

February 21, 2008

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 7:30pm. All Board members were in attendance. Also attending were Officer in Charge Lawson, eight members of the community and the reporter from the Register Herald. Atty. to the Town Replansky arrived at 7:45.

Supervisor called the meeting to order and the Pledge was done. Supervisor acknowledged the deaths of three local people – Frank Hedges, Harry Wheeler and Ruth Greene. He asked all for a moment of silence to reflect on these three.

Motion by Gardner second by Couse to accept the Town Clerks monthly report for January 2008. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Butler second by Gardner to accept the Town Clerks minutes of January 17<sup>th</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008. 5-0 passed.

Supervisors Report/Correspondence/Public Comment – Supervisor stated he received a reply from Fairpoint Communications regarding the Optimum issue. George Dale - Director of Customer Sales & Service Call Centers for Fairpoint stated they do not have a franchise with the Town of Pine Plains that prevents Optimum from servicing the Town. Pulver also noted that the Middle School Robotics Team sent us the results of their energy audit for the Town Hall with their suggestions for conserving more energy. Public Comments – Councilman Keeler stated that the Veterans Clinic has brought to his attention a shared ride service “Dial-a- Ride” to serve senior/disabled citizens. Councilman Gardner will check into this as it would require a contract with the Town.

Approval of bills – Motion by Gardner second by Keeler to pay PPWIA bills #91-93, Highway bills #94-107 and General bills #108-149.

Councilman Butler questioned the “freight” charge on the Toshiba maintenance bill. 5-0 motion passed with the exception of the Toshiba bill.

Budget transfers – Supervisor explained the necessary transfer- reiterating that Highway Superintendent Harpp did not over spend in his 2007 budget, the transfers are due to Federal “FEMA” money we received. The amount of transfer is \$96,885.34.

Motion by Keeler second by Gardner to approve said transfer. 5-0 passed.

Highway Superintendent Report – Harpp is not here – not feeling well. Supervisor Pulver stated that they have had a rough winter – icing, flooding and lots of small storms. Pulver said they have done an exceptional job this year and we thank them.

PPWIA Report – No one here tonight. Supervisor said he wants to find out the status of the water meter installation.

Police Dept. Report – OIC Lawson gave all Board members the monthly report. He stated that the breathalyzer we are receiving through a grant is on reserve for us and the assimilator that is needed will be free as well. Supervisor thanks the Police Dept. for their presence on Monday for H. Wheelers funeral.

Atty. to the Town Report – Zoning update/review - Replansky said he has received two memos from Consultant Bonnie Franson and should receive a third one in about a week. Warren will be working with Bonnie on this and would like to plan a March meeting with

her, two Town Board members and a Zoning Board member. He said it sounds like things are proceeding. He said Bonnie is also working on the EIS. Councilman Butler said he would welcome that meeting. Supervisor said he will be away March 15<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> – he could do it the week of March 10<sup>th</sup>. Supervisors Secretary will email Replansky a reminder tomorrow.

Intermunicipal Agreement (copy on file) Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan – Replansky asked if there is a cost to the Town. Supervisor replied there is no cost to the Town and he is fine with it.

Motion by Gardner second by Keeler authorizing Supervisor to sign said agreement. 5-0 passed.

Atty. Replansky noted that this agreement will not be effective until all Municipalities have signed it and a cover letter should be sent stating this. Supervisor will have his secretary do this.

**Building Inspector Report – All Board members have**

Public Hearing – Proposed Local Law #2 of 2008, Cold War Veterans Exemption – Supervisor read the legal notice and opened the public hearing. He explained that this law would catch us up with the State and County on the dates (1945-1991) to qualify for a fifteen (15%) exemption and that Jim Mara our Chairman of the Assessors had brought this to his attention.

Public comments - Jim Mara – stated he is in support of this proposed law and explained that certification is no longer needed; annual filing was lifted and no longer needed. He suggests adopting to the first appropriate date and feels this is an excellent law. He added that so far there have only been two applicants.

George Keeler – asked if this law would be for ten years. Jim Mara replied this law would be good for ten years and then the Town could readopt if it is still allowed, adding that a person can only get one exemption – they can not double dip.

Keeler stated that as a Veteran representative he is in favor of this law being passed.

Motion by Butler second by Gardner to close the public hearing and vote on this at the next Town Board meeting. 5-0 passed.

Other- Public Comments- Questions – Supervisor stated we need to further discuss doing a revalue. Jim Mara added that we are one of only two Towns that have not done one in the last four years or so – they are looking at cutting State Aid.

Motion by Gardner second by Keeler to re-appoint Sarah Jones to the BAR- term to be October 2007- September 2012. 5-0 passed.

Supervisor said he received a memo from Stissing Farms re: the Town Hall at that location. He gave a copy to all Board members.

Supervisor also stated that the annual Senior Picnic will be held on Wed, June 4<sup>th</sup> at Wilcox Park. The cost to the Town will be \$3.75 per person.

Motion by Gardner second by Keeler to approve. 5-0 passed.

Jim Mara asked the Town Board to keep the pressure on Bonnie Franson.

Supervisor said that retired Justice Tony Grassi was given a plaque last Wednesday for his 24 years of service to the Town. One will be hung here at Town Hall the other is for him at home. Everything went very nice and pictures were taken.

Councilman Keeler- said that Christine Finkle is a patient at Sharon Hospital – her birthday is March 26, she will be 101 and that day is Christine Finkle Day in Pine Plains.

Motion by Butler second by Couse to go to executive session regarding personnel and contractual. 5-0 passed.

Upon returning from executive session motion by Butler second by Couse to return to regular session and set the salary for newly hired full time Highway employee Dan Brooks at \$14.25 an hour. The Board will meet with Highway Supt. Harpp in six months and review this. The health insurance will take effect in three months and a copy of his application will go to Supervisors secretary for personnel file. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Butler second by Couse to adjourn. 5-0 passed.

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