

TOWN OF CARROLLTON
MONTHLY MEETING
March 17, 2015
6:00PM

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

640 MAIN STREET

LIMESTONE, NY 14753

Present: Supervisor Bruce Hudson, Councilman Ralph Bottone, Councilman Jim Stoddard, Town Clerk Julie Carlson, Highway Superintendent James Hicks, Water/Sewer/Maintenance Rick Dixon.

Not Present: Councilman Brian Jacoby, Councilman James Rounsville.

Supervisor Hudson called the Meeting to order following with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:05PM.

Motion made by Councilman Stoddard, 2nd by Councilman Bottone to pay bills presented. All voting yes, Motion carried.

- **2014 Bills presented**
- Sewer 2 \$ 155.80 v#143
- **Total \$ 155.80**
- **2015 Bills presented**
- General \$ 51,367.17 v#42-72
- Highway \$ 13,194.29 v#12-20
- Sewer 1 \$ 135.06 v#3
- Sewer 2 \$ 2,142.29 v#16-29
- Water \$ 1,140.96 v#12-22
- **Total \$67,979.77**

Motion made by Councilman Bottone, 2nd by Councilman Stoddard to approve February 17th, 2015 Minutes as written. All voting yes, Motion carried.

Checks Received:

- \$ 152.75 Town Clerk's Acct-Sporting, Mar. Licenses/dog licenses, fishing-February
- 10,972.00 Justice-Joseph Crowley-Fines Collected for February
- 13,221.00 Justice Michael Soper-Fines Collected for February
- 100.00 Matt Zurat-Rm 203 Rent-March
- 25.00 Matt Zurat-Rm 203 Rent-last wk. of February
- 500.00 Enchanted Mountain Roller Derby -Gym Rent-March 2015
- 165.00 Karen Fox-Foxy's Pet Shop- (641) Garage Rent-March 2015
- 680.00 Ellicottville-Gym Rental-February 2015
- 1,800.00 John Smith "Parts R Us"-Rent- February 2015
- 157.00 William Songer-Bill's Barber Shop Rm 100 Rent-March
- 129.00 M. McCaffrey-Rent Rm 205-March 2015& Mailbox Rental
- 59,812.83 Sales Tax Distribution-4th quarter
- 363.23 Fire Commissioners-January Fuel Usage

Total \$88,077.81

Councilman Bottone asked Supervisor Hudson if the Town Justices pay is being distributed on the 10th of the month. Supervisor Hudson stated they are signed and on Terri's (court clerk) desk on the 10th.

Monthly Reports: The Town Clerk, Water/Sewer/Rental Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Town Justices and Town Supervisor Reports were distributed and reviewed.

Rental Report:

Supervisor Hudson addressed the rental report, and said he will speak to John Smith-Parts "R" Us about the rental payment. Rose had reported he refuses to pay the rent for the month of March due to sewer issues.

Water/Sewer Report:

Councilman Bottone reported that they had a water customer that had not been paying the bill and Rick checked their shut-off valve and the customer saw him checking it. Within 1 hour the customer came into pay the bill due. The sheriff's office had come over to take the report of theft of services, however the problem was resolved when payment was made.

Highway Report:

- Hwy Superintendent Jim Hicks stated he received the new JCB about 2 months ago, on the 2 year lease program. It is a good program and he would like to continue to use it.
- Hicks reported the furnaces in the office and the food pantry are now working at the Hwy garage.
- Hicks reported that Spittler Lane is scheduled for repairs this summer, berm work, and FEMA work.

Water/Sewer/Maintenance:

- Councilman Bottone read the job description that was posted when Ricky was hired. Bottone stated he didn't think that Rick could do all this anymore. He is busy with the water problems then the sewer problems, then we problems with this building. Councilman Stoddard questioned Rick if there is enough work to bring on a part time person. He stated yes. The Board gave permission to bring back the part-time help beginning on April 1st, 2015 at 20 hours per week at \$10.00 per hour. The Board and Supervisor Hudson discussed the Building cleaning and repairs needed and said bringing him back now should help get this building in better shape. The Board and Supervisor Hudson discussed the cleaning and security and said they would like John Ward, Cleaning and Security to come the next Board Meeting on April 21st, 2015. Supervisor Hudson said he would inform him.
- Councilman Bottone asked Rick Dixon what the status is for the certification for the Water Dept. Rick stated he would be attending a class in April, and May 1st, 2015 he would be certified. He said the Sewer is an on-line course. And he would be doing that when he is done with this water course. The Board asked if he have to work under Lance for a certain amount of time, Rick stated he would check into that. Lance had said he had to work under him for 1 year, but he doesn't know if it has been the year he has done already, or a year after he is certified.
- Rick said he has been trying to get to the sewer that is froze up for Parts R Us, and he plans on working on it this week. He has been running around tending to water line breaks, leaks, boiler break downs, etc. He stated they have been using the restrooms here at the complex for the time being.
- Supervisor Hudson asked for a total of water that was shipped to Bradford during their water break. Rick said he would get the total for him. Supervisor Hudson said he was asking due to information that will be needed for NYS.

Open Forum: None

Correspondence:

- NYS Comptroller Retirement Member & Employer Services stated that based on recent correspondence, they have closed the audit of the Town's reporting practices.

Supervisor Hudson stated that all Town Employees that are NYS Retirement Members were distributed letters to track their time and work and to report back to Mary Rhodes with the information reported on paper so the Board can then make resolutions for the positions as part-time or full-time positions.

- Viridian Customer Care provided acceptance of cancellation of electric supplier services with the Town.
- National Grid provided notification that Viridian has been cancelled as the supplier.
- GovPayNet provided the agreement for participation and service fees and how the company works.

