

MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 28, 2015

PRESENT:

Supervisor Gary Westfall, Councilman Jamie King, Bob Rodger, Lisa Hochadel and Herb Meyer.

ALSO PRESENT:

Jim Cleere, Joyce French, Dallyn Jenkins and the attached list of attendees.

ABSENT: Highway Superintendent, Joe Mull

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Westfall led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

FIRE EXITS:

Supervisor Westfall explained where the fire exits were located:

PETITIONERS:

Ms. Joann Armstrong, Assistant General Manager, for Finger Lakes Railway addressed the Board and gave an overview on the Finger Lakes Railway Corporation. Ms. Armstrong said FGLK is a federally regulated common carrier headquartered in Geneva/Waterloo since 1995. They currently have grown from the initial 24 rail customers to 89 customers and currently transport more than 18,000 carloads per year.

Ms. Armstrong explained the Auburn Road Rail Terminal Project (ARRT) and said this new terminal will initially will serve the growing agricultural activity in the region by consolidating outbound shipments of grain in covered hopper cars. The track infrastructure build out at the ARRT includes a 2,400 foot siding on railroad right of way and a truck access roadway on adjacent leased land in the Renewal Resources Park. The ARRT will provide transload services for local and regional shippers of grain and agricultural products. This type of rail infrastructure can also be used for trans load of other commodities such as plastic pellets, lumber and fertilizer.

Ms. Armstrong also stated that construction is nearing completion and the first carloads of grain are expected to be loaded and moved in early 2016.

Ms. Deb Najarro Consultant for Finger Lakes Railway also addressed the Board and also said that the Auburn Facility could also be used as a trans loading site for New York City garbage being brought to Seneca Meadows Landfill by railroad.

Ms. Najarro stressed that the facility is key to economic and job development for the regions and it is intended for farmers to move their commodities.

Councilman King asked if the there was no trash coming from New York City by rail would this ARRT site be built and Ms. Najarro said it definitely would due to the growing agriculture community.

Supervisor Westfall raised a concern over the growing odor problem and said if the landfill can't control the odor now, what will it be when they accept more trash from New York City.

Supervisor Westfall asked Seneca Meadows Regional Manager Kyle Black what they are doing to control the odor issue.

Mr. Black replied that there was a problem with a header pipe blocked by leachate and it was building up methane gas. They are now using additional cover and more powerful neutralizers

to control the odor. He also said they are topping off the landfill closest to Waterloo in the spring and deposits will be further away from Waterloo.

Supervisor Westfall also asked Ms. Najarro if they knew exactly which route the trains would travel. She replied that the route at this time is not known.

Councilman Rodger asked about how soon the rail cars will be emptied once they arrive and raised a concern about the trains idling which would be a major problem with the odor.

Councilman Hochadel asked how many rail cars will be coming per day. Ms. Najarro said there would be 12 cars per day and they will run 5 to 6 days per week.

There was also public discussion with the representatives from Finger Lakes Rail concerning the length of time the rail cars will be sitting at the site, the possibility of derailments and the speed limits of the trains.

2015-091

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

Approval of Minutes – November 23, 2015

Approval of Bills with the exception of Voucher Number 563 in the amount of \$476.99 to Ferrara Lumber.

GENERAL FUND – TOWNWIDE	\$25,756.32
GENERAL – PART TOWN	2,297.52
HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE	66,227.43
HIGHWAY – PART TOWN	18,148.39
BORDER CITY LIGHT DISTRICT	2,322.54
WATERLOO SEWER DISTRICT #1	6,641.31
5 AND 20 SEWER DISTRICT	20,063.51
BURGESS ROAD WATER DISTRICT	8,077.84
BORDER CITY WATER DISTRICT	7,148.71
POWDERLY ROAD WATER DISTRICT	302.71
BREWER ROAD SOUTH	1,625.73
TOTAL	158,612.01
H2 WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT #1	1,397.50
TOTAL	160,009.51

Approval of Town Clerk’s Monthly Report

Approval of the Community Center Report

Approval of the Canine Report

AYE

Supervisor Westfall
Councilman Hochadel
Councilman King
Councilman Meyer
Councilman Rodger

NAE

The motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Dennis Benjamin gave an update on the East Avenue Property and reiterated what he had said at the October and November Town Board Meetings, in which the property is cleared and ready for a buyer.

NEW BUSINESS:

2015-092

Councilman Rodger made the motion to allow the Supervisor to make any and all year end transfers. Councilman Meyer seconded the motion. (copy appended to the minutes)

AYE

Supervisor Westfall
Councilman Hochadel
Councilman King
Councilman Meyer
Councilman Rodger

NAE

The motion was carried.

2015-093

Councilman King made the motion to accept the attached list of water, sewer and miscellaneous relieves and add them to the 2016 Town and County Tax Roll. Councilman Rodger seconded the motion. (copy appended to the minutes)

AYE

Supervisor Westfall
Councilman Hochadel
Councilman King
Councilman Meyer
Councilman Rodger

NAE

The motion was carried.

2015-094

Councilman King made the motion to allow the destruction of the attached records per Records Management Regulations. Councilman Meyer seconded the motion. The records destroyed were bank statements, supervisor copy of abstracts, account ledgers and worksheets, and water and sewer receipts, journals and monthly reports for 2009.

AYE

Supervisor Westfall
Councilman Hochadel
Councilman King
Councilman Meyer
Councilman Rodger

NAE

The motion was carried.

2015-095

Councilman Rodger made the motion to transfer \$150,000.00 from Community Benefits Funds for the Canal Trail Project to be completed in 2016. Councilman Hochadel seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Westfall
Councilman Hochadel
Councilman King
Councilman Meyer
Councilman Rodger

NAE

The motion was carried.

2015-096

Councilman Rodger made the motion to approve the hiring of Alison Messecar as the new Assessor/Office Clerk to fill the vacancies of Joyce French who is retiring April 15th and Marlene Shade who is retiring May 27th, 2016.

AYE

Supervisor Westfall
Councilman Hochadel
Councilman King
Councilman Meyer
Councilman Rodger

NAE

The motion was carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Rodger said that they will have a Comprehensive Plan Meeting in January 2016, at a date and time not yet determined.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Dog Control Officer, Dallyn Jenkins, said there were 17 calls in the month of December and only one dog seizure and that dog was licensed.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Supervisor Westfall said that Richard Clark the Town’s Constable for over 20 years has resigned due to health reasons. Supervisor Westfall thanked Richard for his years of service and the great job he did over the years.

Supervisor Westfall said the town will be looking for a new Constable.

Supervisor Westfall said it has been a long year but with many accomplishments. He also thanked Councilman Meyer for his years of service to the town and wished him well.

2015-097

Councilman Rodger made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Meyer seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Westfall
Councilman Hochadel
Councilman King
Councilman Meyer
Councilman Rodger

NAE

The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra L. Ridley
Town Clerk