

A special meeting of the Geneseo Town Board was held on Thursday, November 6, 2008 in the conference room of the Geneseo Town Office Facility.

PRESENT: W. Wadsworth, D. Dwyer, D. Dimpfl, F. Manapol

ABSENT: M. Tenalio

ALSO PRESENT: C. LaVigne-Assessor, R. Maxwell-Code Enf Officer, L. LeMoyné-Secretary to Supervisor, T. Stevens-International Union of Operating Engineers

MEETING OPENING:

At 7: 00 pm Supervisor Wadsworth called the meeting to order. The flag was pledged and a moment of silence was held for service men and women around the world.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON 2009 BUDGET & COLD WAR VETERAN EXEMPTION:

At 7:05 pm Supervisor Wadsworth opened two public hearings. One hearing was on the 2009 tentative budget and the other was on a local law to amend Chapter 96 of the town code to grant a partial exemption from real property taxation to qualifying Cold War Veterans. The Supervisor asked if there were any comments on either hearing.

Assessor LaVigne stated she would like to stress that a provision of the proposed Cold War Veteran exemption states that the qualifying veteran would be entitled to a partial exemption of 15% of the assessed valuation, *not to exceed \$12,000*. If you read Howard Appell's article in the Livingston County News, it was incorrectly stated *not to exceed \$15,000*. Ms. LaVigne continued that, at this time, she is only aware of two (2) veterans who would qualify for this exemption.

There were no further comments on either hearing at this time.

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES:

Tom Stevens of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 832 out of Rochester, NY, requested to speak to the Board. He reminded board members that he attended a board meeting last month to discuss **labor issues** regarding Lowe's. Today, he continued, he is here because Coast Professionals, a call center being built in Geneseo, has employed a general contractor from Oklahoma and is using workers from out of state. Mr. Stevens knows that this was a "fast track" project that is already permitted but he wanted to bring this issue to the town board's attention since Coast Professionals is being built in a NY Empire Zone. He continued that IDA projects in Monroe County must use local labor, and other counties in the state have adopted language in their projects for use of local labor.

It was the consensus of the Board that they agreed with Mr. Steven's philosophy that if a company wants the advantages and benefits of IDA/Empire Zone/ taxpayer money by locating in an Empire Zone, they should use New York State labor. Supervisor Wadsworth added that he believes NY State has the authority over how the money is spent and there is no requirement to use local labor.

Councilman Dimpfl updated the board on a meeting held with **Lakeville Estates** MAC LLC representatives. At the present time, fifty-five (55) mobile homes are located at the park. Originally, a total of 175 were proposed but that number has been reduced to 164. The 175 homes originally proposed included more than 70 single wide homes, which they have eliminated from their plan. However, they are requesting that the town's lot size requirements for double wide homes be reduced. Mr. Dimpfl plans to visit some other mobile home parks and look at lot sizes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON 2009 BUDGET & COLD WAR VETERAN EXEMPTION, CONTINUED:

Councilman Dimpfl expressed his appreciation for the work on the 2009 budget by Supervisor Wadsworth, Secretary LeMoyné and department heads. Councilman Dwyer stated he echoes Mr. Dimpfl's thanks and continued that it has been a tough year for various reasons, including: a 1% growth versus the usual 2% to 3%; less mortgage tax money; and the taxes have not been raised in at least 5 years.

Councilman Manapol talked about the Sheriff's trailer at Long Point Park. He suggested the town/county apply for grant money to build a building for the lifeguards and sheriff's department and get rid of the sheriff trailer. He continued that Long Point could conveniently house the only substation on the lake since it is conveniently located at mid-lake. Supervisor Wadsworth added that if the town's park and recreation fee regulation were amended, money could be generated for the park when a building permit is issued.

Supervisor Wadsworth stated that \$9,000 of the \$200,000 building fund money has been used for this budget. He added that the budget has a 3% across the board raise for all employees, including town board members. Supervisor Wadsworth requested the Town Board consider not raising the boards' pay. Deputy Supervisor Dwyer responded that no decision has to be made until the board adopts the salary schedule.

Supervisor Wadsworth asked if there were any further comments on either public hearing. Since there were none, at 7:50 Mr. Dwyer moved and Mr. Dimpfl seconded the motion to close the hearing on the 2009 budget. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Dwyer-aye; Dimpfl-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

At this time, Mr. Dimpfl moved and Mr. Manapol seconded the motion to close the public hearing on local law regarding the Cold War Veteran's exemption. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Dwyer-aye; Dimpfl-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

Mr. Dimpfl moved and Mr. Manapol seconded the motion to adopt the 2009 budget, as attached to the official town board minutes. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Dwyer-aye; Dimpfl-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

Mr. Dwyer moved and Mr. Dimpfl seconded the motion to adopt local law #3 of 2008 amending Chapter 96 of the town code to grant a partial exemption from real property taxation to qualifying Cold War Veterans, as attached to the official town board minutes. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Dwyer-aye; Dimpfl-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:00 pm Mr. Dimpfl moved and Mr. Manapol seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Jean Bennett, Town Clerk

Attachments: 2009 budget, local law #3 of 2008