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A regular meeting of the Geneseo Town Board was held on Thursday, December 22, 2011 in the conference room of the Geneseo Town Office Facility.

PRESENT: W. Wadsworth, D. Dwyer, R. Irwin, R. Taylor

ABSENT: F. Manapol

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Maxwell-Code Enforcement Officer, Larry Levey-Highway Superintendent, Steve Sprecher, Susan Sprecher, Edith Kort, Rebecca McKeown, Darcy Young, Don McLane, Michael Dabramo, Cathy Shaffer, Sally Wood

MEETING OPENING, APPROVAL OF MINUTES & VOUCHERS:

Supervisor Wadsworth called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Councilman Dwyer led the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence was held to reflect and recognize David Dwyer's 25 years of service on the Town Board.

The minutes of December 8th were reviewed. Mr. Taylor moved and Mr. Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the minutes of December 8, 2011 as presented. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Dwyer-aye; Irwin-aye. Nays: None.

The Board reviewed abstract #13 of vouchers. Ms. Irwin moved and Mr. Dwyer seconded the motion to approve payment in the amount of \$20,368.55 for vouchers # 914 through # 952. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Irwin-aye; Dwyer-aye; Taylor-aye. Nays: None.

2012 TOWN BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

The Board reviewed a proposed 2012 meeting schedule. Mr. Taylor moved and Ms. Irwin seconded the motion to adopt the following Town Board meeting schedule for 2012: January 12, January 26, February 9, February 23, March 8, March 22, April 12, April 26, May 10, May 24, June 14, July 12, August 9, August 23, September 13, September 27, October 11, October 25, November 8, December 13, with meetings to be held at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Geneseo Town Office Facility except the meeting of August 9th, which will be held at the Pavilion at Long Point Park.

Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Irwin-aye; Dwyer-aye. Nays: None. *

CONESUS LAKE ISSUES:

The Board reviewed a request from the Conesus Lake Association (CLA) to use Long Point Park July 19th through July 22nd for their annual Arts and Crafts Show & Sale. Mr. Taylor moved and Ms. Irwin seconded the motion to approve the CLA request, charging the CLA for 3 days of rental at resident prices, the cost of a dumpster if it is needed, with a certificate of insurance that meets the town's requirements. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Irwin-aye; Dwyer-aye. Nays: None.

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EXPANSION OF CABLE SERVICE:

The Board reviewed the Supervisor's evaluation of extending Time Warner cable to residents of a portion of Long Point Road. It was projected that if 8 customers in that area signed up for cable, it would take 40 years for those customers to repay the franchise fees that it would take to extend cable to them. Mr. Dwyer moved that the Board provide cable to the residents on Long Point Road from Groveland Road to the expressway and forgo franchise fees to accomplish this. The motion failed since there was no second to the motion.

HIGHWAY ISSUES:

Councilwoman Irwin moved that the Town Board approve the 4 year highway union contract and authorize the Supervisor to sign it. An Executive Session was requested by Councilman Dwyer to further discuss the contract before approving, so the motion was not seconded at this time.

A request from the Livingston County Highway Department to extend the Intermunicipal Agreement for Machinery, Tools, Equipment and Service Sharing for 1 year was reviewed. With Highway Superintendent Levey's recommendation for approval, Ms. Irwin moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to extend the terms of the Intermunicipal Agreement for Machinery, Tools, Equipment and Service Sharing for an additional term of one (1) year to terminate on December 31, 2012 and authorize the Supervisor to sign it. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Irwin-aye; Taylor; Dwyer-aye. Nays: None.

HYDRAULIC FRACTURING:

Supervisor Wadsworth reported he had a conversation with Attorney Coniglio on a moratorium law to allow more time for the EPA, NY State and the Town of Geneseo to study hydraulic fracturing for natural gas. It is expected that a draft law from the Attorney will be received soon. Since the draft law will have to be reviewed by the Livingston County Planning Board before the Town can adopt it, Councilman Taylor moved that, when it is received, the Town forward to the Livingston County Planning Board the draft moratorium as received by Attorney Coniglio's office regarding the hydro-carbon sub-surface mining. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Irwin and passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Irwin-aye; Dwyer-aye. Nays: None.

A "decision-makers" presentation on the community impacts of Natural Gas extraction will be held on Friday, January 6th from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm by the Livingston County Planning Department. Supervisor Wadsworth and Council Members Irwin and Taylor expressed their interest in attending and suggested that Councilman Wrubel be asked if he wishes to attend. It was agreed the Livingston County Planning Board will be contacted to sign Board Members up for the presentation.

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Mike Dabramo addressed the Board about the issue of hydro-fracturing. He shared an article in the New York Times which talked about towns in New York State taking action on their own. He also identified other negative impacts of hydrofracturing, such as hauling of material and water by truck, pipelines for water and for gas, and very bright lights at the gas wells. Mr. Dabramo stated the bright lights for a tennis court have to go through the Planning Board process and suggested bright lights at gas wells should have to also.

Darcy Young thanked the Board for listening to the public on the hydro-fracking issue, for their professionalism and how they have been received by the Board as well as for taking the next step.

One person from the public recommended that people with wells get their well water tested so that they can prove if their well becomes contaminated from hydro-fracking later on.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:45 PM Ms. Irwin moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the highway union contract. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Irwin-aye; Taylor-aye; Dwyer-aye. Nays: None.

At 7:55 pm Mr. Taylor moved and Mr. Dwyer seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Dwyer-aye; Irwin-aye. Nays: None. It was reported that no action was taken.

HIGHWAY UNION CONTRACT:

Ms. Irwin moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to approve the 4 year Highway union contract effective January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2015 and authorize the Supervisor to sign it. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Irwin-aye; Taylor-aye; Dwyer-aye. Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

* The time of some meetings were changed at the January 3rd Organizational Meeting