

The following is a summary report of meeting highlights for the most recent Town Board meeting prepared by Beth McGee, Town Supervisor. These are not complete minutes, such as those provided by the Town Clerk. Drafts of meeting minutes may be available at TownOfEnfield.org one week prior to the regular monthly meeting, and are subject to corrections upon discussion of the Town Board before approval.

March 14th, 2018 Town Board Meeting Highlights

Consent Agenda included:

- Audit Claims
- Approval Minutes of February 14 Regular meeting

Ithaca Families Gift Economy- Resident Ellen Mary Abb reported on a community service available on Facebook, the Ithaca Families Gift Economy group that serves as a sharing network for free items or recommendations for services/free opportunities in the Ithaca area. Members post a need or an offer of an item to share and members respond and help connect one another to meet those needs. It's a great group that helping to conserve resources through reuse efforts as well.

County Legislator- There was no county legislator present. Jeff Smith of TC DOT communicated with Board members that they will be improving drainage on Black Oak Rd. with a few new culverts and ditch cleaning. Base strengthening and an overlay of hot asphalt will also be done. They hope to do the entire length of Black Oak rd. as well as the rough section of Connecticut Hill Rd. to the first corner. If homeowners have special concerns they would like to discuss, call Jeff or Matt Watros as 274-0300.

Code Enforcement- Alan Teeter reported that he will attend several trainings this month (code training and Clean Energy Communities program training). The CEC program training will help us toward our goal of becoming a Clean Energy Community. This designation can position Enfield to better qualify for grant funding for energy projects from NYSERDA. The house at 198 Enfield Main Rd. has been condemned. Alan has also updated all fire inspection reports to coincide with the 2015 Fire Code.

Supervisor's report- Councilperson Mimi Mehaffey and I attended the Association of Towns Annual Meeting and participated in multiple presentations on the many funding opportunities available to municipalities and how to position ourselves to compete for them. A one-hour consult with Dept. of State reps was very helpful to make connections and better understand how they can help us with our goals for capital planning, facilities and equipment management, and financial stability. We also obtained a great deal of helpful information from NYSERDA presentations and connected with reps who are helping us with our solar law as well as development of our own PILOT standards.

I went on a snow-plow ride-along with Gabe Newhart during the March 2nd storm. It was very informative. There is a video of this ride available at <https://youtu.be/DvxntvIFsGw> . I also developed a time-line of the fire contract negotiations so the public can see the effort the Town Board has made in this task. The timeline is available to the public. A full Supervisor's Report will be available in the March 14th Town Board Minutes.

Highway Superintendent's Report- Superintendent Rollins spoke about the work the Highway Dept is doing on equipment and on the roads during the recent bad weather. There will be a **Rabies Clinic on May 10th at the Highway Dept. from 7-9 PM. Enfield Clean Up Days will also be held at the Highway Dept. May 9th-11 (Wed-Fri), 12:00 PM-5:00 PM, and May 12th (Sat.) from 7:00 AM-12:00 PM.**

Superintendent Rollins also notified the Board that he will be taking on an intern with the Cornell Local Roads program for a seasonal help position. This intern will help do an inventory of Enfield roads and teach Highway personnel how to utilize the computer program to track road priorities and equipment needs. The Board is very excited about this opportunity, as creating a capital plan for Highway needs is one of our most pressing goals.

Committee Reports-

Planning Board- Chair, Dan Walker- Member Henry Hansteen is now the Vice-Chair of the Planning Board. Dan will be attending the Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Watershed Summit in April. Four planning board members will join 2 Town Board members and the Code Officer at an Agriculture information session on March 17th on renewable energy development on farm land, farmland protection planning, and Ag and Markets law considerations.

Enfield Community Council- Vera Howe-Strait reported on the ECC annual meeting as well as programming for this year. Camp information is available on the Town website. Teen night at the Grange was a great success and they will likely hold this again. Nine teens in Enfield have benefited from the opportunity to work through the Youth Employment Service program due to ECC support.

Enfield Volunteer Fire Department- Alan Teeter provided the report from Roger Lauper, Fire Chief. This report will be available in final minutes of the Regular meeting.

Tompkins County Youth Services Board- Barbara Sadovnic- This agency allocates funds to ECC for after school and summer programming. Other services they support are Teen Pregnancy and Parenting program, 4-H Urban Outreach, Family and Children's Open Doors program for runaway and homeless youth, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Youth Outings, Rec Support, Youth Employment Services, Youth Exploration Program and Youth Outreach through the Learning Web. The Summer Camp Guide is now available and can be obtained at the Town Hall.

Tompkins County Health Consortium- Ann Rider- They project there will be an increase of 4-5% next year, which is lower than it would be without the cooperation of municipalities in our consortium. They are updating their online features to include better administrative registration. In several weeks, a wellness rep will be on staff who can meet with municipal members who are insured through the Consortium to teach about wellness and opportunities for good health.

Renewable Energy Advisory Committee- Councilpersons Mike Carpenter and Mimi Mehaffey reported that the solar law will be offered to the Town Board for review in April. Committee members will be meeting with a NYSERDA rep to discuss many issues regarding the law and other opportunities for renewable energy development in Enfield in late March.

Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization- Councilperson Becky Sims reported there will be a Watershed Summit in on April 19th 8:30-1:30 at the Seneca Falls Community Center to bring municipal officials and state agency reps together to learn about funding opportunities and discuss municipal project ideas.

Old Business:

- Enfield resident, Diane Aramini, was appointed to the Enfield Finance Committee.
- The Enfield Town Board met with candidate Matthew Johnston the previous evening to discuss contracting with him to do a review of the Comprehensive Plan draft. Board members authorized the Supervisor to sign a contract with him based on criteria they developed and agreed upon fees before the April meeting.
- Mimi Mehaffey and Beth McGee met with Atty. Guy Krogh at the end of February and responded to the EVFD concerns as well as offering dates they could meet, in acceptance of the EVFD offer to meet in person and have not heard back. The dates we offered have passed. We are happy to meet whenever the FD is available and would like to extend dates to do so. In our view, there aren't many issues left that are of concern and Mimi and Beth have offered alternatives for the FD to choose if they are uncomfortable with the language as-is. The EVFD has chosen to stick with the 2017 contract and amount. They have been paid in full for 2018.
- Streetlight Conversion- Beth is continuing to seek information on what outdoor lights we own, as well as doing an inventory of all of our electric utility bills/services and consolidating the billing of them for efficiency. Once this information is complete, she will report to the board on streetlight conversion options (to LED).
- Town Information Sign- The Board has given the go-ahead to resident Joe Dawson who has volunteered to build a sign to be located outside the Town Hall to begin work on the project at his convenience. Highway Superintendent Buddy Rollins has agreed to meet him to purchase materials. This project was budgeted for this year.

New Business:

- Beth and Mimi discussed highlights of the AOT Annual Meeting they attended in February. Much of which was learning about funding opportunities and creating connections with important agency reps who are assisting us with meeting our goals for Comp Plan completion, capital plan and financial projection needs, funding opportunities, and services/facilities assessments, and renewable energy projects.
- The Board authorized payment of the Highway bond due in April.
- The Board resolved to move unspent 2017 funds to the Bridge Reserve.
- The Board approved moving the Consent Agenda to before Old Business in the agenda for better preparation of the Audit Claims.
- Voting Location- The Board discussed concerns with having a church as the polling place in Enfield. The Supervisor agreed to contact BOE and ask about our Community Building space and why that isn't adequate.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 PM