

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Monroe, County of Orange and the State of New York was held at the Senior Center 101 Mine Road, Monroe, N.Y. on the 8th of February 2010

Present: Sandy Leonard	Supervisor
James Rogers	Councilman
Gerard McQuade	Councilman
Richard Colon	Councilman
Harley Doles	Councilman
Roy Montanye	Highway Superintendent
Langdon Chapman	Town Attorney
Mary Ellen F. Beams	Town Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

Call to order: Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes for January 4, 2010

On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman Rogers the following was

Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, Rogers, Leonard, McQuade, Colon

Nays 0

Approval of the minutes from the January 4, 2010 Town Board meeting.

Minutes of the Town Board meeting of January 25, 2010 and February 1, 2010 are set over until the next Town Board meeting.

Supervisor Leonard stated that the March 1st Town Board meeting will be starting at 6:30pm to meet with the Village of Monroe. The March 15, 2010 Town Board meeting will hold public hearings for the Local Laws 3, 4, 5.

Councilman Doles spoke about a eagle scout who will be starting a project that will be a walking trail at the New Town Park called the Trail of Hero's in honor of all veteran's this trail will be handicapped accessible. The town is working on getting the topo maps that will be needed.

Town Clerk Beams asked to add to new business town Clerk's conference.

Supervisor Leonard and Councilman Doles spoke about the Association of Towns Conference that is February 14th-17th 2010.

Upcoming Meeting Dates & General Announcements

3/1/10 Town Board Budget Meeting Senior Center 7:30 P.M.

3/15/10 Town Board Meeting Senior Center 7:30 P.M.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Budget Resolutions Audit of Claims

On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman McQuade the following was

Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, McQuade, Leonard, Rogers, Colon

Nays 0

to pay the following Audit of Claims on Abstract No. 1

Abstract No. 1 6794-6838 \$1,632,463.12

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OLD BUSSINESS

Tax Collection Update

Town Clerk Beams informed the board that 72% of the taxes have been collected as of today.

Moodna Basin Joint Operations and Maintenance Commission

On a motion by Councilman McQuade, seconded by Councilman Doles the following was

Adopted Ayes 3 McQuade, Doles, Colon

Nays 1 Rogers

Abstain 1 Leonard

Approval to replace Supervisor Leonard and Superintendent of Highways Montayne on the Moodna Basin Joint Operations and Maintenance Commission (“ Commission”) with Councilmen Colon and McQuade effective immediately. Supervisor Leonard will remain as the Chief Financial Officer of the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Clerk’s Association Conference

On a motion by Councilman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Doles the following was

Adopted Ayes 5 Rogers, Doles, Leonard, McQuade, Colon

Nays 0

Approval for Town Clerk Beams to attend the New York State Town Clerk Association of towns conference in Saratoga NY April 25th -28th 2010. The money is in Town Clerk’s budget .

Request for Sewer Hook up S29 B1 L97.2

On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman McQuade the following was

Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, McQuade, Leonard, Rogers, Colon

Nays 0

Approval for Edward Baisley owner of S29 B 1 L 97.2 to join into sewer district #9.

Authorization for Application for a New York State Efficiency Implementation Grant to Form a Consolidated Fire District for The Village of Harriman, The Village of Monroe, and The Town of Monroe to be known as The Town of Monroe Joint Fire District

Whereas, The Town Board of The Town of Monroe has been informed by New York State of its Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program and funding assistance to municipal entities desiring to enter into service consolidation to provide more efficient and cost sharing fire department service to its taxpayers; and

Whereas, the Village Boards of the Villages of Harriman and Monroe and the Town Board of The Town of Monroe voted on November 10, 2009 to approve the formation of a joint fire district among themselves, to be known as The Town of Monroe Joint Fire District; and

Whereas the Town Board of the Town of Monroe supports the action to form the consolidated Town of Monroe Joint Fire District, is eligible and is in need of the New York

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State funding assistance available through its Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program; and

Whereas, the Town Board of The Town of Monroe understands that a prerequisite to receiving funds is to complete a competitive proposal for the consolidation of fire departments for a New York State Local Government Efficiency Grant Program, Efficiency Implementation Grant and submit with it appropriate documentation as required on or before February 24, 2010; and

Whereas, the three municipal Boards of the Villages of Harriman and Monroe and The Town of Monroe agree that the amount of funding requested will be Four Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$425,250) and the Boards also agree that there is a required Ten Percent (10%) local minimum match of Forty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$47,250) for this grant;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that pursuant to the Public Hearing and subsequent affirmative vote on November 10, 2009 to form this fire district, The Town of Monroe, The Village of Monroe, and The Village of Harriman are joining together to submit an application to the Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program; and be it further

Resolved, that The Town Board of The Town of Monroe does hereby authorize The Village of Harriman to be the Lead Agency and designates Mayor Stephen H. Welle to be the Lead Agency Contact Person to make application for the funding of The Town of Monroe Joint Fire District Project; and be it further

Resolved, that Mayor Stephen H. Welle is authorized to administer the grant, is responsible to complete all paperwork, and has the day to day authority on the project.

**On a motion by Councilman McQuade, seconded by Councilman Doles the following was Adopted Ayes 5 McQuade, Doles Leonard, Rogers, Colon
Nays 0**

Resolution to Approve Supervisor's Signature on the Following Contracts:

- o Public Sector HR Consulting Services Agreement**
- o Wright Risk Management Workers Comp Agreement**
- o Fred Lewis Computer and Information Technology Consultants Support Agreement**
- o NYMIR- Town Insurance**
- o Clean Lakes Treatment Contract**
- o Sedora & Co.- Auditors**

**On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman McQuade the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, McQuade, Leonard, Rogers, Colon
Nays 0**

Approval for Supervisor Leonard to sign the following contracts:

Wright Risk Management Workers Comp Agreement

NYMIR- Town Insurance

Clean Lakes Treatment Contract and \$500.00 for the permit application.

