

**TOWN OF CARROLLTON**

**MONTHLY MEETING**

**June 16th, 2015**

**6:00PM**

**MUNICIPAL COMPLEX**

**640 MAIN STREET**

**LIMESTONE, NY 14753**

**Present:** Supervisor James Stoddard, Councilman Ralph Bottone, Councilman Florence Fuller, Councilman Brian Jacoby, Town Clerk Julie Carlson, CEO/Building Inspector Lance Jobe, Councilman James Rounsville, Legislator Carl Edwards.

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

**Motion** made by Councilman Bottone, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Jacoby to pay bills presented. All voting yes, Motion carried.

**2015 Bills presented**

- General \$ 46,561.50 v#133-169
- Highway \$ 19,307.24 v#52-60
- Sewer 1 \$ 101.31 v#8
- Sewer 2 \$ 855.82 v#55-65
- Water \$16,951.76 v#45-55
- Total \$ 82,777.63**

**Motion** made by Councilman Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Bottone to approve May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Minutes as written. All voting yes, Motion carried.

**Checks Received:**

- \$ 144.49 Town Clerk's Acct-May Sales
- 9,395.00 Justice-Joseph Crowley-Fines Collected for May
- 6,129.00 Justice Michael Soper-Fines Collected for May
- 100.00 Matt Zurat-Rm 203 Rent-June
- 157.00 William Songer-Bill's Barber Shop Rm 100 Rent-June
- 550.00 Enchanted Mountain Roller Derby -Gym Rent-June
- 165.00 Karen Fox-Foxy's Pet Shop- (641) Garage Rent-June
- 1,800.00 John Smith "Parts R Us" -Rent-June
- 129.00 M. McCaffrey-Rent Rm 205 -June & Mailbox Rental
- 225.00 D. Welch-Gym Rental-5/16/2015-(4.25hrs)
- 50.00 D. Ickes-Gym Rental-B-day Party-05/23//2015 (2hrs)
- 400.00 Hollenbeck-Cahill Funeral Home-cemetery-Burial-(05/27/2015)
- 400.00 Hollenbeck-Cahill Funeral Home-cemetery-Burial (06/08/2015)
- 269.38 Fire Commissioners-April Fuel Usage
- 17,500.00 Klondike Timber Resources-Road Bond for Main Street
- 142.50 Restitution surcharge
- 2,687.73 Mortgage Tax Apportionment-October

**Total \$40,244.10**

**Monthly Reports:** The Town Clerk, Water/Sewer/Rental Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Building Permits, Dog Control, Town Justices, Youth Rec and Town Supervisor Reports were distributed and reviewed.

## **Correspondence:**

- Mosquito Control map and dates were distributed by the County and is posted at the Complex. Contract is signed and to be sent to the County.
- Supervisor Stoddard reported to the Board:
  - He had met with Evans Agency and then NYMIR for Town Insurance. NYMIR is assessing our Town Buildings over \$50,000.00 to be sure we are not underinsured. This is something they do, they are just behind schedule being we have been with them over a year now.
  - He also reported he met with previous Supervisor Bruce Hudson and he had said that the budget was made to include money to be put aside \$15,000.00 for the sewer project. The rates were to go up \$2.00 for Sewer 1 per month and, Sewer 2 was supposed to go up \$4.00 (billed every other month) and it only went up \$2.00 per billing for Sewer 2. So this will have to be figured in to the 2016 Budget.
- A letter from Sue Putt, Town Assessor stating that there is a tax advocate who is trying to lower taxes in municipalities. In our municipality he is working on the residential home. She will keep us informed as to the outcome.
- A letter was received from the State Department of Taxation and Finance. Our tentative equalization rate for 2015 was 95%, before that was 100%, 2016 rate is 85%. We dropped 11.76% we were the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest. He discussed this with Sue Putt, Assessor and she said this will affect the chips money, sales tax. He is talking with Sue and it isn't a done deal yet, it is the tentative rate. Councilman Jacoby said he thought the town had made a decision to be on some kind of program where it cost us more upfront, but then we get a percentage back per parcel. Councilman Bottone said he was sure Sue would stay on top of this, she is good at this kind of thing.
- He has researched grant writers and "grant masters" has been recommended. He is requesting ideas of what the Town may want or need to see if there is a grant out there for it. Councilman Jacoby suggested the heating system for the complex, the parking lot, anything to do with the complex building. Stoddard said tell him what to go after and he will then talk to the grant writer. Councilman Bottone said the Planning Board has been working on stuff for the playground, landings, and benches, something more for the veteran's monument. Councilman Fuller said that the County Planning is working with Towns Planning Board on a grant that matches up-for example-we do \$5,000, they do \$5,000- Even if it is to just to beautify the area. Councilman Rounsville suggested the roof for the complex. Councilman Jacoby said maybe the Hwy Superintendent Jim Hicks has a few ideas the Highway needs for roads, sleuth pipes, etc. Ricky Dixon stated that the roof definitely needs attention for the complex. Stoddard stated he has it listed to get in touch with Shamus.
- Water Issue: Rosemary Fowler submitted a letter concerning a resident that had her water shut off 08/28/2015 due to unpaid bill. The resident was being charged only a connection fee each billing. The water was never turned back on by our Water Dept., nor was the resident charged turn on fee or usage fees. The resident's claimed she has had water since September, that it was turned back on. The resident claims it is the Towns fault she wasn't billed for having water. However it was not turned on by a Town employee, so this is actually considered theft of services. How should this be handled? The Board agreed that the resident should have to pay for the services she has used. A letter is to be issued to the resident.

