

## NEW HAVEN TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD JANUARY 13, 2004

### CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Downing called the monthly meeting for January to order at 8:00 p.m. Roll call: Councilman Bristol, Councilwoman Halsey, Councilwoman Schmidt and Supervisor Downing present. Councilman Parkhurst absent. The minutes of the December 9<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting were read and approved by motion of Halsey, second by Schmidt.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Bids of 72 Oshkosh:** One sealed bid was received for the 72 Oshkosh. Motion by Bristol, second by Schmidt to accept the bid of Ronald Owen for the 72 Oshkosh.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Constable Car & Uniforms:** Town Clerk to send a letter to Jerry Herrington requesting the return of the Town's car, uniforms and equipment.

**Highway Department Pickup:** The Highway Superintendent was authorized to trade the old Highway Department Pickup truck and the old constable's car in on a newer pickup truck. The money received from the sale of the 72 Oshkosh will also be used toward the purchase.

**Municipal Water Districts:** Motion by Halsey second by Bristol to accept the attached resolution accepting the Environmental Impact Statement as prepared by Burley-Guminiak & Associates for the two proposed water districts. Unanimously carried. Motion by Schmidt, second by Bristol to engage Burley-Guminiak & Associates to determine if affordable water projects can be developed in the town. Unanimously carried.

**Salt Building Engineering Proposal:** Motion by Bristol, second by Halsey to accept the proposal from spectra Engineering to oversee the construction of the salt building. Unanimously carried.

**Public Hearing:** Motion by Bristol, second by Halsey approve the attached resolution to hold a public hearing on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to hear comments for and against forming proposed water districts # 1 and 2. Unanimously carried. Town Clerk to advertise public hearing.

**Bed Tax Money:** A request will be submitted to Oswego County Promotion & Tourism to allow the town to spend the town's share of the bed tax money to purchase flags to put up along Rt 104 in the summer.

**Elderly Exemption:** Discussion on rather to allow seniors to deduct medical expenses from income to qualify for the elderly exemption on property tax was tabled to allow time to assess the impact.

**Fire Contract:** Motion by Halsey, second by Bristol to accept the fire contract. Unanimously carried.

**County Wide Dog Quarantine:** Oswego County dog quarantine is in effect from November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Internet Access:** Discussion on internet access for town offices was tabled.

**Petty Cash Fund:** A petty cash fund will be setup so that town officials do not have to put out their own money for town expenses and be reimbursed.

**Cell Phone:** Crown Castle will no longer provide a cell phone for the Highway Department. They will still provide the monthly service, but the Town will have to purchase the phone. The rent Crown Castle pays for the cell tower will increase by \$10 per month to compensate for not providing the phone.

**2004 Slate:** Motion by Halsey, second by Bristol to accept the attached slate for 2004.

**Audit of Books:** Motion by Halsey, second by Bristol to accept the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Bookkeeper books as duly audited. Unanimously carried.

**Executive Session:** Motion by Halsey, second by Schmidt to go into executive session at 9:56 for the purpose of discussing appointment of a new head assessor and the O'Reilly law suit. Unanimously carried. Motion by Halsey, second by Schmidt to

come out of executive session and resume regular session at 10:20. Unanimously carried.

**Head Assessor Appointment:** Motion by Schmidt, second by Halsey to appoint Jacqueline Rombough as head assessor. Unanimously carried.

**O'Reilly Law Suit:** Motion by Bristol, second by Schmidt to authorize Mr. Porter to proceed with his recommendation in regard to the O'Reilly case. Unanimously carried.

## REPORTS

**Highway Report:** The Highway has been busy plowing and sanding. The pickup is no longer usable, so the Superintendent is using his personal vehicle until we can get a new one. He will be turning in mileage.

**Historian Annual Report:** is on file.

**Dog Control Officer Report:** Read.

**CEO Report:** Read.

**Town Clerk Monthly Report:** Read.

**Supervisor's Monthly Report:** Read. Motion by Schmidt, second by Halsey to accept all the reports. Unanimously carried.

## AUDIT OF TOWN BILLS

**Highway Bills:** Vouchers # 1 - 17 totaling \$10,110.17 were read and duly audited. Motion by Bristol, second by Schmidt to accept the Highway bills. Unanimously carried.

**General Bills:** Vouchers # 1 - 32 totaling \$9,190.25 were read and duly audited. Motion by Halsey, second by Schmidt to accept the General bills. Unanimously carried.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 10:54 p.m. by motion of Halsey, seconded by Bristol. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Allen  
New Haven Town Clerk