

A regular meeting of the Geneseo Town Board was held on Thursday, August 25, 2011 in the conference room of the Geneseo Town Office Facility.

PRESENT: W. Wadsworth, D. Dwyer, F. Manapol, R. Taylor

ABSENT: R. Irwin

ALSO PRESENT: Larry Levey-Highway Superintendent, Chris Mueller – Time Warner Cable; Catherine Evershed, Sharyn Duffy, Peggy Rouleau, Jim Jackura, Roseann Jackura, Glenn Staley, Richard Pfuntner, Roger Slade, Ron Long, Jane Long, Tom Linsner, Ron Ayers, Margie Delena, Mark Grovanz, Elizabeth Lee, Brian Lee, Patricia Pratt, Donna Jean Wioskowski, Bruce Pratt, Ray Rogers, Beverly Least, Catherine Young, John Gilmore, Don Holland, Casey Bailey, Dale Bailey, Larry Bailey

**MEETING OPENING, APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

At 7:00 pm Supervisor Wadsworth called the meeting to order. Councilman Taylor led the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence was held for service men and women both here and abroad.

The minutes of August 11<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. Mr. Dwyer moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to approve the minutes of August 11, 2011 as presented. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Dwyer-aye; Taylor-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

**TIME WARNER CABLE:**

Councilman Dwyer advised the Board that residents of Long Point Road and the Methodist Church are interested in having cable. He then introduced Chris Mueller, Government Relations Director of Time Warner Cable, to propose a way this can be accomplished. Mr. Mueller explained that some areas of the town (including the two areas being discussed) do not meet the Time Warner/Town of Geneseo agreement's required criteria of twenty (20) homes/mile to be extended cable service.

In the past, the Town has forgone the franchise fee and Time Warner has used it to build/extend cable service to areas of the town not meeting the 20 homes/mile criteria. Mr. Mueller's cost estimate for extending cable on Long Point Road and the Methodist Church was in Board packets. If Mr. Mueller's estimated subscription rate and calculations are accurate, it is expected the Town would be forgoing one year's franchise fees in exchange for this extension.

No action was taken on this issue at this time.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Supervisor Wadsworth updated the Board that he has contacted the other three towns around Conesus Lake to see if they have any ordinances with regards to ***parking boat trailers on the side of West Lake Road***, but has not gotten any responses yet.

After discussion, Mr. Dwyer moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to tentatively schedule a public hearing for September 22<sup>nd</sup> on the proposed ***rezoning of the Premium Development property*** in the Gateway, provided Premium Development submits more specific information on their proposal, as has been requested, in sufficient time for the attorney to finalize the wording of the local law and provide for the hearing to be properly advertised. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Dwyer-aye; Taylor-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

Supervisor Wadsworth updated the Board on a complaint he received from a West Lake Road resident concerning the ***street light*** located across the street from the resident's property shining too brightly. National Grid was contacted and visited the location to see if they could find a solution. Their observations included the following: The street light's wattage cannot be downsized since it is already 70 watts, the lowest wattage offered; the street light is across the road from the complainant's house, so the globe/light cannot be painted on the side facing the house to block the light; removal of the street light can only be accomplished by a Town Board resolution, with a cost involved, and is not recommended by National Grid. Supervisor Wadsworth continued that twenty (20) street lights in the West Lake Road light

district were originally installed in 1923 when the West Lake Road residents petitioned for it and, in 1969, the 20 lights were increased to thirty-five (35). After discussion, it was agreed that Highway Superintendent Levey should look at the situation and report back to the Town Board at the next meeting.

Supervisor Wadsworth reported that he “scratched out” a Town/Village **Code Enforcement agreement** and emailed it to Attorney Coniglio to make it into a legal agreement. He has not yet gotten it back from the Attorney.

Highway Superintendent Levey reviewed the **bid results received for the Cab & Chassis**, as attached to the minute book. He recommended the Board award the bid to Genesee Valley Motors since they are located only a few miles away in Avon. Mr. Taylor moved and Mr. Manapol seconded the motion to award the cab and chassis bid to Genesee Valley Motors in the amount of \$42,871.00. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Manapol-aye; Dwyer-aye. Nays: None.

**WATER ASSESSMENT ROLL PUBLIC HEARING:**

At 7:30 pm Supervisor Wadsworth opened the public hearing on the 2011 Water Assessment roll. Jim Jackura asked what the post card and public hearing was all about. The Town Clerk explained that all of the customers in the town’s five (5) water districts pay a water capital fee on their January tax bill. This capital fee is collected to pay back the money that the town borrowed in order to install the main water lines and improvements to the water district. The amount of the fee is dependent on what district the customer is in, whether the property has a structure on it, and how many units it is assigned. A single family residence is considered 1 “occupied” unit. Since Mr. Jackura owns a single family residence within water district #2, his property is assessed at 1 “occupied” unit. The public hearing is to hear any objections or concerns to the number of water units a parcel/property is assessed at.

Supervisor Wadsworth gave a brief explanation of what the Lima/North/Elm Road area water meeting was about.

The question was asked if getting the Rural Development grant for the Lima/North/Elm Road area would preclude other areas from getting water, to which Supervisor Wadsworth responded that this particular grant application is specific to Lima/North/Elm Road area.

