

Regular Geneseo Town Board Meeting

Thursday, November 14, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Geneseo Town Board was held on Thursday, November 14, 2013 in the conference room of the Geneseo Town Office Building.

PRESENT: William S. Wadsworth, Supervisor
Roberta Irwin, Deputy Supervisor
Richard Taylor, Councilman
Felicisimo Manapol, Councilman
Jerald Wrubel, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Coniglio, Town Attorney
Larry Levey, Highway Superintendent
Patti LaVigne, Town Board Member-Elect
Ron Maxwell, Code Enforcement Officer
Al Dietrich, CLA Liaison to Town Board
Kim Levey
Richard Gray
Robert Thayer
Jean Bennett, Town Clerk, Recording Secretary

MEETING OPENING, APPROVAL OF MINUTES & ABSTRACT OF VOUCHERS, 2014 BUDGET:

At 5:30 pm, Supervisor Wadsworth called the meeting to order. Councilwoman Irwin led the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence was held for our servicemen and women serving around the world as well as for residents of the Philippines who suffered from the recent and devastating Typhoon Haiyan.

The Board reviewed the ***minutes of October 10th***. Mr. Taylor moved and Ms. Irwin seconded the motion to approve the minutes of October 10, 2013 as presented. Motion passed with voting as follows: Irwin-aye; Taylor-aye; Manapol-aye; Wrubel-aye. Nays: None. Supervisor Wadsworth abstained from voting.

The Board reviewed the ***minutes of October 24th***. Mr. Taylor moved and Mr. Manapol seconded the motion to approve the minutes of October 24, 2013 as presented. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None. Council Members Irwin and Wrubel abstained from voting as they were absent from that meeting.

The Board reviewed the ***November abstract (abstract #11) of vouchers***. Mr. Taylor moved and Mr. Wrubel seconded the motion to approve payment for vouchers #1736 through #1814 on abstract #11 in the following amounts:

General A vouchers	\$ 32,942.68
General B vouchers	\$ 3,344.46
Highway DA vouchers	\$ 6,059.59
Highway DB vouchers	\$ 95,920.45

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Special Light District SL vouchers	\$ 343.32
Sewer District SS1 vouchers	\$ 25,000.73
Water O&M SW0 vouchers	\$ 70,377.40
Water Dist #3 SW3 voucher	\$ 17,653.86

and totaling \$251,642.49. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Irwin-aye; Wrubel-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

The Board discussed the 2014 tentative ***budget***. Budget revisions made as a result of the public hearing comments included the following items:

<i>Budget Code</i>	<i>Tentative Budget Amount</i>	<i>Revised Amount</i>
A 7110.110 Personal Services (caretaker) Parks	\$3,500	\$7,300
A 8510.490 Community Beautification	\$0	\$1,300
General A Appropriated Fund Balance	\$25,194	\$30,294
DB 1990.400 Contingent Account	\$25,000	\$22,500
DB 5140.100 Personal Services Brush & Weed	\$3,500	\$7,000

Mr. Wrubel moved and Ms. Irwin seconded the motion to adopt the 2014 budget which included the 2014 salary schedule and with the above changes/revised amounts. Mr. Taylor stated he has some concerns about not having lifeguards at Long Point Park and believes that some questions still need to be answered by the Livingston County Health Department before any decisions are made. He feels that the Town should either have lifeguards with swimming or no lifeguards with a “no swimming” policy, but that having a “no swimming” policy would be detrimental to the Park. Discussion followed but no decision was made on whether to open the beach and have Lifeguards for the 2014 summer season. Town Supervisor Wadsworth stated that it has never been his intention to stop swimming at Long Point Park and that it is possible to reinstate lifeguards at Long Point Park by taking the funds out of the \$60,000 budgeted in A 1990.400 contingency line item. With this being said, Supervisor Wadsworth called for a vote on the 2014 budget and the motion to adopt the 2014 budget as attached to the official minute book passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Irwin-aye; Manapol-aye; Wrubel-aye. Nays: None.

STREAMBANK REMEDIATION PROJECT:

Richard Gray addressed the Board regarding the easements needed from his family for the Streambank Remediation Project at Long Point Creek. The two (2) properties owned by the Gray Family Partnership have been subdivided into 21 parcels. Mr. Gray continued that he attended numerous meetings to get the subdivisions approved, but when he filed the maps at the County Clerk’s Office, he learned that there was a DOH charge of \$180/parcel, totaling almost \$3,800. Since approval was given long ago for water and sewer around the lake to serve these two (2) properties, Mr. Gray feels that this charge is unreasonable. He has been to Livingston County to request an exception to the rule, which has been denied. He has also advised the County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors that if he has to pay \$180/parcel, there will be a charge for the easement(s) needed for the Streambank Remediation project.

