

December 20th, 2010
Regular Meeting
Petersburgh Town Board

The regular meeting of the Petersburgh Town Board was held on December 20th, 2010 at 7:00PM at the Petersburgh Town Hall, 65 Main Street, Petersburgh, New York.

Present: Supervisor Peter Schaaphok
Councilman William Seel
Councilman Richard Snyder
Councilwoman Amy Manchester
Highway Superintendent Raymond Harrison
Planning Board Chairman David Miller
Court Clerk Barbara Snyder
DCO Lynne Torello-Burns
Town Clerk Callie Crisp

Absent: Councilman Raymond Broadwell

Guests: Emily Harrison, Sharon Hodges, Beverly Lienbower, Lyle Lienbower
Press: Alex Brooks, The Eastwick Press

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Schaaphok called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Resolution #92
Audit of Bills

On motion of Councilman Snyder, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the bills as listed on abstract #12/10 be paid in the following amounts:

General Fund # 267-295	\$22,966.92
Light District # SL1- SL2	\$ 1,002.46
Highway Fund # 221-241	\$ 96,602.84
Water District # 56-60	\$ 1,360.02
Library Fund # L84-L93	\$ 4,387.20

Councilwoman Manchester seconded such motion, and roll call showed the following results:

Supervisor Peter Schaaphok	Aye
Councilman Richard Snyder	Aye
Councilman William Seel	Aye
Councilwoman Manchester	Aye
Councilman Raymond Broadwell	Absent

Supervisor Schaaphok declared the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution #93
Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Seel, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 15th, 2010 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 Manchester	Aye
Councilman Raymond Broadwell	Absent

Supervisor Schaaphok declared the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

REPORTS

- Dog Control Officer Lynne Torello-Burns presented her monthly report to the Board. It showed a total of three calls for the month of November.
- Highway Superintendent Raymond Harrison informed the Board that the new above ground gas tank has been installed. The old tank has been junked, for which the Town received \$217.60. The crew has been plowing snow, and staying prepared for the weather. Superintendent Harrison also reported that clean washed sand was being distributed onto the paved roads, in order to keep the spring dust problems to a minimum.
- Supervisor Peter Schaaphok stated that he has received a few complaints regarding high water pressure in the Water District. Superintendent Todd Stradinger will be pricing pressure reducers to be installed where needed. Supervisor Schaaphok then presented the Supervisor's monthly report, which showed: receipts \$25,428.86, disbursements \$100,579.22, leaving a balance on hand as of December 20th, 2010 of \$282,803.95. This report is on file in the Town Clerk's office. Supervisor Schaaphok then mentioned that the bookkeeper would be checking balances tomorrow for the end-of-the-year meeting, as fund transfers will be required.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Kennel Agreement:** The annual agreement between Pondview Country Kennels and the Town of Petersburg was presented to the Board for approval. The agreement has stayed the same, however a hold harmless agreement was added on suggestion of the Town's Insurance agent.

Resolution #94
Approval of Kennel Agreement

On motion of Councilman Seel, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the 2011 Kennel Agreement between Pondview Country Kennels Inc. and the Town of Petersburg be accepted as presented. Councilwoman Manchester seconded such motion, and roll call showed the following results:

Supervisor Peter Schaaphok	Aye
Councilman Richard Snyder	Aye
Councilman William Seel	Aye
Councilwoman Manchester	Aye
Councilman Raymond Broadwell	Absent

Supervisor Schaaphok declared the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

- Dog Control: A discussion took place in regard to the pending changes in dog licensing. Town Clerk Callie Crisp spoke to the Board about her research on conducting an enumeration. Although the previous Town Clerk stated that an enumeration had been conducted in the past, no record remains of this census. Now that the Town will be responsible for tracking and dispersing all licenses, an enumeration would ensure that all dogs would be accounted for, and therefore be required to license. Information was provided on a mail enumeration, but as this option would cost about \$1,800.00, it may be too expensive to consider. DCO Lynne Torello-Burns has offered to begin an enumeration by surveying one road at a time throughout the year. Supervisor Schaaphok suggested raising the awareness about licensing requirements to ensure the vaccination of all dogs. The Supervisor stated that not vaccinating is a dangerous public health issue, and residents should be aware of the danger they cause to others by not giving their dog a rabies shot. An increase in the fees/fines in the Dog Control Law was discussed, however in a recent Town Court case that was dog related, a \$250 fine was lowered to \$10. Rather than raising the fines, the Town may ask the Judges to enforce the fees already set in the law, or change the wording of the law to "A minimum of..."

DCO Lynne Torello-Burns stated the need to consider increasing licensing fees, in order to create enough revenue to cover the increasing costs of the program. As it is still unclear how much it will cost to run the program, and revenues are minimal regardless; the Board decided to lower the prices of unaltered licenses in order to encourage residents to license their dogs.

Resolution #95
Dog Control Law Licensing Fees

On motion of Councilman Snyder, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the prices of dog licenses as set in the Town of Petersburg's Dog Control Law be changed to the following:

Altered (Spayed/Neutered):	\$3.50
Unaltered(Un-spayed/Un-neutered):	\$6.50

Councilwoman Manchester seconded such motion, and roll call showed the following results:

Supervisor Peter Schaaphok	Aye
Councilman Richard Snyder	Aye
Councilman William Seel	Aye
Councilwoman Manchester	Aye
Councilman Raymond Broadwell	Absent

Supervisor Schaaphok declared the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

- Meeting Dates were set as follows:
 End-of-Year Meeting: Monday, December 27th, 2010 @ 11:00 AM
 Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, January 4th, 2011 @ 7:00 PM

Library Director Sharon Hodges inquired about reappointments, which will be done at the Organizational Meeting. Ms. Hodges asked if the Board would make the library appointments at tonight's meeting, so that at the Library's meeting on January 3rd, 2011, they could include the new members.

Resolution #96
Library Board of Trustees Appointments

On motion of Councilman Seel, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that Ms. Lori Hamm be reappointed to the Library Board of Trustees for a full five year term, 2011-2015; and that Ms. Nancy Burstein replaces Ms. Mary Jo Loughlin and is appointed to the Library Board of Trustees for a full five year term, 2011-2015. 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 Manchester	Aye
Councilman Raymond Broadwell	Absent

Supervisor Schaaphok declared the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

- Audit of Judge's Books: The Board decided that more time would be required to complete the audit of the Judge's Books. They decided to meet at the Town Hall prior to the End-of-Year Meeting, and hold the audit at 9:00 AM on Monday, December 27th, 2010.
- Reappointments were then discussed. One reappointment is required for the Planning Board, and the Board reviewed the current list of Town officials. The

Board would like to see the Water District Superintendent report to the monthly Board meetings.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Amy Manchester: stated that the heat in the Veteran's Hall is not working well. It was reported that the temperature would not rise above 56°. Supervisor Schaaphok explained that the heating system is currently using only one output, and this may be the cause of the low temperatures. The matter will be further investigated.

With no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Manchester, seconded by Councilman Snyder, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Callie Crisp, Town Clerk