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TOWN OF ENFIELD  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009  
7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Enfield Town Board was held Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Enfield Community Building, 182 Enfield Main Road, Ithaca, N.Y. at 7:00 p.m. with Supervisor Podufalski presiding.

Present: Supervisor Frank Podufalski, Town Councilperson Roy Barriere, Town Councilperson Robert Harvey, Town Councilperson Herb Masser, Highway Superintendent Barry Rollins, Town Clerk Alice Laue, Deputy Town Clerk Pat Dougherty.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

Supervisor Podufalski led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor:

Privilege of the Floor was moved to the beginning of the meeting and Supervisor Podufalski read the following statement: An attorney has challenge the regularity of the formation process and I have been advised by the Town's attorney that there appears to be merit to the contentions raised such that, given the threat of litigation, the board needs an opportunity to have counsel of its choice more closely research and examine the issues and promptly report to the Board, most likely at a special town board meeting in the near future at which time the matters will be addressed publicly.

No action taken what so ever on a fire district or fire protection plan or anything to do with the fire department to be discussed tonight and Privilege of the Floor was moved back to the end of the meeting.

Enfield Creek Project: Soil & Water Conservation – Jon Negle

Project in the works for a couple of years for Enfield Creek. Town Highway Dept. and several land owners approached Soil & Water wondering what could be done about upstream and downstream creek problems between Bostwick Road and E. Enfield Center Road. Soil & Water talked with the Town Highway Dept. and land owners. Soil & Water wrote a grant to N. Y. S. D. E. C., grant was approved for \$100,000.00. \$100,000.00 would be coming from the state but they want \$100,000.00 of in kind matching funds of funds coming from local highway personnel, local funds. Soil & Water Conservation talked with land owners, some didn't want to do anything, fine with creek as is, others wanted something done with their property. Soil & Water narrowed region areas down to around Bostwick Road and E. Enfield Center Road. Reviewed plan views for Bostwick Road and E. Enfield Center Road. Budget figure is \$66,000.00. Town's share would be

approximately \$35,000.00 for projects. Time frame for work to be done would be between June and August of 2009.

Motion made by Councilperson Barriere, seconded by Councilperson Masser approves and authorizes the participation of the Town of Enfield in the Soil and Water Conservation Enfield Creek project in the approximate amount of \$35,000.00. Time frame for work is between June and August.

Discussion:

Vote: Councilperson Barriere aye, Councilperson Harvey aye, Councilperson Masser aye, Supervisor Podufalski aye, Councilperson Gaynor was absent. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Letter – Dwight Mengle, Rural Feeder Pilot Program, starting service in May.

Fax – Stephen Locey, TCCOG Health Insurance Consultant would like to attend March board meeting.

NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation letter of acquisition of eleven acres of Nosewicz property.

USDA Rural Development moving.

Annual report from Tompkins County Board of Elections.

Letter from Community Arts Partnership listing grant awards.

Packet of letter from a HIS Environmental Science teacher's ninth grade students in regards to wind farms and wind farm energy technology.

Audit Claims: by Councilperson Masser:

Motion made by Councilperson Barriere, seconded by Councilperson Masser authorizing the supervisor to pay:

General Fund vouchers # 33 – 59, dated 2-11-2009, in the amount of \$14,750.94.

Highway Fund vouchers # 16 – 32, dated 2-11-2009, in the amount of \$10,721.83.

Discussion:

Vote: Councilperson Barriere aye, Councilperson Masser aye, Councilperson Harvey aye, Supervisor Podufalski aye, Councilperson Gaynor was absent. Motion carried

Committees/Reports:

Tompkins County Board of Representatives: No report. County Representative Stevenson unable to attend February and March meetings because of recent surgery.

Highway: Highway Superintendent Rollins.

Break in the snow, been working on equipment getting it ready for Spring work.

Code Enforcement: Written report.

Enfield Community Council: Carolyn Tschanz

Annual meeting held 2-9-2009, presentation of programs and numbers served in 2008. Summer School served 117 youths between 4-13 years of age Teen program served 101.. Harvest Festival raised approximately \$5,000.00, published three newsletters sent to 1200 homes. Co-sponsored youth basketball and served about 50 fourth and fifth graders and is co-sponsoring basketball again this year. Enfield School not available for Summer Camp this year and ECC is negotiating with Robert Treman State Park to hold camp there at a cost of \$150.00 plus entrance fees per day. Looking into grants, need an other \$7,000.00 in budget to hold camp at park .Summer Camp scheduled for 7-6-09 – 8-14-09. Fall Festival 9-19-2009.

Enfield Volunteer Fire Company: Written report. Fire chief reported that February chicken barbecue was a success and thanked everyone who participated in its success.

Facility Building Manager: Councilperson Barriere

Justices moving shortly. 2-12-09 Community building and town hall to be rekeyed, Alan Teeter will sign out keys. Received one bid for the counter in the town hall, will solicit for bids from local contractors.

Facilities Planning Committee – Councilperson Masser still working on broad banding, no cooperation from people and companies he has contacted.

Planning Board: No meeting.

Recreation Partnership: No report.

