

November 21st, 2011
Public Hearing/Regular Monthly Meeting
Petersburgh Town Board

A public hearing and regular meeting of the Petersburgh Town Board was held on November 21st, 2011 at 7:00PM at the Petersburgh Town Hall, 65 Main Street, Petersburgh, New York.

Present: Supervisor Peter Schaaphok
Councilman William Seel
Councilman Richard Snyder
Councilman David Green
Highway Superintendent Raymond Harrison
Town Attorney Kevin Engel
Town Clerk Callie Crisp
Absent: Councilwoman Amy Manchester

Guests: Emily Harrison, Sharon Hodges, Siegfried Krahfors, David Alderman, Duane Goodermote Jr., Timothy Spinelli
Press: Alex Brooks, The Eastwick Press

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was held for the recovery of Neil Manchester, who is currently hospitalized. Councilwoman Manchester was absent from this meeting for this reason.

PUBLIC HEARING: ABANDONMENT OF TOWN ROADS

Supervisor Schaaphok opened the hearing at 7:00 PM to the public to hear comments for or against the abandonment of four (4) Town roads. Roads proposed for abandonment are as follows:

- a) Reynolds Road
- b) Spencer Hollow Road
- c) Tiff Road
- d) Whites Road

- The first to comment was Timothy Spinelli, who owns property on Tiff Road. Mr. Spinelli expressed his concern about the abandonment of the road, and how it would affect his property in the future. The road is gated to deter dumping of garbage, and Mr. Spinelli would like to see the gate left up. Mr. Spinelli then stated that he plans to build a house on the property in 15-20 years, and would like the road to be maintained for this reason. The Town Board informed Mr. Spinelli that if the road were not abandoned, the gate, which has been up for 12 years, would have to be removed. However, if the road is abandoned, the gate will be left up and a right-of-way would still exist to enter his property. Mr. Spinelli agreed that he would rather have the gate left up, and a discussion took place on right-of-ways.

- Planning Board Chairman David Miller addressed the Board in regard to the ownership of Reynold's Road. Research is currently being done to determine if the road was deeded to the Town during the reconstruction of Route 22 in the 1960's. Other roads that were the original State Route includes Hewitt Rd., Coon Brook Rd., Armsby Rd., and a portion of land in North Petersburg that transferred back to the bordering property owner. The Board decided to vote on the abandonment issue, and resolve the ownerships at a later date. The public hearing was closed at 7:30 PM.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

Resolution #52 Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Seel, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the minutes from the Budget Workshop on October 12th, 2011, the Regular Town Board Meeting on October 17th, 2011, and the Public Hearing/Special Meeting on November 4th, 2011 be approved as presented. Councilman Snyder seconded such motion, and roll call showed the following results:

Supervisor Peter Schaaphok	Aye
Councilman Richard Snyder	Aye
Councilman William Seel	Aye
Councilwoman Amy Manchester	Absent
Councilman David Green	Aye

Supervisor Schaaphok declared the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

REPORTS

- Town Clerk: provided copies of the Town Clerk's monthly report for October to the Board. The Board was also informed that the FEMA documentation was 80% complete.
- Dog Control Officer: a monthly report was provided to the Board, showing a total of two calls for the month.
- PVMCC: a monthly report was provided to the Board from Board President Jeanne Ferland.
- Highway Superintendent: Raymond Harrison reported that every washout has now repaired, and all Town roads have been reopened. Stillman Village is due to have the guardrails replaced next week, while the repaving is scheduled for next year. Superintendent Harrison reported that now that all storm-damage repair work has been completed, the Highway crew has taken a week of vacation in light of hunting season.
- Supervisor: reported to the Board that the bond will be received later than anticipated due to a fax issue that delayed the required publication. As a

