

## **TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING**

**May 05, 2014**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Monday May 5, 2014 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Port Ewen, New York at 7:30 PM with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor John Coutant**  
**Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet**  
**Councilperson Wayne Freer**  
**Councilperson Kyle Barnett**  
**Councilperson Diane L. McCord**

**Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk**

**Supervisor John Coutant called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.**

### **Public Comment:**

#### **Drainage at Beach ( Freer Park)**

Highway Superintendent Mike Cafaldo provided an estimate to replace the pipes for off road drainage at the beach (Freer Park). There is also a big dip where a catch basin had been removed. The cost shall not exceed \$9,500.00. The cost will include the pipe and all other materials as needed. They will be replacing 400 ft of 24 in. pipe and also 200 ft of 15in. pipe. Superintendent Cafaldo would like to start the work prior to Memorial Day.

Superintendent Cafaldo discussed the progress on correcting the big water puddle on West Main Street. There will be an easement signed by Emma Spinnenweber to allow access to correct the puddle. Superintendent Cafaldo intends to keep the catch basin low so when the highway department starts to repave the roads, the new road can be graded to that level.

#### **Leak in Town Hall Roof**

Supervisor Coutant informed everyone that there was another major roof leak here at the Town Hall. Water was running through the roof. U. W. Marx Construction, the original general contractor of Town Hall was here the following day and repaired the problem. There was a substantial hole where the seam separated on the back side of the building. Also the gutter on the backside of the building is too small and cannot handle heavy rains; the pipe is not big enough to handle the flow. Dan Vedder will find out what size pipe needs to be used. Town Hall did not have a ladder long enough to deal with this problem and in the past we always needed to make arrangements to borrow one from the Benedictine Hospital.

We purchased an extension ladder and the Water department as well as the Highway department was notified the Town now has an extension ladder if they should need it.

### **Church Property**

Supervisor Coutant thought we were home free to receive the grant from the State of New York to purchase the Property on Bowen Street. Supervisor Coutant was notified on April 30<sup>th</sup> that they rejected the appraisal, survey map and the description of the property. Originally they wanted a survey of the entire Parcel which he gave them. He also indicated the proposed adjustment and labeled it parcel A and B. Now they want a description of the property in detail of the parcel they are funding with the grant. They also want a new appraisal of that particular parcel alone. We already paid \$750 for the first appraisal; just got an additional bill of \$250 to have the appraisal of the parcel we are going to purchase. Supervisor Coutant contacted Mike Vetere who will write the description of just the parcel of the parking lot. These two items will be forwarded to the State upon receipt and hopefully we will not lose our place in the pile. If the grant gets rejected Supervisor Coutant believes the Board should borrow the \$40,000 from Orange County and pay the church. Councilperson Van Vliet agreed, the church has been very patient.

### **Town Hall Outdoor Light**

The light strip on the entrance of the Town Hall has not been working and a replacement is approximately \$900 for this particular type of light. Councilperson Kyle Barnett was able to speak to a neighbor who runs Selux Corporation. Selux has offered to donate the light to the town. The Town Board is extremely grateful for this generous donation.

### **Gary Swinger**

Gary Swinger will attend the May 15, 2014 Town Board meeting and we will have cake and coffee after the meeting to show our appreciation for his dedication to the Town. We all wish Gary and Gillian the best at their new location.

### **Two Unsafe Structures**

The hearing for the 2 properties that need to be taken down has been posted to the Daily Freeman. Another letter has been sent out to the property owners; Robert Levereault at 113 East Main Street, Port Ewen and Robert Playford at 193 Union Center Rd., Ulster Park. Mr. Leverault is deceased, however, a certified letter was also sent to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage who has been responsible for paying the taxes on the property. Mike Cafaldo called for dumpsters but no one wanted the job since the roof is expected to be asbestos. Supervisor Coutant will follow up with Timothy Keefe our Building Inspector.

### **Basketball Hoop For Connelly**

Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet suggested it be removed if no one uses the net. Councilperson Wayne Freer does not believe we should make improvements to an area we do not own. John Height was in attendance and suggested Steve Cross may be able to make something for less money. Supervisor John Coutant says the park gets used after school and on Saturdays. Town Clerk Holly Netter will look into

finding lower price alternatives for the hoop. Supervisor John Coutant will have Dan Vedder talk to Steve Cross to see if we can find a more economical solution.

**Miscellaneous items discussed**

Christine Wiene asked permission to use Ross Park on June 14<sup>th</sup> to hold the Flag Day ceremony. The park was unavailable. It was suggested the ceremony be held at the Veterans Memorial here at Town Hall on Saturday, June 14, 2014.

**Executive Session – Personnel Issue**

**A motion was made at 8:10 pm by Councilperson Wayne Freer to discuss a personnel issue at the request of Highway Superintendent Mike Cafaldo. Seconded by Supervisor John Coutant**

**A motion was made to come out of Executive Session by Councilperson Kyle Barnett at 8:20 pm and seconded by Councilperson Wayne Freer.**

**Executive Session – Dental Program**

**A motion was made at 8:20 pm to enter in to executive session to discuss the dental program as part of the union negotiations by Councilperson Wayne Freer and seconded by Supervisor John Coutant.**

**A motion was made to come out of Executive Session by Councilperson Kyle Barnett at 9:05 pm and seconded by Councilperson Wayne Freer.**

**Adjournment**

**A motion to adjourn at 9:05 PM was made by Councilperson Diane McCord and seconded by Councilperson Wayne Freer. All Town Board members voted in favor. Motion Carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk

