

April 19, 2012

Regular Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Urban Hirschey, Councilman Mickey Orvis, Councilman Brooks Bragdon, Councilman Clif Schneider, Councilman John Byrne, Dave Croft, Highway Superintendent Dan Hubbard, Attorney Mark Gebo and approximately 25 residents.

Supervisor Hirschey opened the meeting at 6pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Privilege of the floor:

Darrel Burton-Darrel said that he had been asked to serve on a water committee and that he has reviewed documents from Bernier and Carr and areas B and D are the only affordable water options, the other areas need additional users. He said that he feels Bernier and Carr should continue to establish final water districts in areas B and D. This would make the project shovel ready when funding is available.

Gary King-Gary read a letter from Richard Edsall. The letter spoke about Mr. Edsall's permit to construct a wind turbine on his property on County Rt. 6. He stated that he spoke with the Supervisor and wants the Town Board to show him the section of the law that gave the Supervisor the authority to revoke his permit. He did receive a correspondence from the Supervisor, but it was not the answer he was looking for. He would like to have his answers from the Town by May 11, 2012.

Marlene Burton-Marlene said that she was glad there is going to be an audit done of the water districts but she hopes the money used to pay for it will come out of a special account so that the citizens who do not have water will not be subjected to the audits cost.

The minutes from the March 15, 2012 meeting were approved by Councilman Orvis, seconded by Councilman Byrne. All were in favor. The minutes from the April 12 Special meeting were accepted by Councilman Bragdon, seconded by Councilman Schneider with the following correction requested by Councilman Orvis: he would like the minutes to reflect that he said he would like 2 representatives from water district 2, 2 Town Board member and Attorney Mark Gebo to do the review instead of Fourth Coast.

Financial Report-Councilman Bragdon reported that there has not been much change and gave balances in the various accounts.

Planning Board-Councilman Bragdon reported that he attended the meeting and gave an overview of the meetings events.

Highway-Superintendent Hubbard reported that the crew has finished the work on the Tibbets Point Road and he asks that anyone who has noticed shoreline erosion to let him know. He gave a review of what the men have been doing. Superintendent Hubbard reported that he turned down a bid on the old Gradall and he went over his bids on the salt barn building. He also said he has a quote for insulating the ceiling in the garage. He would like to set up a road tour the first or second week in May.

Water-Dave Croft said he is ahead of schedule for the water turn ons and meters in districts 3, 4, and 5 have been read.

Recreation Park-Dave Croft reported that there has been lots of meetings and events held in the building. They also have the tennis court nets up and the ball fields are ready. He will be putting in a new flower box under the Recreation Park sign.

School Board-Councilman Schneider reported that he attended the meeting and the school board has adopted their budget and 13 staff members have been cut. He said the school closure is still a concern. He talked about the push to attract families to Cape Vincent.

Village-Councilman Byrne reported that he attended the village board meeting and reviewed the events of the meeting. He also reported that the village will purchase a speed notification trailer.

Chamber of Commerce-Shelley Higgins addressed the board regarding the events the Chamber of Commerce is hosting the coming year. She spoke about a joint effort between Cape Vincent, Wolfe Island and Kingston in trying to have vacationers take a leisurely route through the three communities and that they are targeting the cyclist.

ZBA-Councilman Schneider said that he attended the meeting and went over the variances granted and he said that Joe Martin chaired the meeting in Dennis Faulkenhams absence and he said Joe did a great job.

Supervisor Hirschey and Councilman Schneider said that the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Law are near completion and they should be done for review by the end of the month.

Supervisor Hirschey said that he has talked with Kevin Kieff from the State Parks and met with a board member of the Hostel. They discussed writing a grant but a plan needs to be in place first.

The swallow wort program will continue this year. Supervisor Hirschey said that the newspaper article was a little misleading as it made it sound that residents can pick up the pesticide themselves, but in fact the town has an employee that will treat the plant. Interested residents must fill out an application with the Town Clerk.

Resolution #24

Resolution 24 was adopted by Councilman Byrne, seconded by Councilman Schneider. Resolution 24 was to appoint Michelle Bouchard as the Records Management Officer. There was no discussion. All members voted, Supervisor Hirschey AYE, Councilmen Orvis, Byrne, Bragdon and Schneider AYE.

Resolution #25

Resolution 25 was adopted by Councilman Orvis, seconded by Councilman Schneider. Resolution 25 was to agree to a \$25.00 return check fee charge. There was no discussion. All members voted, Supervisor Hirschey AYE, Councilmen Orvis, Bragdon, Schneider, Byrne AYE.

Harold Wiley asked the Board why they do not give answers to the questions that are presented.

Bills: General Fund #131-171, \$67985.59; Water District 1 #24-30, \$4234.29; Water District 2 #2, \$2090.17; Water District 3 #4 \$2706.11; Water District 4 #2, \$133,496.13; Highway #83-101, \$19944.65.

Councilman Schneider made the motion to adjourn at 7:05pm, seconded by Councilman Byrne.