result, the interest rate will be subject to a slight increase. The monthly Supervisor's report was then presented to the Board. The report showed receipts \$38,493.06, disbursements \$129,015.24, leaving a balance on hand as of November 21st, 2011 of \$197,166.05. This report is on file in the Town Clerk's office. Supervisor Schaaphok then informed the Board that the Town Clerk has begun preparing fund transfers for the end of the year. The Supervisor has been corresponding with the Association of Towns to determine whether the previously discussed Unemployment bills are valid. In addition, Supervisor Schaaphok stated that the building at 103 Mill Yard Road has been added to the Rensselaer County Foreclosure list, and will auctioned after April 2012. Regardless of the result of the sale, the building will be torn down. Several other properties were then discussed in regard to foreclosure status.

OLD BUSINESS

- PVMCC: the Board reviewed the report provided, which indicated that the furnace and emergency lights were in need of repair. The building's rentals have increased, and a number of upcoming events are scheduled.
- Alarm Systems: A report was provided detailing the repairs required and prices. The amounts quotes are as follows: Garage: \$1,422.50, Town Hall: \$675.00, Library: \$637.50 Veteran's Hall: \$1,497.50, for a total of \$4,232.50. An annual charge of \$720.00 was also quoted. A suggestion was made to add the Rescue Squad and Fire Department buildings, but because they are separate entities it will have to be determined how they could be included. A motion was made to accept the quote for the four buildings.

Resolution # 53

Acceptance of Alarm System Quotation

On motion of Councilman Seel, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the quote provided by Center For Security in the amount of \$4,232.50 for alarm system updates in the four municipal buildings be accepted as presented. Councilman Snyder seconded such motion, and roll call showed the following results:

Supervisor Peter Schaaphok	Aye
Councilman Richard Snyder	Aye
Councilman William Seel	Aye
Councilwoman Amy Manchester	Absent
Councilman David Green	Aye

Supervisor Schaaphok declared the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

- Broken Wheel Bridge: nothing new on this subject.
- 2012 Budget: was approved by the following resolution.

Resolution # 54

Adoption of 2012 Budget

On motion of Councilman Green, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that 2012 Budget be accepted as presented. Councilman Seel seconded such motion, and roll call showed the following results:

Supervisor Peter Schaaphok	Aye
Councilman Richard Snyder	Aye
Councilman William Seel	Aye
Councilwoman Amy Manchester	Absent
Councilman David Green	Aye

Supervisor Schaaphok declared the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

- Councilman Green inquired about the state of the Water Tank repairs. Supervisor Schaaphok stated that there is no time schedule for repairs, as it is unknown when the \$1,000.00 deductible would be affordable to the Water District.

NEW BUSINESS

- Credit Card for Town purchases: Town Attorney Kevin Engel provided a sample policy and information from the Office of the State Comptroller relating to municipal credit cards. A discussion took place on this subject, and a suggestion was brought up the office arrangements in the Town Hall, indication that the Historian's space may again need to be moved. The renovation of the basement was also discussed.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

- No comments from the public were received.
- Councilman Seel inquired about the applications for the two open Highway positions. Highway Superintendent Harrison reported that Michael Harrison had been hired for the full time position, and 10 applications were being reviewed for the part time position.

Resolution #55

Audit of Bills

On motion of Councilman Seel, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the bills as listed on abstract # 11/11 be paid in the following amounts:

General Fund # 266-289	\$27,601.01
Light District # SL1- SL2	\$ 821.97
Highway Fund #248-283	\$98,588.97
Water District # 53-57	\$ 824.46
Library Fund # 48-58	\$ 4,800.23

Councilman Green seconded such motion, and roll call showed the following results:

Supervisor Peter Schaaphok	Aye
Councilman Richard Snyder	Aye
Councilman William Seel	Aye
Councilwoman Amy Manchester	Absent
Councilman David Green	Aye

Supervisor Schaaphok declared the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

With no further business, on motion of Councilman Snyder, seconded by Councilman Green, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Callie Crisp, Town Clerk