Since there were no further questions at this time, the Board continued with regular business.

**LIMA/ELM/NORTH ROAD AREA PUBLIC WATER:**

Supervisor Wadsworth updated the public on the status of the grant the Town applied for through Rural Development for supplying public water to the Lima/Elm/North Road area. The maximum grant funding has been reduced from \$680,000 to \$500,000, which increases the projected annual capital cost to each “occupied” unit if the grant is obtained from \$975 to \$1100. The Town Board must decide if they should expend approximately \$5000 to continue with the next round of the grant application. Before making this decision, the Board would like to hear from the residents of the area.

Each of the residents of the Lima/Elm/North Road area was given a chance to speak on whether or not they support the Town Board continuing to pursue the Rural Development grant application/process.

**The following people expressed support of pursuing the RD grant for public water:**

Mark Grovantz stated his water situation has gotten worse, and he is willing to pay the cost of getting water, with or without the grant. He is also willing to write a letter of hardship to Rural Development, if it would help.

Don Holland stated he has been a tenant on the Lloyd Farm on Lima Road for 24 years. Water for the property comes from a spring on the hill which passes through three properties before it gets to their

house. In the last couple years, they have had 3 major breaks and even though there are only two people who conserve water, there is not enough. Mr. Holland continued by saying that even though Bill Lloyd can't be here tonight, he is in support of any decision to bring water to Lima Rd.

Marge Delena stated her family owns land on North and Elm Roads and she and her husband would eventually like to build on Elm Road, so she is in favor of public water. Ms. Delena is the person who took the water petitions around and, in talking with people, she found some residents don't have any or enough water, some can't drink their water, some people have gas in their well, and some people have expensive water systems.

Ron Ayers has lived on the corner of Lima and Elm Roads for 50 years. He has always had sulfur water, downhill from agricultural acreage, which they cannot drink. There is not nearly enough water and for all of these reasons, he is in favor of a public water system.

Dick Pfunter would like to have the water and does not mind the cost.

Ron Long lives on Lima Road. He has a drilled well and there is sulfur and gas in their water. They don't drink it but probably spend \$1100 annually on their water/water system. He is retired but would still like public water. Mr. Long does not understand why Walmart, Wegmans and the proposed Lowes get water but the residents on Lima Road cannot get it.

Larry Bailey, Dale Bailey and Casey Bailey were in favor of the public water system. Larry Bailey stated he has bad water and trouble with e-coli from time to time.

John Gilmore and Kathryn Young have drinkable water but it does not taste good. Their \$7,000 water softener runs every night and still does not work very well. They would be in favor of public water since they spend money on the softener anyway. Mr. Gilmore suggested piggybacking on Triphammer Road water.

Beverly Least stated she represents 3 families, herself and Gary, Gary Jr. and Laurel, and Tarryn and Rick. They have had numerous problems with their water system and are all in favor of public water.

Donna Wioskowski stated she has methane in her water and has already spent a fortune on a chlorination system. She has good water some days, but does not have a fire hydrant within miles of her house. Ms. Wioskowski would be in favor of pursuing the next stage of the grant application.

**The following residents do NOT support public water in the Lima/Elm/North Road area, as follows:**

Tom Linsner owns 30+ acres and will never need water to the property since he never plans to build there.

Sharyn Duffy stated when she built her house, she installed a water system. She is a senior citizen and cannot afford to pay the annual capital fee when she can live with the water/water system she has.

Cathy Evershed stated that she bought the house with a well and the well is her responsibility. She has enough water and feels that today's current economy makes it a poor time to make people take on this expense. She feels it is the time to stop spending.

Bruce Pratt has lived on North Road for 11 years. He is on a good well, and made sure of that before he purchased his property. He is sympathetic to the others in a situation without water but he would not want to pay the annual large capital charge.

Peggy Roleau stated that if the water went through, they would incur a 40% increase in the cost of carrying their property and they cannot afford it since they are retired.

Ray Rogers stated he has been against public water in this area from the start. The residents could end up paying from \$40,000 to \$80,000 for the water before they are done. It is difficult to absorb this cost, especially since Mr. Rogers will be retiring and the economy is not getting any better.

Beth and Brian Lee live on Lima Road. They sympathize with others but they are not in favor of the public water system.

Letters from Rich Baker, Russell Laidlaw and James Harper were read aloud by the Supervisor. These three residents were not in support of public water for various reasons.

**The following residents had mixed feelings about public water in the Lima/Elm/North Road area:**

Both Roger Slade and Glenn Staley had reservations about installing public water in this area. They each expressed that if there was only a marginal cost and it only went to the existing houses and did not encourage any development, they would be in favor.

Supervisor Wadsworth thanked the residents for attending and for their input. The Town Board will not make a decision tonight but will weigh tonight's comments before deciding whether to continue with the tasks required to continue with the next stage of the grant application.

**PUBLIC HEARING – WATER ASSESSMENT ROLL, continued:**

At 8:50 pm, since there were no further questions or comments, Mr. Dwyer moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to close the public hearing and adopt the 2011 water assessment roll, as on file in the Town Clerk's Office. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Dwyer-aye; Taylor-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:55 pm Mr. Taylor moved and Mr. Dwyer seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Jean Bennett, Town Clerk

Attachments: Cab & chassis bid results