

NEW HAVEN TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD JULY 20, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Sturtz called the monthly meeting for July 20, 2015 to order at 6:30 p.m. at the New Haven Town Hall. Roll call: Councilwoman Prosser, Councilman Rombough, Councilman Vergos, Councilman Wells, and Supervisor Sturtz present. Motion by Vergos, second by Prosser, to waive the reading of the minutes and accept them as presented. Unanimously carried

AUDIT OF TOWN BILLS

General bills: vouchers #179 - 213 totaling \$64,438.24, were duly audited.

Highway bills: vouchers #101 - 120 totaling \$19,594.57, were duly audited.

Street Lighting: voucher # 194 totaling \$269.88, was duly audited.

Capital Improvement WD#6: vouchers # 24 - 27 totaling \$7,043.28, were duly audited.

Capital Improvement WD#7: vouchers #28 totaling \$1,200.00, were duly audited.

Motion by Rombough, second by Wells, to accept the bills as presented and to authorize their payment. Prosser, Aye; Rombough, Aye; Vergos, Aye; Wells, Aye; Sturtz, Aye; Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan: Linda Bond-Clark and Fred Wilbur addressed the board about doing a comprehensive plan for the town. They will come back to the board with an estimate of the cost of completing a plan.

National Grid Bill: Tabled.

Salary for Alternate Planning Board Member: Motion by Vergos, second by Rombough to pay any alternate planning board member 1/12 the salary of a regular planning board member for each month in which they are needed due to the inability to get a quorum of regular planning board members. Prosser, Aye; Rombough, Aye; Vergos, Aye; Wells, Aye; Sturtz, Aye; Carried.

Handyman: Motion by Prosser, second by Vergos, to advertise for a handyman. Unanimously carried. Motion by Prosser, second by Rombough, to resend the motion to advertise for a handyman. Unanimously carried.

Handyman Appointment: Motion by Vergos, second by Wells, to appoint Patrick Haney as handyman for the Town. Prosser, Aye; Rombough, Aye; Vergos, Aye; Wells, Aye; Sturtz, Aye; Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Bank At Work Program: Amy Shaw, Manager of the Mexico branch explained the banks new Bank at Work program to the board. Copies of the flyer will be enclosed with all employees' next paychecks.

Water Service Area #6 Update: We are still pursuing easements. The notice to proceed to the Contractor was issued for July 13th. They have 120 days from that date to complete the project.

Water Service Area #7 Update: The USDA Rural Development pre-application has been submitted.

Water Service Area #8 Update: The SEQR process has begun. An engineering report is being prepared. The pre-application should be submitted by the end of September.

WSA#8 SEQR: Motion by Rombough, second by Vergos to accept the attached resolution setting status under SEQR and assuming lead agency status. Prosser, Aye; Rombough, Aye; Vergos, Aye; Wells, Aye; Sturtz, Aye; Carried.

Standard Work Day: Motion by Wells, second by Prosser to accept the attached resolution setting the standard work day for Town officials and employees in the retirement system. Prosser, Aye; Rombough, Aye; Vergos, Aye; Wells, Aye; Sturtz, Aye; Carried.

Use of Force Policy: Tabled.

Four Year Term for Town Supervisor: Tabled.

Union Contract: The union contract expires at the end of the year. Supervisor Sturtz, Councilman Vergos and the Attorney for the Town, Thomas Reynolds will represent the Town in negotiations for the new contract.

Potential Law Suits: Motion by Prosser, second by Vergos, to enter into executive session at 7:53 for the purpose of discussing strategy for a potential eminent domain regarding Water Service Area #6 and strategy for the notice of claim regarding the fuel cleanup. Unanimously carried. Motion by Wells, second by Vergos to come out of executive session and re-enter regular session at 8:37. Unanimously carried. No decisions were made in executive session.

Notice of Claim: The Town has received a notice of claim from Douglas H. Zameles, who represents Michael J Frost and Brenda L Frost concerning diesel fuel found in their pond.

Pollution Insurance: Town Clerk to request a quote.

VISITORS

Mike Prosser: Informed the board that the Fire Department has been awarded a \$20,000 grant to replace its large diameter hoses. They have also been awarded a \$142,000 grant to replace the 1984 tanker with a 5% match.

REPORTS

Reports: Dog Control Officer, Code Enforcement Officer, Assessors, Town Clerk, and Supervisor reports to be posted.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: at 8:37 P.M by motion of Wells, second by Prosser. Unanimously carried.

Next regular meeting August 17, 2015 – 6:30PM.

Planning Board meeting August 19, 2015 – 7:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J Allen
New Haven Town Clerk