Supervisor Hudson reviewed with the Board and after speaking with Water/Sewer Clerk decided that this may not be a wise way to go, due to breaking up what the payment is for and the breaking down it would require for the bookkeeper for penalties, amount to go to water and amount to go to sewer funds.

New Business:

- Supervisor Hudson told the Board that the Town will be sponsoring a soccer event through Youth Rec Department for kids' ages 13-17 years old on April 3rd. during the day. He requested funds to provide a refreshments. The Board agreed.
- There will a Tax Freeze Seminar in Little Valley-Supervisor Hudson and Councilman Stoddard will attend the April 7th, 2015 session @ 6:30pm.
- Complex Expenses-Mary Rhodes supplied expenses for the complex building for utilities, maintenance, as requested by Supervisor Hudson. Supervisor Hudson briefly explained that we are at a loss at this point. The expenses outweigh the income by at least \$37,000. The income for a year was \$40,000 but expenses summed up to \$77,000.00 not including the cost of payroll and cleaning supplies for the building. The cost of running a building just for the town government isn't even close to what it cost before we took over this building and put the town government into it. Even getting all the rooms rented still would not offset the cost of the building. Councilman Bottone asked how long we are going to have the town taxpayers pay for the expense of this building. It comes down to the board making the decisions of what we should do. We have problems with the boilers and they are going to need replaced, which is a huge expense. Councilman Stoddard said he was concerned on what would happen to the winter soccer program, Councilman Bottone and Supervisor Hudson expressed the same concern. Supervisor Hudson said this is why we need to address this. Do we want to look into getting a new building and selling this building? The Board discussed the issues and are checking into other options for the building, and the town government offices. Supervisor Hudson will be looking into the reserve funds the town has and how they can be used.

Motion made by Councilman Bottone, 2nd by Councilman to amend the Budget and put \$4500.00 of \$9,000.00 received from the Sewer Lagoon Study along with the tax receipts received of \$15,000.00 totaling \$19,500.00 into the Sewer Lagoon Reserve CD. All voting yes, Motion carried.

Motion made Councilman Stoddard, 2nd by Councilman Bottone to move \$14,200.00 from the Highway Equipment Reserve CD to Highway Fund to pay for the new JCB Loader. All voting yes, Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Bottone, 2nd by Councilman Stoddard to approve Fund Transfers within the Budget to balance out the funds. Move 3741.00 to General to Sewer 2; Move from General Fund A \$4,082.26 to Highway DA; Move Sewer 2 \$445.20 to Sewer 1; Move from Sewer 1 \$217.50 to Sewer 2; Move from Sewer 2 \$3,741.00 to General Fund A. All voting yes, Motion carried. (See attached transfers)

Old Business:

- 641 Main Street Sale of Building Purchase of Sale Contract received from Shamus' lawyer. Town Attorney-Eric Firkel advised Supervisor Hudson and The Board not to sign the contract. A Bargain Deed is needed not a Warranty Deed. Also the agreement to sell a portion to Kevin Fox, next door neighbor needs to be included. The Board said there is no need to do a survey. The Board gave authorization to Supervisor Hudson to sign the Contract when it is correct.
- Limestone Cemetery update. Clerk Julie Carlson explained that the Cemetery Association can't just give the Town the Cemetery. The association has to run a Public Notice in the newspaper to let the lot owners know that the Association is wanting to hand over it over to the Town. Then a resolution needs to be made by the Association to give it to the Town. Then at the Town Board Meeting Town Board has to make a Resolution to take accept the Cemetery. There is a process to this. And The State Comptroller's Office is in to audit the books so everything is cleared for the takeover.
- Councilman Stoddard questioned if anything new has come up with Casey's. Supervisor Hudson said he has not heard anything at all. The town can't take on something that is going to cost us money. Supervisor Hudson provided handouts to the Councilmen to read about abandoned unsafe buildings.
- Councilman Stoddard stated he had checked into DEC and it can be removed after the asbestos is removed with excavator and dump truck and burned down on a different property. The asbestos survey is \$1500.00.

Motion made by Councilman Stoddard, 2nd by Councilman Bottone to Adjourn at 8:00 PM. All voting yes, Motion carried.

The next scheduled Regular Monthly Meeting is Tuesday, April 21st, 2015 @6PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Carlson –Town Clerk

TOWN OF CARROLLTON

2015 TRANSFERS AND DUE TO AND DUE FROM

1

Due to General Fund A

NYS Retirement	\$ 3,175.00
PERMA Insurance	<u>\$ 566.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,741.00

Due From Carrollton Limestone Sewer

NYS Retirement	\$ 3,175.00
PERMA Ins.	<u>\$ 566.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,741.00

2

Due to Highway DA

Dues	\$ 100.00
Fuel Reimbursement	\$ 395.89
NYS FEMA Grant (Storm)	\$ 2,874.81
Labor for Complex Work	<u>\$ 711.56</u>
Total	\$ 4,082.26

Due From General Fund A \$ 4,082.26

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Due to Carrollton Limestone Sewer 2

Deposited into wrong account \$ 445.20

Due to Carrollton Sewer 1 \$ 445.20

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Due to Town of Carrollton Sewer 1

Deposited into wrong account \$ 217.50

Due From Carrollton Limestone Sewer 2 \$ 217.50

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Due to General Fund A

NYS Retirement	\$ 3,175.00
PERMA Ins	<u>\$ 566.00</u>
	\$ 3,741.00

Due From Carrollton Limestone Sewer 2 \$ 3,741.00

