

June 28th, 2011
Special Meeting
Petersburgh Town Board

On Tuesday, June 28th, 2011, at 7:00 PM, the Petersburgh Town Board met and held a Special Meeting to discuss the liability insurance for the Petersburgh Veteran's Memorial Community Center (PVMCC). Notice of the time and date of the meeting was posted at the Petersburgh Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Peter Schaaphok
Councilman Richard Snyder
Councilwoman Amy Manchester
Councilman David Green
Town Clerk Callie Crisp
Absent: Councilman William Seel

Guests: Jeanne Ferland, PVMCC President, Asa Zoesman, PVMCC Board Member

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Schaaphok called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Supervisor Schaaphok began the meeting by explaining that issues have been encountered during the renewal process of PVMCC's liability insurance. This Special Meeting was called because the policy is due to be renewed by Friday, July 1st; and time is running out to find a solution. The insurance company shared by the Town and PVMCC, Rose & Kiernan, has been encountering resistance from the carriers to accept and renew the liability insurance of PVMCC. The reason for the carrier's hesitance stems from the classification of PVMCC's Board as a "Civil Organization." A quote of around According to Rose & Kiernan Agent Lee Pollock, the prices quoted to renew PVMCC as is would result in a yearly price increase of approximately \$1,400.00. Mr. Pollock has recommended that the Town assumes sponsorship of future events at PVMCC, therefore providing coverage through the Town's insurance at no added cost to either party. Supervisor Schaaphok stated that Town Attorney Kevin Engel was agreeable to this plan of action. In addition, although Councilman Seel was unable to attend tonight's meeting, the Supervisor discussed the matter with the Councilman and relayed Mr. Seel's willingness to pursue this option. Supervisor Schaaphok stated that in the future, ideally PVMCC could function independently like the Library, although the Town would be ultimately responsible.

A discussion took place in regard to the Town assuming coverage through sponsorship of PVMCC events. PVMCC Board President Jeanne Ferland reported research involving other insurance companies and changes to the current PVMCC policy, and no feasible conclusions were reached. Ms. Ferland expressed a hesitance toward the proposition of Town sponsorship, in part due to the significant change required in such a short time frame. The unknown factors

involved with the change may potentially result in future dissatisfaction, and Ms. Ferland would like more time to make determinations together with the PVMCC Board. Lee Pollock had made a suggestion to submit a partial payment, which could be pro-rated, to renew the policy as is for now. This would allow for more time to figure out the best option for PVMCC's liability coverage. Upon request of PVMCC President Ferland, the Board agreed to the submission of a partial payment, to be pro-rated, to renew the policy for now as is. In addition, the Board agreed to cover any additional costs related to this process, although Mr. Pollock reportedly gave assurance that no added charges would be assessed.

Water District Leak: Supervisor Schaaphok informed the Board that more problems have happened within the Water District. While the repairs were being performed on Depot Road, it was discovered that the underground pipes buried are composed of indoor PVC pipe. While the work was commencing, another leak was found next to Ziggy's building on Sawyers' Lane. This particular line has also leaked previously in the same manner, which comes from a hole in the copper pipe. The cause of this reoccurrence is yet unknown, but looks to be possibly from chemicals or the like. Supervisor Schaaphok reported that the Water District Superintendent had declined to perform the actual repairs himself, and a plumbing contractor would be hired for later this week. The Supervisor suggested that the Board might want to research the job description of the Superintendent, to provide clarification in the future. In addition, it was stated that more than one local person should be required to possess technical knowledge pertaining to the operation of the Water District's systems.

Dog Control: A discussion took place in regard to an ongoing Town Court case involving a dog control issue. The Town Clerk reported that four dogs were seized in Petersburg last month by the Town's DCO. Two owners were involved, who challenged the validity of the seizure in Court. The Judge has ruled in favor of the owners, and has stated that the dogs should be returned. One owner was compliant, but the owner of the remaining three dogs has abandoned the dogs by leaving them at the kennel, unlicensed and unclaimed. According to the Town's kennel contact, the Town may be held accountable for payment. It is also unknown how this will effect the future standing of the Town's DCO. The Town Attorney is currently researching the matter.

With no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Manchester, seconded by Councilman Snyder, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Callie Crisp, Town Clerk