

TOWN OF CARROLLTON
MONTHLY MEETING
January 13, 2016
4:00PM

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

640 MAIN STREET

LIMESTONE, NY 14753

Present: Town Supervisor James Stoddard, Councilman Florence Fuller, Councilman Ralph Bottone, Councilman Brian Jacoby, Town Clerk Julie Carlson, Bookkeeper Mary Rhodes and Ricky Dixon W/S/Maintenance, Lance Jobe Code Enforcement Officer. Water/Sewer/Rental Clerk Rosemary Fowler,
Not Present: Councilman James Rounsville. **Guest:** Town Resident: David Frederick

Supervisor Stoddard called the Meeting to order following with the Pledge of Allegiance at 4:00PM.

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

2015 Bills presented

- General \$ 30,135.76 v#328-343
- Highway \$ 9,665.38 v#115-123
- Sewer 1 \$ 116.59 v#21
- Sewer 2 \$ 1603.04 v#141-147
- Water \$ 381.25 v#111-114
- Total \$ 41,902.02**

2016 Bills presented

- General \$13,167.87 v#1-9
- Highway \$20,466.44 v#1-3
- Sewer 1 \$-0-
- Sewer 2 \$3,000.00 V#1
- Water \$ 3,000.00 V#1
- Total \$39,899.46**

Motion made by Councilman Bottone, 2nd by Councilman Fuller to approve the December 15th, 2015 Minutes as written. All voting yes, Motion carried.

Checks Received:

- \$ 59.96 Town Clerk's Acct-December Sales
- 8,046.00 Justice-Joseph Crowley-Fines Collected for December
- 23,374.00 Justice Michael Soper-Fines Collected for December
- 100.00 Matt Zurat-Rm 203 Rent-December
- 129.00 McCaffery Oil-Rm 205 Rent & Mail box Rent-January
- 550.00 Enchanted Mountain Roller Derby -Gym Rent-January
- 165.00 Karen Fox-Foxy's Pet Shop- (641) Garage Rent-January
- 1,800.00 John Smith "Parts R Us" Rent-January
- 157.00 Bill's Barber Shop Rm 100 Rent-December
- 157.00 Bill's Barber Shop Rm 100 Rent-January
- 100.00 Matt Zurat-Rm 203-Rent-January
- 125.84 Fire Commissioners-November Fuel Usage
- 12.54 Town of Carrollton-General Fund Fuel-November
- 12.54 Town of Carrollton-Water Fund Fuel-November
- 12.54 Town of Carrollton-Sewer Fund Fuel-November
- 42,000.00 Ram Forest Products, Inc. Road Bond-12/21/2015
- 1,700.00 Soccer Donations-2016 (12/16/15)
- 55.00 Soccer Rgistration-2016 (12/16/15)
- 125.00 Soccer Registration-2016 (1/4/16)

Total \$78,681.42

Monthly Reports: The Town Clerk, Water/Sewer/Rental Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Building & Zoning Permits, Dog Control, Town Justices and Town Supervisor Report were all distributed and reviewed.

- After reviewing Highway Department Report, the Board discussed having Highway Superintendent Hicks present at the monthly meetings.

Motion made by Councilman Bottone, 2nd by Councilman Jacoby to request Highway Superintendent Hicks to start attending the Monthly Board Meetings. All voting yes, Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Application filed with Town Clerk on 01/05/2016 for on premises Alcoholic Beverage License at “The Michaels Cabin” located at 1020 Rt. 219, Limestone.

Discussion with Lance Jobe, Code Enforcement Officer as to how he is coming along with the fire inspections in the community. Jobe stated that he has not started them.

- Lance Jobe, CEO requested the Board to look into changing the Local Law to the Town Court being able to issue warrants. He has discussed this with Kelly Balcom, Town Prosecutor. Supervisor Stoddard said he would check in to it.
- Credit Card Information-The credit card machine contract was automatically renewed, \$250 fee to break contract. Machine is not needed any longer and we are charged approximately \$50 per month for the service.
- Planning Board Letter for Special Use Permit granted for NYS Inspection Station & Auto Repair Granted to Cary Mills Jr. located at 350 Quinn Rd. Limestone.

Motion made by Councilman Fuller, 2nd by Councilman Bottone to pay the \$250.00 fee to break the credit card machine contract. All voting yes, Motion carried.

New Business:

- Trash Removal @ Complex-\$150 per month. \$1800 for year. January services were paid. The Board discussed different sized dumpsters. One tenant is using the entire dumpster for his garbage. Garbage is included in the lease agreement. Supervisor Stoddard will talk to the tenant and check into different sizes/prices available.
- Set up date to audit Town Clerk’s Account. Councilman Fuller said she would work on it, and Councilman Rounsville (not present) was nominated to do also. Supervisor Stoddard said he would speak to Councilman Rounsville. Audit would be set at a later date.
- Discussion of eliminating the Water Shut off Process when payment is not made by the customer. Rose stated that it is the same list of people each time that are receiving the shut-offs. Some of the customers are just turning the water back on when it is turned off. Supervisor Stoddard stated he received a call from a resident and she was questioning why the water was shut off on her tenant without her as the landlord being notified. Stoddard explained it is the same process as the electric or cable being shut off they don’t chase down the owner of the property it is who the bill is in the name of and the address.

Motion made by Councilman Jacoby, 2nd by Councilman Bottone to eliminate the Water Shut Off process effective immediately and any unpaid balances will be relieved on to the Town and County Taxes including penalties for being late. All voting yes, Motion carried.

