

Town Board Minutes  
July 12, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Torrey Town Board was held on July 12, 2016 at 56 Geneva St and called to order by Supervisor Flynn at 7:30PM.

Present: Patrick Flynn, Burge Morris, Larry Martin, Peter Martini

Absent: Colby Petersen

Others present: George Thompson, Bill Hall – Village Mayor, John & Cathy Ghidiu, Tim Chambers- Hwy Supt. Dwight James- Code Officer, Linda & Grant Downs, Sue Davis, Eileen Moreland Sue Farnsworth, Dave Granzin, Sue Martin, Audrey & Jim Riesenberger, Jack & Carol McAllister, Linda Lefko, Marty King and 4 residents.

Mr. Flynn led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Flynn presented the abstracts of vouchers for review.

Motion by Mr. Martini, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Morris that the bills on the General A & B accounts in the amount of \$ 15,881.06 be paid, carried

Motion by Mr. Flynn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Morris, that the bills on the Hwy DA & DB accounts in the amount of \$ 8,437.21 be paid carried.

Mr. Flynn introduced the final draft of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update submitted by the Planning Board. Motion by Mr. Martini, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Morris to adopt the 2016 Updated Comprehensive Plan as amended Carried.

Flynn Aye, Morris Aye, Martini Aye and Martin Aye 4 Ayes 0 Nays.

Discussion on the minutes. Mr. Martin would like a record of actions tabled to be added to the agenda under old business. He inquired if there has been any follow up with the pigs along the Outlet in the town of Milo. He referred to Legislator Jim Smith's statement at the June meeting, that he would look into the issue further.

Abby Buddington has served on many boards and suggest any tabled business be listed on agenda as old business until reintroduced as unfinished business and acted upon.

Discussion on responsibility of the Outlet, waste runoff from homes and farms. Milo wastewater law and inspection along the Outlet.

Eileen Moreland inquired on the requirements of wastewater inspections on systems along the Outlet. She urges the Board to research at what area of the Outlet the higher pollution levels are found. This pollution is accelerating the demise of Seneca Lake.

She stated PY Municipal must take responsibility for the untreated wastewater outfall into the Outlet. The water samples taken from the Outlet in Torrey have been alarmingly higher.

Mr. Martin suggested finding point sources to take water samples.

Clerk will contact the Village of Penn Yan Mayor, Supervisor of Penn Yan Municipal water treatment plant, Penn Yan Wastewater Committee, Dale Irwin of Greenidge Power Plant, to invite to August town board meeting for a wastewater discussion on the Outlet.

Motion by Mr. Martini 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Flynn to accept the June minutes, carried.

Tim Chambers- Hwy Supt gave his report. The mowing tractor is repaired and back in service. As this part is known for breaking, he has ordered extra parts so the next time it breaks down the repair will go quicker. Torrey 2 has had the exhaust repaired at Regional International.

Repaired washout at side walls of Hopeton Bridge with gabion baskets.

Part time help is painting the sign post along roadsides. He is under work force development and will be paid by the County.

Shimmed Long Point and Crowsnest, will be Oil & Stoning Long Point Rd.

Would like to paint back barn, suggested suing gray paint with white trim.

Will replaced damaged metal sheets before painting.

Dwight James gave the Code Office report. 14 building permits issued, Fees collected \$1390. Issued 3 C of O, 3 site visit reviews, 15 building progress inspections, 1 meeting with Soil & Water, 23 others. 1 fire inspection, 218 miles. Will attend zoning school August 5<sup>th</sup> in Corning.

Water District # 1- Held a public Information meeting June 30, Petitions are being passed. George Thompson reported there may be an issue on two lots owned by Fox Run Winery which may require a revision to the Map Plan Report, which would void all the petition signatures collected so far. The concern has been forwarded to the Water Committee for review. Dave Granzin would like the input of Town's Attorney on this matter.

Mr. Thompson has researched and determined 51% votes needed for water district #1 is a total of 58 yes votes.

Linda Downs distributed information about the proposed Crestwood Project in Reading Center. Crestwood would like to store LPG in salt caverns near their gas hub.

She spoke of salt levels rising in Seneca Lake due to the salt leaching from the caverns. She questioned how safe would the storage of liquid petroleum gas in these caverns. She sited this project would increase train movement along with heavier truck traffic.

She asked the board to support the opposition of this project to protect Seneca Lake and the residents.

Marty King, a realtor, told the board that the project may devalue homes along the lake due to the potential risk created by the storage of LPG.

Mrs. Moreland spoke of the critical state of Seneca Lake and compounding its demise with LPG storage underneath. She sited Seneca Lake is a drinking source for over 100,000

people. The toxic threat from the caverns into Seneca Lake would be catastrophic impact on the lake.

She asks the board to support the opposition of the Crestwood.

Sue Davie asked her representatives to act in her behalf to help protect Seneca Lake.

The towns opposition of the Crestwood Project will support and protect the quality of land, air and lake.

Mrs. Buddington asks the Board, as their collective responsibility to defend the land and lake for all Torrey property owners, to Oppose Crestwood Project.

Ms. King remarked that Schuyler County is only County supporting the LPG storage project.

Mrs. Downs urges the board to oppose the expansion of gas storage in the salt caverns under Seneca Lake.

The board received letters requesting adoption of a resolution opposing the Crestwood Project of gas storage in salt caverns from: Joseph Hill, Jack & Carolyn McAllister, Abi Buddington, Phil & Linda Bracht, Jon Hessney, John & Eileen Moreland

Following a discussion, Mr. Martini introduced the following resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Marten

which reads, **Resolution Opposing Expansion of Natural Gas (LNG) Storage and Development of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Storage in Underground Salt Caverns at Seneca Lake.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Torrey contains 10 miles of lake shoreline on Seneca Lake, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Torrey Board recognizes the importance of Seneca Lake to the State and to the local community as a drinking water source, for recreation. As a natural habitat, and in supporting the thriving tourism economy of the Finger Lakes Region, and

**WHEREAS**, Crestwood Midstream Partners LP is planning to develop LPG and expand LNG storage near Seneca Lake at Reading NY, and

**WHEREAS**, a storage of hydrocarbons in salt caverns clearly poses unacceptable risk, and

**WHEREAS**, salt caverns in New York are unstable because of faults, earthquakes, and dissolution in groundwater, and

**WHEREAS**, industrialization of the Finger Lakes region from expansion of gas storage in salt caverns threatens the thriving agrarian livelihoods of our region and our vibrant tourism industry, and

**WHEREAS**, New York State has banned high-volume hydraulic fracturing for natural gas, and natural gas that would be stored in the salt caverns would come from HVHF operations in other parts of the country, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Torrey Town Board opposes expansion of gas storage in salt caverns at Seneca Lake because of the threat to the welfare of Seneca Lake communities, and ultimately other Finger Lakes communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a certified copy of this resolution be sent to Gas Free Seneca (PO Box 333, Watkins Glen NY 14891) indicating that the Town of Torrey is signatory to their petition opposing development of salt-cavern gas-storage at Seneca Lake.

By roll call vote, Supervisor Flynn – Aye Councilman Martini – Aye Councilman Martin – Aye Councilman Morris – Nay *Councilman Petersen – Absent* **Resolution adopted 3-1**

John Ghidui stated he applauds the board's lively discussion on actions before them. He agrees on the tabled business discussion and encourages listing old business on the agendas each month.

Being no further business, motion by Mr. Flynn 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Morris to adjourn carried at 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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