Tompkins County Council of Governments: Supervisor Podufalski  
Still working on insurance consortium.

New Business:

Special Town Board Meeting set for Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Ethics:

During the discussion on forming a Board of Ethics the question was asked if a private citizen could file a complaint with the County Board of Ethics. The answer is yes, but there is a set of guide lines as to how you can do it. Any county employee can lodge a complaint with the Board of Ethics. For a private citizen to file a complaint they have to go through either one of the county employees or a board member of a town. Supervisor Podufalski proposed going before TCCOG asking if other towns the size of Enfield would be interested in forming a joint Board of Ethics. Board approved the supervisor's taking his proposal to the next TCCOG meeting.

Resolution #11-2009 – Work Log

Resolution moved by Supervisor Podufalski, seconded by Councilperson Harvey. Whereas, the New York State Comptroller's Office requires salaried town officials to keep a log of their work for one month, NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that all salaried town officials keep a log from March 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009 including date, length of time and what work was performed. By April 7, 2009 this log should be turned into the Town Supervisor.

Discussion:

Vote: Councilperson Barriere aye, Councilperson Masser aye, Councilperson Harvey aye, Supervisor Podufalski aye, Councilperson Gaynor was absent. Resolution carried.

F-550 Truck:

Spreader on new F-550 truck needs to have a speed control, a hitch plate with D rings, ball pintal combination, installation of seven way plug, bracket wires, and installation of variable speed controller for speed control for a total of \$976.00. These items weren't included in specs for truck.

Motion made by Supervisor Podufalski, seconded by Councilperson Harvey that the Town Board approve the purchase and installation of this equipment to make this truck usable to the Highway Department.

Discussion:

Vote: Councilperson Barriere aye, Councilperson Masser aye, Councilperson Harvey aye, Supervisor Podufalski aye, Councilperson Gaynor was absent. Motion carried.

Drinking Water Fountains:

Discussed the rental of drinking water fountains versus purchasing fountains for the community building and the town barn.

Motion made by Councilperson Barriere, seconded by Councilperson Harvey that the Town purchase two water fountains for the community building and one fountain for the town barn.

Discussion:

Vote: Councilperson Barriere aye, Councilperson Masser aye, Councilperson Harvey aye, Supervisor Podufalski aye, Councilperson Gaynor was absent. Motion carried.

Clothing and Steel Toed Boot Allowance for Highway Workers.

OSHA requires that highway full time workers wear steel toed boots; therefore, the highway superintendent requests that highway workers receive \$100.00 for the purchase of these boots after completion of their probation period.

Motion made by Supervisor Podufalski, seconded by Councilperson Harvey that the Town provided a \$100.00 steel toed boot allowance and upon completion of the current uniform contract the town provides \$300.00 to each full time employee per year for uniform allowance excluding coveralls

Discussion: Boot and uniform allowances. Workers not using full service that is being paid for. Allowance to be included in paycheck with allowance for steel toes boots being in first yearly pay check.

Vote: Councilperson Barriere aye, Councilperson Masser aye, Councilperson Harvey aye, Supervisor Podufalski aye, Councilperson Gaynor was absent. Motion carried.

Plow Truck:

Contracted with state bid for a total of \$194,215.20 for a plow truck. Highway superintendent proposed that we not put a tower on the truck, no wing, change size of the box. These changes bid o \$166,663.30. After discussing lateness of changes board decided it was too late to make any change in the bid and with the need to soon replace another aging truck, highway superintendent was asked to research what is available to possibly have an extra truck, if money is available, or replace the next oldest truck.

Announcements:

Census Bureau looking for 2010 census workers.

Consumer Protection Forum – Cornell Cooperative Extension 2-18-2009 at 11:00 a.m.

Privilege of the Floor:

Keith Smith spoke about price gouging of propane gas.

Diane Aramini thanked Supervisor Podufalski for taking the time and interest in looking into ethics.

David Dimmick – Questioned if he had a complaint would any of the town board members forward it to the County Board of Ethics. Ethics law repealed covered all bases He wants to be able to go to the board directly, voice his complaint without passing through a municipal official.

Jack Hubbell – Two vehicles were put out for bid, for the record, what were the bids, who got them? Supervisor answered – One truck went for around \$2800.00 to Brandon McGee. '84 pick-up dump bid on by Podufalski's corporation C & M Builders, Inc. and high bid was \$752.00. Supervisor's bid was high bid.

David Dimmick – With economy what it is the Town Board needs to watch their spending.

Question was asked about ECC using the fire house for Summer Camp. Answer was – no place for children to play or for outside activities. In an emergency would not be a safe place for camp.

Jerry Achilles- When paying bills he didn't hear the town paying the fire department this month. Supervisor stated nothing going on as far as the fire department, we have a legal complaint and he will not answer any questions about the fire department.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Supervisor Podufalski, seconded by Councilperson Harvey that the 2-11-09 Town Board meeting adjourn.

Discussion:

Vote: Councilperson Barriere aye, Councilperson Masser aye, Councilperson Harvey aye, Supervisor Podufalski aye, Councilperson Gaynor was absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Laue, Town Clerk