

Town Board Minutes
September 8, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Torrey Town Board was held on September 8, 2015 at 56 Geneva St and called to order by Deputy Supervisor Martini at 7:30PM.

Present: Burge Morris, Linda Francisco, John Martini, Colby Petersen

Absent: Patrick Flynn

Others present: George Thompson, John Ghidiu, Dwight James- Code Officer, Mary Lilyea-Assessor, Larry & Sue Martin, Grant & Linda Downs Bill Hall, Steve Eskildsen, YCSW Jim Balyszak, Jack & Mary Lou Hessney, Matt Tette, Tim Chambers Hwy. Supt.

Mr. Martini led the pledge of allegiance.

Matt Tette of Stork Insurance presented the 2016 Insurance proposal. This proposal is with Selective Insurance. Matt gave an overview of coverage, liabilities and umbrellas. The premium proposal is \$ 16684.93 About a 1% increase from expiring premium. With no further questions or discussion, Matt thanked the board for their consideration. Motion by Mr. Morris, 2nd Mrs. Francisco to accept the Stork insurance proposal for 2016 year at \$ 16,151.93, declining both Data breach and Misc. tool coverages. Carried.

Jim Balyszak of Yates County Soil & Water gave a update on the ongoing water shed inspections in Zone 1. 22 with 5 failures, 16 Real Property sales 6 failures, 2 Repairs, 4 construction, 4 tank repair, 1 request/complaint, 2 re-inspections. Of the 6 failures on Anthony Beach Rd there were no catastrophic failures discovered. Findings were, no systems needed complete replacement, no steel tanks, only relatively minor problems such as baffles or improvement to outdated dry well. There was no leaks found causing sewage into the lake or surface ground, no cheater pipes and no refused entry into premises. No serious health issues found. Brief discussion on new and old types of systems operating and the differentials. The board thanked Mr. Balyszak for his report.

Mr. Martini presented the abstracts of vouchers for review.

Motion by Mr. Morris, 2nd Mrs. Francisco, that the bills on the General A & B accounts in the amount of \$ 9,563.27 be paid, carried

Motion by Ms. Francisco, 2nd Mr. Petersen, that the bills on the Hwy DA & DB accounts in the amount of \$ 7,813.78 be paid carried.

2016 Budget workshop date set for October 6, 2015 at 7:30pm

A resolution for Crestwood was introduced by Mr. Martini and discussed. With no member making a motion to accept, was tabled until further information is available.

A resolution for Greenidge Power Plant was introduced by Mr. Martini.

Motion by Mr. Petersen 2nd Mrs. Francisco for the following;

Whereas, the Greenidge power plant in the Village of Dresden has been part of the local landscape for generations; and

Whereas, the Greenidge power plant has long been a source of good jobs for local residents; and

Whereas, the Greenidge power plant was for many years a reliable source of revenue for local schools and governments; and

Whereas, the decision to place the Greenidge power plant into temporary layup status by the previous owners resulted in the loss of good jobs and much-needed tax revenues; and

Whereas the new owners of the Greenidge power plant have agreed to restart the facility by firing biomass and natural gas, without the use of coal; and

Whereas, the new owners of the Greenidge power plant have agreed to subsequently convert its generating operations to natural gas as the primary fuel; and

Whereas, the NYS DEC has accepted Greenidge's proposal to include in the Title V Permit enforceable language that permanently eliminates the ability of the facility to ever run on coal; and

Whereas, the proposed restart included in the Draft Title V Permit will resolve any issues related to disruptions caused in years past by trains carrying coal to the Greenidge power plant; and

Whereas, the Draft Title V Permit will ensure the Greenidge power plant's emissions are well within state and federal guidelines; and

Whereas, the restart of the Greenidge power plant will mean new jobs, increased economic activity in Yates County, and increased tax revenues for local schools and governments; and

Whereas, the new owners of the Greenidge power plant have agreed to implement the best technology available to protect fish and water quality in Seneca Lake; and

Whereas, local business leaders, including owners of tourist-attracting wineries, have voiced overwhelming support for restarting the plant; and

Whereas, the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, after a comprehensive review, has issued a draft Title V permit allowing for the restart of the Greenidge power plant.

Therefore, Resolved, the Town of Torrey Board urges the New York State DEC to finalize the Title V permit and allow for the restart as soon as feasible; and

Resolved, the Town of Torrey Board urges the federal Environmental Protection Agency to allow the restart to proceed without delay;

Resolved, the Town of Torrey Board urges U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer to support the restart and to work with the Obama Administration to avoid any delays in this important project for our region.

This by roll call vote- Martini- Aye, Morris- Aye, Francisco- Aye, Petersen- Aye (4 ayes 0 nays) Supervisor Flynn was absent.

