

## 6-9-2016 – JUNE REGULAR MEETING

### Present:

Councilman Cheryl L. Earl  
Councilman Leonard R. Hochadel  
Councilman Douglas J. Morrell  
Supervisor Beverly A. Gambino

### Absent:

Councilman Mandy Quinn-Stojek

### Also Present:

Attorney for the Town David DiMatteo  
Highway Superintendent Donald Hopkins  
Town Clerk Betsy A. Marsh  
Approx. 15 guests

Supervisor Gambino called the Regular meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

The Supervisor stated that the first item on the agenda was the approval of last month's minutes. The Town Clerk has submitted the minutes of the May 12, 2016 regular Board meeting, and **on a motion by Gambino, seconded by Morrell, these minutes were approved as submitted. Carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.**

Supervisor Gambino stated that the next item is for payment of the bills. **On a motion by Earl, seconded by Morrell, Warrant #6 of 2016, including vouchers #277 through #328, totaling \$49,447.47, of which \$14,727.21 was General Fund, \$32,134.27 was Highway Fund, \$859.44 was Lighting District Fund, and \$1,726.55 was Fire District Fund, was approved for payment. Carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.**

### Departmental Reports:

Councilman Morrell reminded that the Firemen's Carnival is coming up on June 24, 25, & 26. He also reported he, Councilman Quinn, and Councilman Earl had attended a meeting on solar panels, and there will be a seminar on solar farms at the Pioneer Middle School on June 15<sup>th</sup>, and he will be attending that. Councilman Morrell stated the Town should send any information on solar farms to the Planning Board for further review. Planning Board Chairman Bob Hill stated that the Planning Board members will be unable to attend the seminar because they have a meeting on the proposed storage units on Savage Rd. that evening. It was suggested that perhaps they could change that meeting to another night so that they could attend, but Mr. Hill was doubtful that could be arranged.

Councilman Hochadel reported that he attended the Springville Control Center meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> and stated that there is new dispatcher nearly done with her training. Mr. Hochadel reminded that the Concerts in the Park will be starting on July 13<sup>th</sup> and will be held every Wednesday night, ending on August 17<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the Historical Society has agreed to sell refreshments. He also commended the Highway Dept. on the road work done this spring and stated that the roads look great.

Councilman Earl stated that she has Councilman Quinn's report on the Youth Board's activities. The report stated that Lifeguard Orientation has been done, and the pool is scheduled to open on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration for Swim lessons and Recreation must be done at the pool, and will begin on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and end on July 1<sup>st</sup>, with the programs starting on July 5<sup>th</sup>. The Youth Board also reports that Earth Spirit will holding a program for one week of Recreation, and the Town wide Garage Sales will be held on July 8, 9, & 10, with signups to be done through the Clerk's office, and the fee will be \$10.00.

Councilman Earl stated she had written a letter to the State DOT asking for a stoplight at the intersection of Rt. 16 and Genesee Rd., and the State turned down the traffic light. She stated that the Board had written a letter to the County Commissioner of Public Works asking for rumble strips on two locations on Genesee Rd., and has received a letter back that County Highway has not had a good experience with rumble strips, and instead, will be improving the intersection by adding additional signage before the current signage, relocating speed limit signs, and removing a private sign from the Right of Way. They will also be adding stop lines for both eastbound and westbound Genesee Rd. at Rt. 16. Councilman Earl also reported that the meeting she attended concerning solar farms was very educational.

Highway Superintendent Don Hopkins reported that his department chop sealed 6 roads on Tuesday and Wednesday, with the help of Highway crews from the Towns of Concord, Yorkshire, Holland and Colden, through the Shared Services Agreement. He also reported that his department power washed and cleaned the pool on June 6<sup>th</sup> and has received three quotes for 50 lb. pails of Bromine. The quotes were as follows:

Beauty Pools	\$191.00
Fisher Pools	\$249.00

Mr. Hopkins reported that Dohaney, where we previously purchased Bromine and had problems with the chemical, was somewhere in between those two quotes. He recommended that the Town purchase 10 pails of Bromine from Beauty Pools at the low quote of \$191.00 each pail. He also stated that the Health Dept. stated the Town needs a new chemical test kit, and the pool needs a new leaf skimmer, which he would also like to get at Beauty Pools when he picks up Bromine. The Highway Superintendent stated he will be setting up the pool early in case there are problems at start up, so that they can be remedied before the pool opening day on June 20<sup>th</sup>. He doesn't anticipate problems with the pool staff, since there are only 2 new lifeguards, and the staff last year was very good. **On a motion by Gambino, seconded by Earl, the Board authorized the Highway Superintendent to purchase 10 pails of Bromine, at \$191.00 each pail, a new test kit, and a new skimmer, from Beauty Pools. Carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.** The Highway Superintendent noted that since Councilman Quinn is out of Town and was in charge of locking the Park gate, he will contact the Parks Caretaker to make arrangements for the gate locking & unlocking. Mr. Hopkins informed the Board that he had advertised the two open positions in his Department, and received 28 applications, of which, approximately 10 people were qualified. He stated he has hired Christopher Dabolt of Sardinia, whose current employer is Waste Management, and his supervisors there had only praise and high accolades for him. Mr. Hopkins stated he will hopefully hire another person next week. Councilman Earl asked if the hires need Town

Board approval, and Mr. Hopkins read the NYS Highway Law which gives the Highway Superintendent full authority to fill vacant positions in his department. Mr. Hopkins also stated he had interviewed all but 2 or 3 applicants, and those applications came in the mail. Mr. Hopkins was also asked if the new employees needed to sign the Employees' Contract, and he stated that they would need to sign after their 6 month probationary period expires.