Rose questioned the Board on a possible tenant who wants to rent a room for a band to practice in. He can afford to pay \$150.00 monthly to rent out a room. The Board discussed what room had the square footage that would meet the rent he could pay. The Board gave Rose the information and what room he could rent to meet his needs.

- Rose asked if the Board is wanting any rental lease changes for the renewals, and new leases that may come up. The Board stated there isn't any at this time.

Councilman Jacoby stated that his sister is offering to put on pop-ups on Facebook advertising rooms and the gym for rent for the Complex. The Board agreed to allow her to try it out.

Old Business:

The Justice Accounts will be audited by Supervisor Stoddard and Councilman Jacoby. The date has not been set.

Open Forum:

Town Resident Don Jacoby stated that the sluice pipe that was pulled out on Nichols Run (Remington's Driveway) all they left up on the berm was washed into the ditch now. They just pulled the pipe out and squished the mud to make it look good. The water started running on the road. He left it alone, but then it started getting cold and freezing and he was afraid there would be an accident with it freezing. He took a shovel and started cleaning the ditch out some. He got a hold of Supervisor Stoddard and had him take a look at it. Stoddard spoke to Superintendent Hicks and he had the crew come up and fix it, while cussing.

The Board discussed the Superintendents duties and what has been said about his duties. Supervisor Stoddard said he spoke to Superintendent Hicks and he is allowed to operate the equipment. The Board discussed the contract and the Town Laws and what can and cannot be done.

The Board requested a copy of the contract for each Board Member to read and review. A work shop session is scheduled for January 18, 2016 @ 4PM.

Councilman Jacoby asked about the street lights that have blown out by Rockin Rick's corner of Bailey Drive. He questioned going to LED's. Councilman Bottone said that is National Grid. Councilman Jacoby said he will look into it further.

Supervisor Stoddard informed the Board that Ted John owner of Elmer's Smoke shop over on the South Nine Mile Rd. is wanting a pole with a light on it due to be worried about accidents happening. Stoddard investigated this with Derek Pula from National Grid. He said if the Town wants it then the we pay for it. If there is a pole already there, then a light can go up and the owner can pay for the lighting bill. The Board said they would not put a pole there.

Councilman Jacoby said he would like to advertise for bids for the Complex Building to sell it and one on tearing down the old municipal building and one to remodel it to get an idea of what it will cost. Stoddard said you need a set of blue prints and everything for that. This would be a town tax payers expense. It was discussed to go through the Lawyer to get the bid written up appropriately. He also wanted an assessment on it. The Board said it was assessed by Sue Putt's daughter before. Jacoby said he thinks there should be a \$30 or \$40 thousand dollar reserve with right to refuse any or all bids. Bottone said he refuses to have anything to do with tearing that building down. He said everybody knows it was a mistake to take this building and the numbers prove it. Councilman Jacoby said that the numbers prove that we aren't in the profit margin, that's all they prove. Bottone said when you are in business and the numbers are less than what you make you have to stop that business. Jacoby stated why did we take over this building? Bottone said he has no idea. He was against it, then a friend said you will never know if you don't try it. So he voted yes to try it. So now we tried it and it isn't working. Jacoby said when you take a look at what is there to do in this town? He said you can't keep running or turning things away and not take a chance on things. Bottone said we did take a chance. The Board discussed the cost of repair of the old building and tearing it down and building a new one. Jacoby said he doesn't want to tear it down he wants to get a "cost" on what it be to tear it down. He said they also need to take a look at if they would tear it down and bury ½ of it in the basement or haul it away and build on the existing foundation. Bottone questioned Jacoby if somebody came to them and offered to buy the complex what would he do? He stated he said I would say let's sit down and talk. Maybe we could get a deal to have our offices in

the building also. Discussion of giving it to a realtor and letting them take care of the advertising, etc. Resident Dave Frederick said it is in Town Law that you can't put public property up for sale it has to be put out to bid. Jacoby said he wants to start getting information on the building and see what we have. He found out recently our boilers are in great shape for as old as they are.

Councilman Jacoby said that Parts R Us had no heat in the garage part of their building. He looked into some prices on boilers. The prices range for fixing it is \$700 for the price of the parts, and he and Ricky would probably put it in. He said they could put a new style pump in for \$180.00. Jerry Spindler gave him an estimate to replace the whole new pump with labor for \$869.00. He also has estimates on a whole new Boiler for there and it would be about \$9,000.00. Jacoby concern is how inefficient the boiler is over there. Board then discussed they would also need to replace the windows, doors to be more efficient also. Stoddard said there is too many variables at this time to spend the money to replace the boiler.

Motion made by Councilman Jacoby, 2nd by Councilman Bottone to have Jerry Spindler Plumbing fix the Boiler at the Part R Us Building at the cost of \$869.00.

Supervisor Stoddard informed the Board that Atlantic Broadband has sent a contract to sign up for another 15 years. He said he would like to discuss this further with them and get more information as to if and what this contract locks us into. Councilman Bottone said he doesn't think we should do 15, we should do 5 years. The Board all agreed that the length of the contract needed to change. Stoddard said he would call them and get a better understanding of the contract and change the length of it.

Motion made by Councilman Bottone, 2nd by Councilman Fuller to adjourn the meeting at 5:45PM. All voting yes, Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Fuller, 2nd by Councilman Bottone to go into Executive Session for Personnel Reasons with Lance Jobe at 5:45PM. All voting yes, Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Bottone, 2nd by Councilman Fuller to adjourn Executive Session at 6:00PM. All voting yes, Motion carried.

The next scheduled Meeting is Wednesday, February 10th, 2016@4PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Carlson –Town Clerk