

MINUTES
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 27, 2017

PRESENT:

Supervisor Gary Westfall, Councilman Jamie King, Mike Pfeiffer and Herb Meyer

ABSENT:

Councilman Bob Rodger

ALSO PRESENT:

Highway Superintendent, Joe Mull, Assessor, Jim Cleere, Bookkeeper, Lisa Hochadel, Tammy Campbell-Morabito, Annette Mumford, Lee Henry, Walter Mumford, Dixie Lemmon, Steve Craig, Lee Ann Weigand, Linda Ochs, Michael Smith, Georgine Rosata, Katie McLaughlin and Florence Bertino.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Westfall led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

FIRE EXITS:

Supervisor Westfall explained where the fire exits were located.

PETITIONERS:

Tammy Campbell-Morabito, Border City Fire Commissioner, addressed the Board concerning the care and condition of fire hydrants in Border City. Ms. Morabito said she has received numerous complaints from citizens of Border City as well as concerns from the Border City Fire Chief, Mr. John Morabito.

Ms. Morabito asked why there are hydrants out of service on Border City Road from Seeley Road west to NYS Gas and Electric. She also asked why a hydrant that was on that route was removed and not yet been replaced.

She also asked why Fire Chief, Mr. John Morabito is not being notified when hydrants are out of service.

She also said they are wondering how often the hydrants are checked for repairs and how often they are flushed. She stated that according to the National Fire Protection Association, hydrants should be flushed twice a year in the spring and fall.

Councilman King and Highway Superintendent, Joe Mull explained that the hydrant that was removed couldn't be replaced because it is an old lead waterline and it is underneath the utility vault for Verizon. Joe also said that if they cut into that waterline now a major water break will occur.

Councilman King said that with the upcoming proposed Four Town Water District that waterline will be replaced and that will alleviate the problem.

Councilman King and Highway Superintendent Joe Mull agrees there needs to be better communication with the Border City Fire Officials and they are willing to meet anytime they have questions and concerns. They also indicated that they have communicated this to Chief Morabito in the past.

2017-021

Councilman Meyer made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Councilman King seconded the motion.

AYE
Supervisor Westfall
Councilman King

NAE

Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Meyer

The motion was carried.

Approval of Minutes – Regular Town board Meeting, January 23, 2017

Approval of Bills:

GENERAL FUND – TOWNWIDE	\$37,552.39
GENERAL – PART TOWN	859.14
HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE	20,167.37
HIGHWAY – PART TOWN	2,342.55
WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT #1	14,532.78
WATERLOO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT	40,500.00
BORDER CITY FIRE DISRICT	203,496.00
BORDER CITY LIGHT DISTRICT	2,522.69
WATERLOO HYDRANT DISTRICT	3,750.00
WATERLOO SEWER DISTRICT #1	1,914.63
5 AND 20 WATER DISTRICT	9,677.09
BURGESS ROAD WATER DISTRICT	8,140.36
BORDER CITY WATER DISTRICT	12,275.21
POWDERLY ROAD WATER DISTRICT	350.20
BREWER ROAD SOUTH	1,090.90
RTE 96, REED, HECKER, MILLS, INGS WD 5	26,455.10
TOTAL	385,626.41

Approval of the Town Clerk’s Monthly Report

Approval of the Community Center Report

Approval of the Canine Report

NEW BUSINESS:

2017-022

Councilman Meyer made the motion to allow Town Attorney, Dennis Benjamin, to introduce a resolution which prohibits mining in the Town of Waterloo at the Town Board Meeting March 27, 2017. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

AYE
Supervisor Westfall
Councilman King
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Meyer

NAE

The motion was carried.

2017-023

Councilman King made the motion to award the MRB Group for the Code Revisions/Comprehensive Plan Implementation Project. The cost for Phase 1 Scope for this project is \$10,656.00. Councilman Meyer seconded the motion.

AYE
Supervisor Westfall
Councilman King
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Meyer

NAE

The motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Development Block Grant

Supervisor Westfall gave an update on the \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant and said the Request for Proposals to administer the grant will be mailed in March and he is hopeful the grant will commence by May 1st.

Four Town Water Project

Supervisor Westfall also gave an update on the Four Town Water Project which includes the Towns of Phelps, Waterloo, Junius and Geneva. Supervisor Westfall said all the involved towns have their required advertising completed. He said the town has received a \$50,000 state grant that will be used to offset the cost for engineering services. The labor will be done with the combined forces of the four involved communities.

Cayuga-Seneca Hiking Trail

Supervisor Westfall said the State is pursuing the implementation of the 500 mile Cayuga-Seneca hiking trail. The town has bid the project twice and the lowest bid the town has received is for \$225,000.00. The town has also received a written estimate for \$210,000.00. The town had only committed funds not to exceed \$175,000.00 for this project.

Supervisor Westfall said he is now in the process of talking to the county to apply for a state grant of either the whole amount of \$225,000 or \$45,000 to finish the project.

Supervisor Westfall said regardless of what happens with the state to fund this project, the trail will be completed this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Pfeiffer said the town is still in the process of negotiating with the town highway department on an initial union contract and it could take which is an initial contract so it could take up to a year to settle the contract.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Code Enforcement Officer/Assessor, Mr. Jim Cleere said he anticipates by the end of the week he will have completed the field work for the revaluation of the town and village. Jim said his office will be sending out impact notices to homeowners with their new assessments. If the homeowners have questions or concerns about their new assessments they can schedule a formal hearing with his office.

Highway Superintendent, Joe Mull gave an update on the Route 96 water main project and said that the main line will be completed by March 31st and after that then they will go back and complete the intersections of Brewer Road South and Whisky Hill Road North.

Town Bookkeeper, Lisa Hochadel, said she is finishing up year end for 2016 financials. Lisa also said the Annual Financial Document will be filed with the State Comptroller by the end of March.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Supervisor Westfall said he is happy with the Highway Department for the work they have done on the Route 96 Water Main Project and for the work they have done on snow removal this year.

Supervisor Westfall said he is well pleased and appreciates all the work the staff has been accomplishing.

Supervisor Westfall also said his goal is to continue laying water lines, bringing codes up to date and being proactive in all town endeavors.

2017-024

Councilman Pfeiffer made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman King seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Westfall
Councilman King
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Meyer

NAE

The motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra L. Ridley
Town Clerk

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 27, 2017**