

April 12, 2012

Special Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Urban Hirschey, Councilman Brooks Bragdon, Councilman Mickey Orvis, Councilman Clif Schneider, Councilman John Byrne, Attorney Mark Gebo and approximately 32 residents.

Supervisor Hirschey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 4pm.

Supervisor Hirschey began the meeting by discussing the proposal by Bowers and Company to do an audit of the water districts. They will conduct the audit for the years Dec. 31, 2007 through Dec. 31, 2011. Supervisor Hirschey explained that the Board wants an audit done and how the rates will be charged. There were questions and concerns from the residents such as the cost of the audit, would a thorough audit be done and what would the Town be looking for.

During the Board's discussion of the audit, Councilman Orvis asked if the audit could go back further with regard to DANC's portion of the audit. Councilman Schneider said that he too would like the audit to go back further. Councilman Bragdon said he feels that the Town should go back as far as necessary and that he would like it predicated, Bowers should get actual numbers from DANC that are satisfactory and have them respond to how they are coming up with the numbers. Supervisor Hirschey asked that the board members to give to him, in writing, an outline of what they would like to see done with the audit. The board decided that they would like the verbiage "Whereas the Town Board would like to include all water districts and suppliers and go back as far as deemed necessary" added to the resolution.

RESOLUTION #22

Resolution #22 was moved by Councilman Byrne, seconded by Councilman Schneider.

Resolution #22 was to approve of an audit to be done by Bowers & Company of the water districts and suppliers and to go back as far as deemed necessary, and the fees charged will not exceed \$9,000.00.

All members voted AYE.

Supervisor Hirschey talked about a proposal from Fourth Coast to conduct a water review of Water District 2. The proposal would include services such as an inventory of current users and water use, review of assigned equivalent dwelling units, inventory of town and privately owned infrastructure in the district, review of current water use ordinance as it relates to the water district. The following questions and comments were made: what is Fourth Coast and the Town looking for; why just water district 2; trailer parks, schools and the prison should be done. The board talked about DANC's O & M charge. Supervisor Hirschey explained why the town is conducting the survey; DANC changed their O & M charge from water to capitol treating it as a fixed cost instead of variable and districts 2 and 3 have a 20 year contract with DANC that states they will pay capital costs. Marty Mason said that DANC does not use an EDU count any longer and that it is all in allocations. He said that district 2 and 3 are allocated 20,000 gallons a day and he feels that the problem is that the allocations were never raised when Wesley Bourcy was added to district 2. Councilman Byrne said that the rules and regulations of the water districts states that the town is the water commissioner. Councilman Schneider said that he has reviewed the districts and found out that the town is to serve as the commissioners of the water districts and when he asked how many users are in district 2 and no one knew. He said there needs to be a fair distribution of fixed costs, and he needs to understand who is involved, who are the users.

Councilman Orvis said that he would prefer that two board members and two users of water district 2 meet with Attorney Gebo and that the board members do the survey instead of Fourth Coast. He would like the board members to ask the questions and not spend the \$2,000.00 with Fourth Coast.

In other discussion Attorney Gebo was asked about geographic boundaries. Attorney Gebo said that there are maps and that some of the people hooked up to the water in district 2 are not in the boundaries of the map and he feels that the survey would help to bring the maps up to date to include all the users.

RESOLUTION #21

Resolution 21 was moved by Councilman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Bragdon. Resolution 21 is to approve of the proposal from Fourth Coast to review water district 2 with a fee not to exceed \$2,000.00. Supervisor Hirschey AYE; Councilman Byrne AYE; Councilman Schneider AYE; Councilman Bragdon AYE; Councilman Orvis recused himself from the vote as he is a water user in district 3.

RESOLUTION #23

Resolution 23 was moved by Councilman Orvis, seconded by Councilman Bragdon. Resolution 23 is to approve the Supervisor to commit to paying up to \$2,100.00 for a billboard in interstate 81, which is a cooperative effort between Kingston, Ontario, Wolfe Island, Ontario and Cape Vincent to attract tourism in the area. All members voted AYE.

There being no further business, Councilman Bragdon made the motion to adjourn at 5:08pm, seconded by Councilman Byrne.

Town Clerk