

11-14-2013 – REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Present:

Councilman Cheryl L. Earl
Councilman Daniel L. Miller
Councilman David L. Montgomery
Councilman Douglas J. Morrell
Supervisor Mary L. Hannon

Also Present:

Highway Superintendent Donald Hopkins
Town Clerk Betsy A. Marsh
Approx. 25 guests

The Sardinia Town Board held its Regular Town Board meeting for November on November 14, 2013 at the Sardinia Town Hall/Community Center. Supervisor Hannon called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence.

The Town Clerk has submitted the minutes of the October 10, 2013 Regular Town Board meeting, and the Deputy Town Clerk has submitted the minutes of the November 7, 2013 Public Hearing on the 2014 Preliminary Budget, both of which were approved as submitted on a motion by Montgomery, seconded by Earl, and carried, 4 ayes, 1 absent, 0 noes.

Departmental Report Included:

Supervisor Hannon stated that she and bookkeeper Bev Gambino have been very busy with the TRUST Program and reported that approximately 80% of the checks have been sent out. She stated that TRUST applications will continue to be accepted up until 4 PM on Friday, November 15th, or will be accepted if postmarked on or before November 15th. She stated that she and the bookkeeper have a meeting with the Town Accountant tomorrow. Concerning the CDBG Grant application, it has been returned to her for her signature. Councilman Earl asked if we could amend the application to add the walking path around Veteran's Park, and after discussion, it was decided to resubmit to add a request for an additional \$40,000.00. **On a motion by Earl, seconded by Montgomery, Councilman Earl will resubmit the CDGB application, requesting an additional \$40,000.00, making the total grant request \$98,000.00. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.** Councilman Miller stated he did not have that information available to him and had asked that it all be forwarded to him. The Supervisor disputed that, stating he, as well as other Board members, were given that information a long time ago.

Councilman Morrell reported that he has been in touch with AARP, they are changing things around, and would like to wait until after the first of the year to hold the driving course. He stated that if anyone is in a hurry to get the course, they can also take it on-line. He also commended the County on the good job done on the Savage Rd. bridge.

Councilman Montgomery stated that there had been a good turnout for the free rabies clinic, and 79 animals had been vaccinated. He thanked Dr. Nancy Pugh for volunteering her time, and thanked everyone who worked at the clinic. He stated that at the annual Flu clinic, 82 people were vaccinated, and he thanked Tom Lewis and Waste Management for providing the excellent brunch.

The Supervisor stated she had been approached by a resident who lives nearby the intersection of Van Slyke Rd. and Rt. 39 informing her of a very bad accident that occurred there earlier today, asking if something could be done to make that intersection safer. The Highway Superintendent stated that there are blind curves at that intersection, as well as where Johnson Rd. and Pratham Rd. intersect with Rt. 39, which is a State road. After discussion, the Board asked the Town Clerk to write a letter to the State DOT Engineering Dept. asking for a review of the highway to see if improvements can be made to increase safety.

Councilman Earl reported that a request has been received for the use of the gym for a birthday party on December 1st between 4 and 6 PM. She stated that the person requesting the use is willing to submit his homeowner's insurance certificate and to pay the proper fee for the use of the facility. She stated that the use has been approved by the Youth Board. **On a motion by Earl, seconded by Montgomery, the Board approved the request to use the gym on December 1st for a birthday party. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.** Councilman Earl stated that Friday Night Recreation is still going on, and she had picked up some supplies for the program last week. She stated that the Chess Club is only being held on the 1st Saturday of the month for now, and they are blending it with the Friday Night Rec Program. She stated that the Youth Board had also discussed a Rec Administrator or Director, and the Youth Board members interested in remaining as members should submit applications for the position.

Councilman Miller reported that on November 7th he attended the meeting of the Southtowns Enhancement Coalition, where they reviewed the draft Action Plan and discussed possible grant opportunities. He stated that the Town of Sardinia's membership in the Coalition had also been discussed and they would like to meet with the new Town Board after the beginning of the year, perhaps in February. He stated that the Town of Sardinia's dues for 2013 have never been paid. Supervisor Hannon stated that we have never received an invoice to pay them. He stated that the Coalition is going to waive the dues for 2014.

Highway Superintendent Donald Hopkins stated that he was absent from last month's meeting, but had given Councilman Earl a written report to read at the meeting, which she had. Concerning the Hosmer Brook stabilization project on the Sebзда property, he stated it is complete and was a one day project. He stated he had a lot of help from other towns, and stated that without them, he doesn't think he would have been able to complete the project. He stated they also accepted the donation of clay and fill from Mike Hannon. Mr. Hopkins stated that the Town of Concord helped them haul materials, the Town of Yorkshire helped with their excavator, and he thanked all of them. Councilman Earl

