REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: at 9:30 by motion of Rombough, second by Sturtz Unanimously carried.

Next regular meeting January 18, 2010 - 7:00PM.

Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting December 28th - 7:00PM.

Planning Board meeting January 20th - 7:00PM

Minutes are unofficial until approved by Town Board

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Allen
New Haven Town Clerk

Note: Tree removal bids were reviewed at the December 30th end of year meeting and awarded to Mid-State Lawn & Tree Service, Inc.