## **Code Enforcement:**

Lance Jobe reported he and Supervisor Stoddard went around the Town of Carrollton addressing issues that are not within Town Codes. Lance will be issuing letters to the residents that are in violation and giving them a 30 days to take action. If the violation is not remedied in this time frame an Order of Remedy will be issued to remedy the issue, if further action is required, it will be an appearance ticket issued to appear in court.

## **Cemetery:**

- Supervisor Stoddard addressed the perpetual maintenance account with the NYS Dept. of Cemeteries. He said that the Town needs to approach the Supreme Court about dissolving this account to be able to use it for the cemeteries expenses.
- He stated that an issue that will come up in maybe 10-20 yrs. possibly, is when the cemeteries are full, then the sale and burial fees come to an end and the maintenance fee is no longer collected, how we keep up the cemetery. This should be looked at.
- He also stated other items that need to be addressed for the Cemetery is the fees for burials, cremations, and the sale of lots. The fees right now are lower than most and this is why money is needed to pay off the normal lawn maintenance expense, and digging services for burials. He stated that we need to call around to other places and see what the usual fees are.
- Wages-The Board agreed to pay Ricky an hourly wage for Cemetery Services. He should continue to show his time and work at the Cemetery on his payroll sheet.
- The cemetery right-away needs addressed. Stoddard said he would speak to Hwy Superintendent Hicks to fill the holes.

## **New Business: NONE**

### **Old Business:**

#### **641 Main Street:**

Supervisor Stoddard addressed Kevin Fox (town resident and neighbor of 641 Main Street). He asked Kevin if he would be interested in splitting the survey with Shamus. Fox said no, being it could be up to \$600 or more. Stoddard said he was told \$400. Fox said that he doesn't understand the issue with Shamus. They are going to be driving on each other's properties. Supervisor Stoddard said there is always legalities if somebody hits something or whatever may come up. Councilman Bottone made a motion to cancel the sale of 641 Main Street effective today. He stated this has been going on since November 2014. There is always something to change or question. Councilman Bottone put a call into the Town Attorney and he advised us that if we don't have the money by this meeting to back out of it. We don't have the money, so I'm making the motion to back out of it. Councilman Jacoby questioned the assessment and the taxes for the building if it goes back on the tax roll. He also summed up the rent collected for the garage part of the building. He stated he is thinking along the same lines as Councilman Bottone which is to back out of it. The Board discussed what they would do with the building now, if they don't sell it. They discussed the Town offices moving back across or different locations for the Town's office. Supervisor Stoddard stated that having this building is a little bit more than just numbers here. When buildings get let go, you see broken windows, vandalism, etc. Councilman Fuller stated if we go back to the other building the roof still needs to be repaired. Councilman Rounsville that no money has exchanged hands yet, it has been long enough.

**Motion** made by Councilman Bottone, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Jacoby to back out of the sale of the building located at 641 Main Street to Shamus because of the advice of our Town Attorney Eric Firkel. AYES: Councilman Bottone, Councilman Jacoby, Councilman Fuller, Councilman Rounsville, Supervisor Stoddard. NAYES: None. All voting yes, Motion carried.

- Supervisor Stoddard stated he would contact our Town Attorney immediately that the sale is off.
- Councilman Rounsville stated that he is sure that the Limestone Fire Department will want the siren off the top of the building. He said he would let the Board know at the next meeting.

### **Casey's Update:**

Carl Edwards spoke to Crystal Avers –Economic Development. There is a grant that can be put in for. Erik Firkel is working on a way to do this. He said the Town has to own it though. Greg Ralph is willing to give it to

the Town. Inquires as to taxes being up to date, and if there was asbestos in it. There was not an asbestos survey done or provided to the Town. Discussion as to what will happen if the Town will get stuck with it. Supervisor Stoddard stated that the Town will have to do something to it, it can't be just left standing when the Town owns it, and if something happens then the Town will be liable.

- The Board instructed Lance Jobe to follow through with Casey's owner starting with Property Maintenance. This is now to the point that we need to follow through with the Property Maintenance & Code Enforcement laws that are being enforced throughout the Town of Carrollton.

Supervisor Stoddard said he would touch base with Attorney Erik Firkel that this has been going on for 2 years and it is time to stop with the messing around.

Clerk Julie Carlson requested to change the July Regular Meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday due to conflict with vacation. The Board agreed to schedule it for July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 6pm.

**Open Forum:**

Gary Simbulski put in a complaint for a property on Raymond Drive. Lance Jobe stated he and Supervisor Stoddard have just sent out Property Maintenance letters and that is on the list. Mr. Simbulski thanked him for tending to it.

**Executive Session:**

**Motion** made by Councilman Bottone, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Jacoby to go into Executive Session for Personnel Issues. All voting yes, Motion carried.

Ricky Dixon and Lance Jobe were requested to stay for Executive Session.

**Motion** made by Councilman Bottone, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Jacoby to come out of Executive Session. All voting yes, Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilman Rounsville, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Bottone to Adjourn. All voting yes, Motion carried.

*The next scheduled Regular Monthly Meeting is Tuesday, July 14th, 2015 @6PM.*

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Julie Carlson –Town Clerk**