asked if the seeding had been done on the Hosmer Brook stabilization project, and was told by the Highway Superintendent that it had, that the County still wants to put in some willow plugs, and he will have to go back in the Spring and fix some of the ruts that were made by the trucks. Mr. Hopkins stated he has been contacted by 2 residences, a church, and a business, asking if a speed limit reduction could be requested for Rt. 39 from Rt. 16 to the Hamlet of Sardinia. He stated they feel that 55 mph is too fast, especially for the trucks, for the amount of homes and businesses, and with SASI on the hill, now on that stretch of highway. Mr. Hopkins stated he agrees it is very dangerous, and stated perhaps the State could also put a passing lane on the hill. Concerning the Erie County snowplowing contract, he stated he see that there is a resolution approving it later on the agenda. Mr. Hopkins stated that it has been the assumption of the Erie County Association of Superintendents of Highways for years that shared services with other towns fell under the Emergency Services Act that was put in place years ago, but they have since found out that is only in case of emergencies such as snow emergencies or help for the Towns. He stated that right now, the Association is in the process of doing a resolution to adopt a Shared Services Agreement wherein all Towns in the County could go help other Towns without the issues of liability or manpower. He stated that the Agreement would then have to be adopted by each individual municipality. He stated this would be in the best interest of the Town since they use other municipalities' equipment and manpower for chip sealing, paving and shoulder work, etc. He stated that when this comes to point, he would also like to approach the Towns of Arcade, Yorkshire, and Freedom, since Sardinia also deals with Towns in other counties. Lastly, the Highway Superintendent stated he would like the Town Board to allow him to put out to bid for a new or unused pick up truck. He stated that in the last few months, he has had multiple problems and repairs to the Town's current trucks, at this time, asked to be allowed to bid for a 2013 or newer unused pickup to replace either the and 2001 standard transmission pickup with 136,000 miles, or the 2004 automatic transmission with 138,000 miles on it, stating that the repairs have been needed for both, and he feels that neither is better or worse than the other. He stated that his department needs 2 pickups in the summer, 1 to pull the mower trailer and the other to perform other road work. He stated he does not want a used vehicle, but at this point in time, a new 2013 would be cheaper than on State bid. The Supervisor suggested he include new, unused 2012 models in the request for bid, and he agreed. **After brief disussion, on a motion by Earl, seconded by Montgomery, the Town Board gave the Highway Superintendent permission to put out for bids for a new, unused pickup truck. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.**

Under Public Comments:

John Schiener of West Schutt Rd. stated he had seen an article in the Arcade Herald on the new building for the Boys and Girls Club of Holland, and stated what a great asset that is for the families in that Community. He stated he gives kudos to the Town of Holland for their vision and stated the cost was \$1.5 million, about the cost of the Town giveaway. He stated he feels it is a missed opportunity for the Town of Sardinia to do something for its residents, however, if the residents want to do something with some of their windfall, they could support the efforts of the Citizens for Open and Accountable Government, and any support would help and be appreciated.

Under Approval of the Bills:

Abstract #11, including vouchers #674 through #744, and totaling \$151,114.72, of which \$100,931.23 was General Fund expenditure; \$49,137.75 was Highway Fund expenditure; and \$1,045.75 was Lighting District expenditure. Councilman Montgomery stated there was a mistake on one of the vouchers, and that the CEO had the wrong reimbursement per mile rate. **Supervisor Hannon stated that would be corrected, and Abstract #11, with the correction, was then approved for payment on a motion by Earl, seconded by Montgomery, and carried 5 ayes, 0 noes.**

In Unfinished Business:

The Supervisor stated that the first resolution is to adopt the 2014 Budget, noted that a public hearing had been held and there had been no public comment. She asked if anyone on the Board wanted to make any changes in the budget, and they did not. The following resolution, to be known as Resolution #66 of 2013, was then moved for adoption on a motion by Montgomery, seconded by Earl:

**RESOLUTION #66 - 2013
APPROVAL OF 2014 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Sardinia Town Board has reviewed the 2014 Preliminary Budget, and a Public Hearing was held on this budget on November 7, 2014;

WHEREAS, the Sardinia Town Board approves the 2014 Budget with no changes, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sardinia Town Board hereby approves the 2014 Budget for the Town of Sardinia as presented to the Town Board.

Upon roll call vote, Earl, aye, Miller, aye, Montgomery, aye, Morrell, aye, Hannon, aye. So Resolved.

Supervisor Hannon stated the next resolution is to approve the Snow Removal contract with Erie County, and if approved, she can then sign and submit to the County. The following resolution, to be known as Resolution #67 of 2013, was then moved for adoption on a motion by Earl, seconded by Montgomery:

**RESOLUTION #67 - 2013
SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Sardinia Town Board has reviewed the contract for snow removal and ice control with the County of Erie; and

WHEREAS, the Sardinia Town Board agrees to the negotiated contract which entails a reimbursement price of \$3494.92 per lane mile for the 2013/2014 snow season; \$3599.77 per lane mile for the 2014/2015 snow season; and \$3707.76 per lane mile for the 2015/2016 snow season; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sardinia Town Board hereby approves this contract and authorizes Supervisor Mary Hannon to sign and submit the contract on behalf of the Town of Sardinia.

Upon roll call vote, Earl, aye, Miller, aye, Montgomery, aye, Morrell, aye, Hannon, aye. So Resolved.

The Supervisor stated that the next resolution is for approval of the lease agreement with the Erie County Board of Elections and was just received. The following resolution, to be known as Resolution #68 of 2013, was then moved for adoption on a motion by Montgomery, seconded by Morrell:

**RESOLUTION #68 - 2013
APPROVAL OF POLLING LOCATION LEASE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Sardinia Town Board has reviewed the Polling Location Lease Agreement sent by the Erie County Board of Elections, and

WHEREAS, this standard lease agreement calls for a payment of \$100 for each election day from the Erie County Board of Elections, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sardinia Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Mary L. Hannon to sign and submit this lease agreement on behalf of the Town of Sardinia.

Upon roll call vote, Earl, aye, Miller, aye, Montgomery, aye, Morrell, aye, Hannon, aye. So Resolved.

Supervisor Hannon the Supervisor-elect Bev Gambino for her election win, and wished her all the luck and cooperation, and also congratulated Councilman Earl for her win in the recent election, as well as whoever comes out the winner of the Councilman seat after the absentee ballot count.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Earl, seconded by Montgomery, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM. Carried, 4 ayes, 1 absent, 0 noes.

Clint Salmon noted that there had been an error by the Arcade Herald concerning the date of the upcoming Sr. Citizens Thanksgiving dinner, which should have said November 21st. The Clerk stated a sign will be put up out front to say that it is November 21st, 12³⁰ pm at the Holland Willows.

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk