

TOWN OF CARROLLTON

MONTHLY MEETING

January 21, 2014

6:00pm

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

640 MAIN STREET

LIMESTONE, NY 14753

Present: Supervisor Bruce Hudson, Councilman Ralph Bottone, Councilman Brian Jacoby, Councilman Jim Rounsville, Councilman Jim Stoddard, Town Clerk Julie Carlson, Highway Superintendent Jim Hicks, Water/ Sewer/Complex Maintenance& Dog Control Officer Ricky Dixon, Code Enforcement/ Water & Sewer Dept. Lance Jobe, Water/Sewer/Rental Clerk Rosemary Fowler, Bookkeeper Mary Rhodes.

Also in Attendance: Dianne Crowley, Larry Eberly, Hughe Maguire, Sig Degitz, and Roller Derby Manager and team member.

Supervisor Hudson called the Meeting to order following with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00pm.

The meeting started with the workshop which was reviewing the vouchers for the Town and explaining to the Supervisor and new board members as to the normal process of signing vouchers.

Councilman Jacoby asked the Board and the Supervisor if the meeting time was set in stone. The Supervisor Hudson said that 6:00 is for reviewing the vouchers and then that will be discussed at the regular meeting at 6:30.

Councilman Stoddard the questioned if the General Verizon Wireless voucher was the last one. Clerk Julie Carlson stated that this should be the last one, she explained on the bill there are 2 phone lines and that for the previous 2 months she has been only paying the 1 phone line which is the Supervisor number, that the 2nd line was left unpaid by the Town because it was opened by the Supervisor. It was originally the line that was the previous clerk's that had a block put on it when she resigned. She stated that another bill came that she left for Supervisor Hudson to review and make contact with Verizon Wireless and see if he could find out if the account has been closed or turned over to Dave Frederick, previous Supervisor. Supervisor Hudson then looked at the bill recently received and Julie explained there may be charges we will have to pay because the bill shows usage in December 2013 which Dave was still in term and that phone bills charge arrears and advance charges to have the phone line and the late charges are because we only pay the 1 number designated to the Supervisor, so we would mail in our portion, but the other lines portion weren't paid yet so we were billed late fees. Supervisor Hudson said that we may have to talk to Dave.

Clerk Julie Carlson handed the letters of intent and applications rec'd for the Dog Control Officer that was advertised in the newspaper to Supervisor Hudson, and the Local Town law that was implemented in 2010.

Councilman Jacoby stated that the floor scrubber is broke again, he explained to Rounsville and Stoddard a part was broke.

Councilman Jacoby asked the Board Members are going to discuss the floor scrubber today. He said it is broke this time. Bottone said it was a big waste of money. Stoddard asked how much did we spend on that? Bottone said \$7,000. Supervisor Hudson said I guess we need to have it fixed.

Councilman Jacoby questioned the voucher to Amore's, Bottone stated that it was probably for the inspection and driveshaft for the truck, that the one that the mechanic must have missed. Jacoby how come we didn't vote on this repair? We spent this much money to fix it, Bottone said we didn't vote on \$6900.00 on fixing it. Jacoby said so 2 wrongs make a right. Councilman Stoddard reviewed the vouchers from General Fund from Paul's Garage. Jacoby looked at it with him and they showed how at the bottom of the fax the date, and place it was from- Mastel. Bottone said no it absolutely wasn't from Fairway Ford, Jacoby said that he said from Mastel. Stoddard then looked at the slip from Fairway Ford. They looked at dates and fax information. Questioned as to who the check was written to for payment and Hudson said Lipps Repair Service. Stoddard said there is only 2 signatures on the vouchers. Stoddard said he wasn't signing it. Questions raised if this board should sign it or would it be the previous board. It was clarified that this board can sign it if they want to.

Hudson said the difference with the drive shaft being fixed is under \$500, so it can be fixed without approval. Bottone said if it were more he would asked him, Bruce said he wasn't here in December so it would not have been him.

Councilman Jacoby left the meeting at 6:20pm.

Supervisor Hudson moved that they move from the workshop session to the Regular Meeting.

Motion made by Councilman Bottone, 2nd by Councilman Stoddard to pay bills presented.

All voting yes, Motion carried.

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| General | \$ 34642.53 |
| Highway | \$ 3892.96 |
| Sewer 1 | \$ 364.77 |
| Sewer 2 | \$ 1403.83 |
| Water | \$ 8384.53 |
| Total | \$ 48688.62 |

The Minutes for December and January's Organizational Meeting were reviewed.

Councilman Bottone asked why there wasn't anything in the December Minutes stating that he asked Councilman Jacoby about the truck and the location of it being repaired. Julie Carlson said that she would have to listen to the tape again, but if they wanted to listen to it themselves she presented the flash drive with the minutes from all the meetings.

Supervisor Hudson noted that there is still discussion relative to that issue here, with the checks involved on this situation.

Motion made by Councilman Bottone, 2nd by Councilman Stoddard to accept the Minutes from December 2013 Regular Meeting and January 2014 Organizational Meeting. All voting yes, Motion carried.

Checks Received:

\$ 223.66 Town Clerk's Acct. Sporting / Mar. Licenses & copies
\$ 1,888.00 Justice-Joseph Crowley-Fines Collected for December 2013
\$ 1,078.00 Justice-Michael Soper –Finess Collected for December 2013
\$ 193.00 Gretchen Daugherty-Beauticontrol
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\$ 1,200.00 Keane-Prescott Wrestling Oct,Nov, December 2013 Rent
\$ 225.00 Kemron-Rm 209 –January 2014 Rent & mailbox Rental
\$ 165.00 Karen Fox-Foxy's Pet Shop –January 2014 641 garage Rent
\$ 340.00 McCaffery Oil Co. Rm 203&205 Jan& Feb Rent & mailbox rental
\$ 125.00 Bill's Barbershop –Rm100 January 2014 Rent
\$ 103.81 Board of Fire Commissioners Fuel-November 2013
\$ 238.43 S & S Exploration Rm 202 January 2014 Rent & phone line
\$ 53,803.00 Aid & Incentive Municipalities-Citizen Empowerment tax credit-2013
\$ **59,775.90 Total**

The Town Clerk's Report for December 2013 was presented by Julie Carlson and reviewed by the Board. The Clerk also presented her hours opened for receiving property taxes and her hours worked when not opened to the public. She attached a letter with job description of everything that the tax collector does in 1 year.

The Justice Reports were presented: Justice Crowley's and Justice Soper's Report for the month of December was reviewed by the Board.

Correspondence: Dog Control Position-letters of interest.

Clerk Julie Carlson addressed the dog licenses and the local law as to when they are due to renew. The Local law is May 31st. The dog licenses need to be addressed as to how to get word out that is time to license the dog. The State used to just mail out the renewal information and then the customer would pay the Town and get the license. The Board discussed that the Dog Control Officer position description be changed to possibly issue the licenses.

Motion made by Councilman Stoddard, 2nd by Councilman Bottone to set February 11th, 2014 @ 6pm to interview for the Dog Control Officer position. All voting yes, Motion carried.

Planning Board/Zoning Board: Chairman Bob Wood not present.

Water/Sewer/Rental Clerk: Rosemary Fowler reported the quotes she received from Shawley's Office Equipment and from Acme. The Board reviewed the information and asked Rose to get quotes on the same kind of printer from each place and the price of a service agreement from Shawley's, to compare to Acme's agreement.

Rentals: Rose reported she had a few calls to rent out the Gym for birthday parties, but she hasn't been able to rent it because she also had a call for the Roller Derby Ladies-to use our gym for their practices. The Roller Derby Manager addressed the Board and stated they are interested in using the gym 3 times per week. They want to use it on Monday & Thursday nights. And Sundays for 4 hrs. The Board discussed the times that the gym is used and when it would be available. They went over the price per month for the rental. They said they always swept and mopped the gym floor before and after using it. They said they will use

find a different way to mark the floor besides using the tape. Permanent mark it or paint the lines. They said they use soft wheels so they don't damage the floor.

Councilman Bottone asked if the men's basketball teams having been coming into practice and who gave them permission. He questioned the insurance coverage. Supervisor Hudson stated that he had some waivers that Dave had left behind for him. Hudson said he will definitely check into the insurance policy to see if they are covered or not.

The Board went back to the Roller Derby people and asked more questions as to the time frame they want to start. Councilman Stoddard asked if they could adjust their Sunday hours so we could accommodate the town residents for birthday parties. Councilman Rounsville said there are only 2 parties to accommodate. Julie stated right now...but others request throughout the year. Rose informed them of the dates at this time. Councilman Stoddard said we could have a certain time to rent out the gym for the residents and then the roller derby could use it. The Roller Derby offered to pay a flat fee for the month, using it 8 hours a week.

Councilman Bottone stated that he wants to make a motion for rent for the Roller Derby, mop & clean the floors, any complaints about kids they would be hearing from the Board.

Motion made by Councilman Rounsville, 2nd by Councilman Stoddard for \$500 per month with a proof of insurance and a 6 month lease. All voting yes, Motion carried.

Highway Department: Highway Superintendent Jim Hicks handed in Monthly Report for December. The Board asked Hicks questions about potholes, he said which ones he fixed. Questions were asked about who plows for the fire department. Stoddard stated that he knew that Griswold used to plow it. Hicks said he didn't have a problem doing it, when they could.

Water/Sewer/Maintenance: Ricky Dixon stated that everything is running fine. Stoddard asked what the status is on the getting the lagoons cleaned out. Ricky stated that Mark Aieliemo had helped work on getting a grant. Lance reported he had recently talked to Mark and they were going to have to get some samples. Hudson said we do have a reserve account with \$10,000.00 in it. Mary Rhodes, Bookkeeper said that the bank needs a signature on the clean-up reserve that was made up at the end of the year. Lance stated he hoped they didn't earmark the money for the Tuna Creek clean-up/Town clean up in the Budget. Lance said that Mark needs to see that we have established a fund for the Lagoon.

Water/Sewer/Code Enforcement: Lance Jobe reported he has some one interested in building a home on Parkside Drive. He reported he will be at Code School 01/26-01/30.

New Business:

Supervisor Hudson requested the Board to issue an RFP for private accounting firm to audit books from 2011-2013. He stated it was a recommendation from the bank. He said it would help to bolster our books and our ability to get money down the road.

Motion made by Councilman Stoddard, 2nd by Councilman Bottone to issue an RFP for private accounting firm to audit books from 2011-2013. All voting yes, Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Bottone, 2nd by Councilman Stoddard to file a 60 day extension to file town annual financial report with State Comptroller. All voting yes, Motion carried.

Supervisor Hudson told the Board he had talked to Casella about the trash removal and the Town does have a contract with them, he is having it faxed to him. He would like to read the contract first and see exactly what it says. He stated that the expense is much higher than what we would be paying C. Mills Disposal per year. Comparing \$2000 with Casella, and \$600 with Mills. He stated if there is a contract, than we do have an issue.

Motion made by Councilman Rounsville, 2nd by Councilman Stoddard to amend the Budget 2014 by moving \$800.00 from General Fund 1620.4 Contractual-Operating Expenses to General Fund 7510.4 Historian. All voting yes, Motion carried.

Old Business:

Motion made by Councilman Stoddard, 2nd by Councilman Rounsville to appoint Betty Hicks as the Town Historian. All voting yes, Motion carried.

There was a discussion as to where to put the Historian's room. There was not a decision at this time as to where it would be.

Town Attorney was discussed and decided by the Board they should go into Executive Session before appointing one.

Open Forum:

Highway Superintendent Hicks made it clear he doesn't have a problem clearing snow for the Volunteer Fire Department. He stated that it was a Board decision at the time to not clear it. Councilman Bottone stated he felt that the Town should help out the Fireman because the Firemen do a lot for our Community and any time there is emergency or any sort the Community Center is opened up for it. Hudson said it makes perfect sense that the Town doesn't do it due to insurance reasons.

Sigmund Degitz asked about the sale of the old Municipal Bldg at 641 Main Street. The Board stated that at this time it has not been sold. They stated that when it does go for sale it will have to be put up for Bid in the newspaper. It did have asbestos and we do have the report to back it. Hudson stated at this time the Town still owns it and he said based at where it's at, the sale will not go through. We will have to start all over.

Councilman Rounsville questioned if the Town wants to sell anything in this building that was left from the school. He was approached at Soccer by somebody interested in tables and chairs. The Board all discussed what they should do with what is left. Julie said you have to be careful, Municipalities can't just sell stuff individually, usually have to do bid. They then discussed having an auctioneer, which Julie said Councilman Bottone had Carter look at it once and they said it wasn't worth auctioning.

Executive Session:

Motion made by Councilman Bottone, 2nd by Councilman Stoddard to go into Executive Session for Personnel Issues at 9:00pm.

Motion made by Councilman Bottone, 2nd by Councilman Stoddard to come out of Executive Session. All voting yes, Motion carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Hudson, 2nd by Councilman Rounsville to appoint Eric Firkle as Town Attorney. All voting yes, Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Stoddard, 2nd by Councilman Rounsville to appoint Supervisor Hudson to follow –up with the vouchers on the 2004 truck. All voting yes, Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Bottone, 2nd by Councilman Rounsville to adjourn the meeting at 10:15pm.

The next Monthly Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18th, 2014 @ 6PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Carlson –Town Clerk