Resolution adopted.

Question from Mrs. Downs as to why the board passed a resolution supporting the start up of Greenidge Power Plant but not the Crestwood resolution, opposing the expansion of gas storage in the salt caverns under Seneca Lake, a resolution to help protect Seneca Lake and surrounding communities.

Mr. Martini replied that the board was satisfied with the information they have on the re-start of Greenidge Plant therefore they support it.

Board members concurred that they did not have enough information on the Crestwood project to be objective.

Mr. Martin questioned what more information did they need??

Mr. Petersen introduced corrections to the Wastewater Policies and Procedures.

In section 4 omit *C All septic tanks less than seven hundred fifty (750) gallons in size shall be replaced at the time of property transfer or if not functioning properly*, as it is redundant. Motion Mr. Morris 2nd Mrs. Francisco to accept policy with above noted change Carried by all.

Discussion on water project. George Thompson sent newspaper articles and a letter to the board stating his disappointment with the boards lack of interest or action on the water district. As Clark Pattersen & Lee are the engineers doing the studies for both petitioned districts, it was suggested by Mr. Martini to invite the engineer Jeremy Delyser to attend a information meeting to answer the progress questions and the schedule to follow for pursuing a water district.

Discussion on revised building permit application as presented by Code Officer James. Mr. Petersen suggested adding the barge canal datum for the elevation information. Motion by Mr. Petersen 2nd Mr. Morris to approve the building permit application with noted addition, carried by all.

Mr. Chambers gave the Highway report. Roadside mowing is on its last round. Received road salt and will be mixing with sand. Highway has been working with other municipalities with shared services.

Discussion on tires for mowing tractor would like to order 4 new tires. It is in the budget for tires so he will order. @ \$ 2100.

Discussion of the need to replace harder sander. He has a price of \$ 7100. Motion by Mr. Morris 2nd Mr. Martini to purchase a harder sander, carried.

Discussion on need to replace sweeper broom with a wider one. He has got a price at 18000. but would like to look into purchasing a used street sweeper with water tank.

Presently the employees must load a water tank into back of the truck to water the roads, a street sweeper would eliminate the need for 2 operators(for the tractor-broom and water truck) . This was tabled for more information.

Dwight James gave his Code report. 8 permits issued, 1 C of C & C of O issued, 1 Area Variance applications, 1 steep slopes Application, 7 site visits, 1 violation visit, 20 building progress inspections, 3 fire inspections, 12 Meetings, 208 Miles

The 2016 Extension Agreement with the Town of Benton for the Assessor contract was presented. Breakdown is 44% of \$ 68063., of office expenses @ 100% Rent \$ 2000., 30 % of \$ 10429. for Health Insurance.

Motion by Mrs. Francisco, 2nd Mr. Petersen, authorizing the Mr. martini to sign the 2016 Extension agreement on Assessor for \$ 35077. Carried by all

Motion by Mr. Morris 2nd Mrs. Francisco to approve the August minutes was carried.

Jack Hessney asked why was the steel bin that resident s place metal in removed?

It is a great place for the residents to have a place to drop off scrap metal.

Mr. Downs agreed it has been a benefit for them cleaning up their property.

Mr. Chambers responded that he had the bin removed due to many issues. The biggest is the liability issue. He has found a person inside picking out steel. Other concerns were with height of the bin, residents throwing metal over the sides could be hurt. Issue with a rolled carpet was left on the ground, added work for highway employees needed to pick-up scrap that has been left on the ground beside the bin. He stated there are many more reasons besides this, but liability was the major one.

John Ghidiu pointed out that the Town just received a presentation from the insurance carrier. It has accepted a proposal mirroring last year's coverage, with a large coverage for liability, so that should not be an issue. He has used the scrap bin to drop off metal before and it is a good benefit to the taxpayers.

Bill Hall, Mayor of Dresden, expressed on behalf of the Village, its appreciation for the shared service with the Town. The Highway crew helped with the restoring the road frontage back to grass on Main Street.

Sue Martin asked that while performing the roadside mowing that the operator take care and not mow milkweed growing on the roadsides. Milkweed is a great attractant of Monarch butterflies. Mr Chambers stated that it is too late for this years mowing but he will keep this in mind for next spring when they begin mowing.

Dedication of the Pre-Emption Line site was held September 5, 2015 on the Outlet Trail. This site is a dedicated in memory of Dan Spence who was past president of the Friends of the Outlet Trail and devoted in finding the original co-ordinances of the Pre Emption line dividing New York and Massachusetts claims.

Mr. Martini made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Mrs. Francisco at 9:15pm carried.

2nd by Mr. Morris carried at 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted

Betty M. Daggett

Town Clerk