Disaster Coordinator Gerry Whittington reported that the House Numbering project is progressing, and Genesee Rd. is now complete from Rt. 16 to Warner Gulf Rd. Councilman Earl asked if the Eagle Scout doing this project will be coming before the Board, and Mr. Whittington explained that the Scout has already achieved his Eagle Scout designation, and is not doing the project anymore. He stated that members of the Fire Co. are pitching in to help complete the numbering, and Genesee Rd. will be finished on Saturday, and Rt. 16 and Rt. 39 will be started when Genesee Rd. is completed. Mr. Whittington also explained that the County Highway Dept. sign shop is making the number signs, and he has to wait for them before he can move on. Highway Superintendent Hopkins stated that Mr. Whittington is doing a great job putting the numbers, noting that they are being installed near utility poles and mailboxes, where the plows can't hit them, and is pleased with that.

Supervisor Gambino reported that she has received a pamphlet concerning Agent Orange exposure, and explains how veterans may apply for benefits, which has been placed on the bulletin board across from the Clerk's office. She also stated that the Town has received a donation of 2 benches in memory of R.D. Knight, a resident of Joshua Dr., from his mother, and they have been placed at Manion Park along the walking path. The Supervisor stated that the Town has received flowers from the Alden Correctional Facility for planting in the garden in the front of the Town Hall, and the prisoners will be coming out to clean off the fences around the parks and the Town Hall, and painting the split rail fences. She also stated that a mason will be out to look at the back of the Town Hall, behind the bricks to see what is inside the walls, and there will also be a mechanical engineer on hand, both arranged by Chatfield Engineers.

There were no comments from the Public.

Attorney for the Town David DiMatteo stated that he has heard about the various seminars being held on solar farms and stated he has drafted a proposed 6 month Moratorium Law concerning solar projects. He stated this would give the Town time to draft regulations, if they felt they were needed. He stated he also included copies of the Town of Goshen's Moratorium Law, and the Town of Cambria's Local Law regulating solar energy systems. Mr. DiMatteo stated that some of the things that the Board needs to look at is what Zoning districts they would be allowed in, whether applications should be handled as Special Use Permits or another type of permit, etc. He stated the Board should consider whether they want to have a Work Session, adopt a 6 month Moratorium on such projects, and what they want to regulate. He stated that currently, the Town's Zoning would require that an application for a solar farm go to the ZBA for a land use variance. Mr. DiMatteo stated that the Board does not need to take action tonight. Concerning the surplus Town property to be sold to the Buttinos on Gales Court, he has been trying to get a figure from the Assessor as to the worth of the property, but cannot get an acknowledgement from her. He stated that the strip of property is 30' x 200' and is really worthless to anyone else, will be merged with the Buttino property, and will go back on the tax roll. Mr. DiMatteo stated that the Buttinos have already paid for the surveyor and have agreed to pay the transfer costs, including his attorney fees. After discussion, the Board agreed that the Buttinos should pay \$1.00 for the property, since the other costs exceed the actual value of the property. **On a motion by Gambino, seconded by Earl, the Board agreed to sell the 30' x 200' strip of land on Gales Court to Michael and Belinda Buttino for \$1.00. Carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.**

Supervisor Gambino stated that the next item on the agenda is a resolution asking for a speed limit reduction on Crump Rd. from 55 mph to 45 mph. She stated that the Town of Colden has requested the lowering of the speed limit, but because some of the road is in the Town of Sardinia, a request is needed from Sardinia, also. The following resolution, to be known as Resolution #25 of 2016, was then moved for adoption on a motion by Earl, seconded by Hochadel:

**RESOLUTION #25 - 2016**  
**Approval for Reduction of Speed on Crump Road as requested from the NYS DOT.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sardinia as received a request from the NYSDOT requesting approval of the reduction of the speed limit on Crump Road, and

**WHEREAS**, NYSDOT has already completed a traffic engineering investigation on Crump Road and determined that a speed limit of 45 MPH would be appropriate for this portion of Crump Road, and

**WHEREAS**, Crump Road represents a municipal boundary, approval is needed from both the Towns of Colden and Sardinia.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Sardinia town board approves the reduction of the speed limit on Crump Road to 45MPH as determined by the NYSDOT.

**Upon roll call, Earl, aye, Hochadel, aye, Morrell, aye, Quinn, absent, Gambino, aye. So resolved, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.**

**The Board then entered into Executive Session at to discuss a litigation matter at 7:15 PM on a motion by Morrell, seconded by Hochadel, and carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, and 1 absent.**

**On a motion by Earl, seconded by Morrell, and carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent, the Board returned to Regular session at 7:42 pm.**

**There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Hochadel, seconded by Earl, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM. Carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk

