

NEW HAVEN TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD DECEMBER 20, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Supervisor Wells called the monthly meeting for December to order at 6:35 p.m. at the New Haven Town Hall. Roll call: Councilwoman Prosser, Councilman Rombough, and Acting Supervisor Wells present. Councilman Sturtz joined the meeting after the audit of town bills. Motion by Rombough, second by Prosser to waive the reading of the minutes and accept them as presented. Unanimously carried

AUDIT OF TOWN BILLS

General Bills: Vouchers # 333-371 totaling \$23,283.96, were duly audited by motion of Rombough, second by Prosser. Unanimously carried

Highway Bills: Vouchers # 169-181 totaling \$23,989.01, were duly audited by motion of Prosser, second by Rombough. Unanimously carried

Trust & Agency Bills: Vouchers # 65-70 totaling \$1,925.29, were duly audited by motion of Rombough, second by Prosser. Unanimously carried

Street Lighting Bills: Voucher # 12 totaling \$275.41, was duly audited by motion of Prosser, second by Rombough. Unanimously carried

Water District #4 Bills: Vouchers # 9-10 totaling \$495.99, were duly audited by motion of Rombough, second by Prosser. Unanimously carried

OLD BUSINESS

Lighting Upgrade Proposal: Tim Lucero from National Grid presented a proposal for upgrading the lighting at the Town Hall. The \$4299.15 cost of the project would be saved in reduced electric usage within two years. Motion by Prosser, second by Sturtz to accept the proposal to upgrade the lighting at the town hall and to pay the cost of the project in one lump sum. Prosser, Aye; Rombough, Nay; Sturtz, Aye; Wells, Aye. Carried.

Town Hall Renovations: Cedrone Engineering is working on plans for upgrading the heat in the highway garage.

Water District #4: Approval has been received from NYS Department of Health. Bids will be opened on December 22nd at 11:00.

Water District #5: Water district #5 is waiting for a new funding offer before the town can move forward. It could be a couple of years before funding is made available.

McFee Ambulance Contract: Motion by Prosser, second by Rombough to accept the McFee Ambulance contract in the amount of \$11,749.00. Unanimously carried.

2011 Slate: Letters of interest have been received for some of the open positions. William McRae is expected to resign from the planning board, creating an additional opening on that board. Town Clerk to re-advertise for Conservation Advisory Council and Planning Board positions.

Appointed Official Benefits: Tabled.

Insurance: Motion by Sturtz, second by Rombough to increase the public employee dishonesty coverage to \$200,000.00 at a cost of \$285.00. Unanimously carried.

Dog License Fees: Motion by Sturtz, second by Prosser to pass the attached resolution establishing fees associated with local law #3 of 2010 pertaining to dog licensing. Prosser, Aye; Rombough, Aye; Sturtz, Aye; Wells, Aye. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Amendment #18: Motion by Sturtz, second by Rombough to accept the attached resolution amending the 2010 highway budget, increasing general repairs personal services

from \$99,484.00 to \$122,884.00 and decreasing services for other governments from \$40,300.00 to \$16,900.00 Prosser, Aye; Rombough, Aye; Sturtz, Aye; Wells, Aye. Carried.

Budget Amendment #19: Motion by Sturtz, second by Prosser to accept the attached resolution amending the 2010 Highway budget, increasing state retirement from \$19,300.00 to \$29,939.91, decreasing hospital & medical insurance from \$98,836.00 to \$88,736.00, and decreasing services for other governments contractual from \$16,900.00 to \$16,360.09. Prosser, Aye; Rombough, Aye; Sturtz, Aye; Wells, Aye.

Budget Amendment #20: Motion by Sturtz, second by Rombough to accept the attached resolution amending the 2010 highway budget, increasing uniforms & shoes from \$3,600.00 to \$4,850.00, decreasing drug & alcohol testing from \$800.00 to \$400.00, and decreasing services for other governments, contractual from \$16,360.09 to \$15,510.09. Prosser, Aye; Rombough, Aye; Sturtz, Aye; Wells, Aye.

Budget Amendment #21: Motion by Prosser, second by Rombough to accept the attached resolution authorizing the bookkeeper to make any changes needed to the 2010 general and highway accounts to close out the year. Prosser, Aye; Rombough, Aye; Sturtz, Aye; Wells, Aye. Carried.

Budget Amendment #1 for 2011: Motion by Prosser, second by Rombough to accept the attached resolution amending the 2010 general budget, increasing Assessors personal services from \$16,500.00 to \$16,995.00 and decreasing contingent from \$40,000.00 to \$39,505.00 Prosser, Aye; Rombough, Aye; Sturtz, Aye; Wells, Aye. Carried.

Assessor Schooling: Motion by Sturtz, second by Prosser to allow the assessor to attend a one day class on agriculture exemptions on January 7th. Unanimously carried.

Property Cleanup: Tabled.

Organizational Meeting 2011: The organizational meeting for 2011 will be held January 10th at 6:30 pm.

Personnel Issue: Motion by Sturtz, second by Rombough to enter into executive session at 8:27 to discuss a personnel issue that may lead to disciplinary action and negotiations of benefits for appointed officials. Unanimously carried. Motion by Prosser, second by Rombough to come out of executive session and reenter regular session at 9:29. Unanimously carried.

VISITORS

Mike Prosser: asked about the progress of the audit. Board members indicated that the auditors are in the process of confirming items. Mike asked when the town would stop paying bills on the 2010 budget. The bookkeeper answered that it would be when all of the bills for items purchased in 2010 have been paid, hopefully in January.

Jeanine Spicer: expressed concern that the water that runs onto her property and the property of Jane Butler from the town hall does not drain through the culvert under Co Rt 6 fast enough. The culvert belongs to the County, so the town will talk to our legislator to see if there is anything that can be done.

REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Organizational meeting January 10, 2011 – 6:30 PM

Next regular meeting January 17, 2011 – 6:30 PM.

Planning Board meeting January 19, 2011– 7:00 PM

CAC meeting January 12, 2011 – 6:30

Minutes are unofficial until approved by Town Board

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Allen
New Haven Town Clerk