

October 18, 2012

Regular Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Urban Hirschey, Councilman Brooks Bragdon, Councilman Clif Schneider, Highway Superintendent Dan Hubbard, Dave Croft and Attorney Mark Gebo and approximately 30 residents.

Public Hearing was opened at 6pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Hirschey explained that the Board is working on the budget and the Town Board would like to override the tax cap levy because of the workmen's compensation law suit and the County charge backs. There was no discussion. Councilman Schneider made the motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:06pm, seconded by Councilman Bragdon. All in favor.

Supervisor Hirschey opened the regular Town Board meeting at 6:06pm.

Privilege of the Floor:

Darrell Burton – Darrell read a note of thanks from his wife Marlene for the new flag. He also asked the status of water districts 6 and 7. Supervisor Hirschey said there was a notice on the Towns website about this.

Dave LaMora – Dave gave comments on the letter the Town wrote regarding BP Public Involvement. He also spoke about solar projects and he said he cannot understand why we would propose anything from BP.

Art Pundt – Art spoke about the resolution that he presented last month and wanted to know if the Town will take any action on it. Supervisor Hirschey said that the Board would not act on his proposal at this time. Art also said that he feels that the Town should not make suggestions to BP on how to improve their Article X process. He spoke about the PILOT and BP's track record.

Councilman Bragdon made the motion to accept the Sept. 20, 2012 minutes, seconded by Councilman Schneider. All in favor.

Councilman Bragdon gave the financial statement. He reviewed the payment for the salt barn project and the CHIPS program. He also reviewed fund balances and CD balances.

Matt Cooper gave an update on the Salt Barn. He said the pre-casts are being fabricated and have a delivery date of Oct. 29. He said the project will be completed by the end of November. Matt also spoke about water district 6. He said that there are more properties involved in the project now and that a new income study needs to be done. He presented to the Board a proposal from the Clayton Improvement League to conduct the income survey. The Board talked about this proposal. Matt said that it is possible that the Town could hear by June 2013 if they are eligible for funding help. He also spoke about water district 7. He said that they did look into combining districts 6 and 7 but it is not cost effective and it would not be feasible for the water user to pay if combined. There is no infrastructure. Supervisor Hirschey asked Matt to give the definition of surface water. Matt asked the Board to take some action on the proposal from Clayton Improvement League. Councilman Schneider made the motion to accept the proposal from the Clayton Improvement League to conduct the income survey. Councilman Bragdon asked Matt if he recommended them, and Matt said he is not in a position to say if they are qualified or not qualified to do the survey, but it does need to be done by a non-interested third party and they need to keep the information confidential. Councilman Bragdon said that he would

have preferred to have some notice so that the Board could look it over and whether it is reasonable financially. Matt said that they did look into nonprofits to provide the service but they are running out of man power. There was discussion on how the surveys will be coded and how the survey will be kept confidential. Councilman Bragdon seconded the motion. All in favor.

Highway – Superintendent Hubbard spoke about the CHIPS funding. He said they have done sign repair and placement, mowing and worked with Brownville. He said they have made repairs to the lighthouse that sits in front of the highway garage and three sanders are ready to go if they are needed.

Planning Board – Councilman Bragdon gave a review of the meetings events.

Supervisors Hirschey introduced the new Zoning Officer, Jim Millington. Mr. Millington thanked everyone for letting him have the opportunity to serve. He stated what his office hours will be and that he is available by phone on days that he is not in the office.

Recreation Park – Dave gave an overview of the events that have been held in the building. He also said there are Zumba classes offered on Tuesdays and Sundays.

Water – Dave reported that he attended a meeting with DANC. He said they are doing a lot of shut offs and that he is having a problem with the valve in Rosiere. Dave said that he and Keith are using the new reader and it is working very well. Keith is working with DANC on getting GPS marking for a new map. Dave reported that he and Dan Hubbard will work on winterizing the water spigot at the Town Office so that people will be able to draw water in the winter.

ZBA – Councilman Schneider reviewed the meetings events.

School – Councilman Schneider reported that he attended and open house to meet the new school Superintendent. He told a little about his background and talked about the concerns they are still having. Supervisor Hirschey said that he attended a meeting in which the Newcomb School gave a presentation on having foreign students attend classes. These students pay for housing and tuition. He said that it is a program set up to help increase the school’s enrollment.

Supervisor’s Report - Supervisor Hirschey spoke about the meeting they will have on Oct. 23 with BP. He said it will involve the Town Board, Planning Board and the Town of Lyme Town Board. He told everyone that the Board is working on the 2013 budget and encouraged everyone to vote on Nov. 6.

Resolution #52

Resolution 52 was moved by Councilman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Bragdon. Resolution #52 was to adopt local law #4 which will allow the Town to override the 2% tax cap. There was no discussion. Roll call vote was taken:

Supervisor Urban Hirschey	AYE
Councilman John Byrne	Absent
Councilman Brooks Bragdon	AYE
Councilman Clif Schneider	AYE

Resolution #53

Resolution 53 was moved by Councilman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Bragdon. Resolution 53 was to set a public hearing date of Nov. 15, 2012 for the preliminary budget. There was no discussion. Supervisor Hirschey voted AYE, Councilmen Schneider and Byrne voted AYE. All in favor

Bills: General Fund #374 – 407 \$31,052.78; Water Dist. 1 #71-76 \$3,160.46; Water Dist. 2 #6 \$4,433.79; Highway #208-227 \$26,711.48.

Councilman Schneider made the motion to adjourn at 7:06pm, seconded by Councilman Bragdon.

Michelle Bouchard, Town Clerk