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Councilman Colon asked how many members are there for the Conservation Commission. Attorney Chapman informed him that it is a seven member board.

Councilman Colon asked Ward Brower if there was anyone interested in becoming a member to the board being there is a vacancy. Ward Brower informed the board that Mr. Ed Dolis was interested in becoming a member. Councilman Colon asked the board to make motion to appoint Mr. Dolis.

Appointment to Conservation Commission 2 yr. Term

**On a motion by Councilman Colon, seconded by Councilman McQuade the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Colon, McQuade, Leonard, Rogers, Doles
Nays 0**

Approval to appoint Mr. Edward Dolis to the Conservation Commission for a 2 yr. term to expire on 12/31/2011.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR- PUBLIC COMMENT-

William Brown spoke about his concerns about offices, positions and titles being cut and comments made regarding the assessor's dept. He spoke about not giving out sewer permits to developers. He stated that the lakes are a mess and feels that Placid Pond has a part in the problem with the Round Lake.

Ed Dolis welcomed the new board members and state that the meetings are positive but to lengthily. He spoke about affordable housing and planning board issue. He spoke about the code enforcement officer position and budget officer position.

Supervisor Leonard stated she is the budget officer.

Mr. Dolis stated that he agrees with Mr. Brown and no sewer should be given out it will encourage more areas for development.

Peter Martin spoke to the board about the Town's Planning and Zoning regulations affordable housing and commercial development. Mr. Martin submitted his comments in writing to the Town Clerk and they are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Paul Egan spoke to the board about a barking dog issue and would like the Town Code to be looked at for changes to the code and increased fines. He submitted his concerns in writing to the Town Clerk and they are on file in her office.

Jim Gulick asked if something can done with the speaker system for the planning board so it can work as well as the Town Boards.

Supervisor Leonard stated that Mr. Carney is looking into a system for the planning board meetings.

Mr. Gulick spoke concerns he has with cablevision and the airing of channels that if you no longer have a box you can not get.

Attorney Chapman stated that when contract comes up this can be addressed the Town Board could pass a resolution to make noise but you can not force them you can ask them.

Supervisor Leonard stated that you can write letters to the cable company individually and send them to her office and she would forward them to the cable company.

Councilman Colon stated that the FFC has jurisdiction over the air waves and this is a national issue.

Ward Brower spoke there only being one meeting for the month of February because of the Association of Towns meeting and he doesn't understand why there is not another meeting.

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He asked if the planning board can have the same venue for there meetings as the Town Board you can not hear anyone with the sound system they have. He asked if the Town Board could take 10 minutes before a meeting to sign vouchers instead of signing them during a meeting when there attention should be on the meeting.

Mary Bingham spoke about the possibility of putting information out on twitter and asked if there was any information at the Association of Towns could it be brought back. She spoke about the last heavy rain storm and the culvert pipe on Laura Rd. She asked about the possibility of a grant for water district #12 for a holding tank. The Senior Center parking lot has a lot of ice build up in the parking lot and thought maybe it can be looked into for a grant to fix the problem.

Executive Session/Attorney Client

**On a motion by Councilman McQuade, seconded by Councilman Rogers the following was Adopted Ayes 5 McQuade, Rogers, Leonard, Doles, Colon
Nays 0**

Approval to enter into Executive Session to discuss Assessor's, Building, Court personnel/ Attorney Client Session to discuss litigation and joint meetings with the village's.

Return to Town Board Regular Session

**On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman Colon the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, Colon, Leonard, Rogers, McQuade
Nays 0**

Approval to Return into Town Board Regular Session.

Amend the Amount to Pay Kornfeld, Rew, Neuman and Simeone for Fire District Formation by an Additional \$4, 527.03.

**On a motion by Councilman McQuade, seconded by Councilman Colon the following was Adopted Ayes 5 McQuade, Colon, Leonard, Rogers, Doles
Nays 0**

Approval to amend the amount to pay Kornfeld, Rew, Neuman and Simeone for Fire District formation by an additional \$4, 527.03. The money will come from contingency and go into line item SF00-3410-4500 so the current bill can be paid from there. Original motion to hire Kornfeld, Rew, Neuman and Simeone was made on January 26, 2009 and approved \$20,000.00 in payment.

McGoey, Howser and Edsal to Apply to the DEC for a Permit to Continue Taking Clean Fill at the O'Neill Mine Park Site

**On a motion by Councilman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Doles the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Rogers, Doles, Leonard, McQuade, Colon
Nays 0**

Approve McGoey, Howser and Edsal to apply to the DEC for a permit to continue taking clean fill at the O'Neill Mine Park site. They will review the project material we have in house, co-ordinate with all necessary parties and provide us with an estimate on a not to exceed basis.

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Operation Clean Sweep

On a motion by Councilman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Colon the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Rogers, Colon, Leonard, Doles, McQuade

Nays 0

Motion to approve the involvement of the Town of Monroe with Operation Clean Sweep contributing in kind services as we have done in the past.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Rogers, seconded by Councilman McQuade the meeting was adjourned carried unanimously.

Mary Ellen F. Beams, Town Clerk