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Town Board Members expressed the view that \$3800 is not worth stopping the streambank project and asked Attorney Coniglio for his legal opinion of what can be done. Attorney Coniglio responded that under the law, no government can take property, such as an easement, without compensation. He continued that the Town cannot do anything about the County's refusal to waive the DOH per parcel charge, but the Town could justify compensation for an easement. Ms. Irwin moved and Mr. Wrubel seconded the motion to have the Supervisor draft a letter to Livingston County supporting Mr. Gray's request that the DOH fee be waived and tie it in to the long-awaited streambank remediation project. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Irwin-aye; Wrubel-aye; Manapol-aye; Taylor-aye. Nays: None.

Councilman Wrubel moved and Councilwoman Irwin moved that the Town Attorney review the easements needed for the Streambank Remediation project and authorize the Supervisor to sign them when they are completed. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Wrubel-aye; Irwin-aye; Manapol-aye; Taylor-aye. Nays: None.

SHARED ASSESSOR AGREEMENT:

The Board Members reviewed the proposed Agreement with the Town of Groveland for a shared Assessor and agreed to reevaluate the 70%/30% split at the end of June, 2014 and adjust the split accordingly if necessary. Meanwhile, Tammy is keeping track of her hours, indicating hours worked for Geneseo and hours worked for Groveland so it will be relatively simple to revisit the split at that time. Mr. Taylor moved and Mr. Wrubel seconded the motion to approve the Agreement with the Town of Groveland for a shared Assessor, with the split to be reviewed at the end of June. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Wrubel-aye; Manapol-aye; Irwin-aye. Nays: None.

FINANCIAL AUDIT:

Supervisor Wadsworth advised that Raymond Wager's office will be providing the Town with quotes for reviewing Town Court, Town Clerk and Tax Collection financial records.

LONG POINT PARK/CONESUS LAKE:

Conesus Lake Association Liaison Al Dietrich reported that the Boy Scouts have finished their storm drainage labeling project for West Lake Road. He also advised that the boat monitoring program (aka Finger Lakes Institute Watercraft Steward Program) that took place this summer went well and a complete report should be available in January.

The Board discussed possible changes at Long Point Park, including increase of fees for renting the pavilion. Mr. Wrubel moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to increase rental fees for the Long Point Park pavilion effective January 1, 2014 as follows: Resident - \$45/bay and \$300/whole pavilion; Non-resident - \$75/bay and \$525/whole pavilion. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Wrubel-aye; Taylor-aye; Irwin-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None. Mr. Wrubel suggested that in the future, he would prefer to see gradual, smaller increases every year or two in the pavilion rental fee rather than a large increase suddenly.

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The Board is also thinking about eliminating the dumpster at the park and making it truly a “carry-in carry-out” park.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE:

Ms. Irwin moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to adopt the SimplyBlue Platinum 1 Co-pay and SimplyBlue Gold 6 HDHP options for employee health care for 2014. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Irwin-aye; Taylor-aye; Manapol-aye; Wrubel-aye. Nays: None.

HIGHWAY:

Ms. Irwin moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to extend the Intermunicipal Agreement with Livingston County for machinery, tools, equipment and services sharing for another year, through 12/31/2014, under the same terms and conditions as the original contract. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Irwin-aye; Taylor-aye; Manapol-aye; Wrubel-aye. Nays: None.

The Board discussed increasing the cost for the transfer station/recycling center permits and transfer station booklets for 2014. Mr. Taylor moved and Ms. Irwin seconded the motion to increase the fee for the annual (2014) permit from \$15 to \$25, and to increase the fees for the booklets from \$18 to \$20 and \$36 to \$40, with the old ticket booklets to be shredded, effective January 1, 2014. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Irwin-aye; Manapol-aye; Wrubel-aye. Nays: None. It was suggested the ticket booklets be printed with “forever” tickets.

TEMPLE HILL CEMETERY REQUEST:

Supervisor Wadsworth advised the Board that the Temple Hill Cemetery has gotten two (2) written quotes for tree removal services that they are requesting the Town pay for. Ken’s Tree Service quoted an amount of \$4,000 and Eastman Tree Specialists’ quote was for \$4,135. The Board agreed Ken’s Tree Service should do the work since their quote was lower.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Included in Board packets were the following items: October Code Enforcement Report; September Supervisor’s report; Town of Avon public hearing notice scheduled for November 21st on a proposed one-year moratorium for certain natural gas and petroleum activities; correspondence and information on a webinar for newly elected Town officials as well as Town Officials Training, all co-sponsored by the NYS Comptrollers’ Office and the Association of Towns.

Supervisor Wadsworth reminded Board Members that with Council Member-Elect Patti LaVigne going off the Planning Board, the Town will have a Planning Board vacancy in January, as well as a ZBA vacancy. If Board Members know of anyone interested in serving in either of these capacities, please let the Supervisor know.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:50 pm Mr. Wrubel moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Jean Bennett, Town Clerk