

March 7, 2019

Town Board Special Meeting

Present: Supervisor Edward Bender, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Alan Wood, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Councilman Marty Mason, Keith Brass, Highway Superintendent Bill Pond, Jeff Grill NYS DOT and 1 resident

Supervisor Bender called the meeting to order at 6pm with the pledge.

Supervisor Bender introduced Jeff Grill, Project Manager, from the New York State Department of Transportation. Mr. Grill told the board that he wanted to speak with them regarding a culvert pipe replacement project that the DOT has planned NYS Rt 12E near Millen's Bay. He said that the culvert is red flagged and it is beginning to buckle. Mr. Grill said that he has met with DEC as they cannot interfere with the spawning season.

Mr. Grill reviewed maps, a material list and the detour route. He said that the target start date is August 14 and the road will be closed for 45 days. He told the board that they are watching the area and if it starts to give way, they will have to dig right away.

Bill Pond said that he is happy the detour route will be using the County routes as they can handle the heavy truck traffic better than the town roads.

Mr. Grill spoke with Keith Brass regarding the water line and told Keith that he has been in touch with the DOH regarding a temporary water line. Keith told Mr. Grill that he would like to have the water line fixed when the project is complete because he feels that if something were to happen to the temporary line it would be hard for him to get at and repair. There will be a project meeting before the construction begins.

Supervisor Bender discussed the ambulance MOU. The board reviewed the old MOU and agreed to use the same format, change the date, name and the amount to be paid. Councilman Wiley said that he would like to have the contract be yearly. He asked there be verbiage added in the contract that says payment would continue upon approval of the board.

Supervisor Bender told the board that he has heard from Tim White regarding the Club Street project. He said that Tim wanted to move forward and he told Tim that they can't do anything at this time because they are investigating the underwater land issues. Supervisor Bender said that Attorney Russell is assisting and has advised the board to not to move forward until they have the answers.

Councilman Aubertine told the board that Richard Mayfield from USDA has expressed interest in helping Cape Vincent with a few projects. He said Mr. Mayfield is interested in seeing a wish list. Councilman Aubertine said that a meeting will be set up for March 18 at 11am and he would like Supervisor Bender and him to attend. The board agreed and stated that they would like Matt Cooper to attend as well. Councilman Aubertine told the board if they have an idea for the wish list, to get it to him before the 18th.

Councilman Wiley said that Scott Burto informed him that the board could not pass the resolution regarding signing a contract with Barton and Loguidice for services for the sewer study, because it is a grant and one of the requirements is that the town do RFPs.

Resolutions

Resolution #24 is to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement for Professional Services for the sewer study with Barton & Loguidice.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to table the resolution until RFP's are sent as per Scott Burto's recommendation, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #25

Resolution #25 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #25 is to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement for engineering services with Barton & Loguidice for the water district #7 studies.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Bill Pond spoke to the board about the purchase of a skid steer. He said that he and Keith have researched a model from Anderson.

Councilman Aubertine explained that they have decided to forgo the self-propelled broom and buy a skid steer and trailer that can be shared between Recreation Park and the Highway Department. Bill Pond said that he can make the attachments work on the skid steer. He and Keith said that they have looked at a B-Wise trailer and feel that this model will do all that they need.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to buy the trailer from Burville Power Equipment for \$9,940.00, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

Bill Pond said that he would like to move forward with the Takeuchi skid steer from Anderson and would like to discuss it further at the March 21 meeting.

Councilman Wiley received a text message during the meeting from Scott Burto who informed him that the town does not need to do RFP's for services for the sewer study.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to correct his previous motion to table resolution #24, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to move resolution #24, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Barton & Loguidice for professional services for the sewer study, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Aubertine said that he was approached by one of his constituents who asked him if the town board told the planning board to put back, in the zoning law, the 2500' setback on NYS Rt 12E, for personal turbines. The board discussed this stating that no one on the board advised the planning board to do this. Councilman Aubertine said that he would like to see the setback at 1000'. He said that he would like to have some consideration for the land owner's rights. He expressed his thoughts that the planning board changed the setback to 2500' to please a minority of nay sayers. He said he would like to have the planning board do what is morally right.

Councilman Wiley said that he feels that whatever the planning board comes back with regarding the zoning law he will not undermine.

Keith Brass told the board that he would like to move the pickle ball court behind the recreation park building. He strongly feels that it will be too crowded where it is proposed now. The board will consider this.

Councilman Mason made a motion that the Supervisor sends a letter to Governor Cuomo opposing the closing of any prison in Northern New York, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Wood made a motion to adjourn at 7:20pm.

Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk