

March 21st, 2011
Regular Meeting
Petersburgh Town Board

The regular meeting of the Petersburgh Town Board was held on March 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
Councilwoman Amy Manchester
Councilman David Green
Highway Superintendent Raymond Harrison
Planning Board Chairman David Miller
Town Clerk Callie Crisp
Guests: Emily Harrison, Sharon Hodges
Press: Alex Brooks, The Eastwick Press

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

Resolution #17
Audit of Bills

On motion of Councilman Snyder, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the bills as listed on abstract # 3/11 be paid in the following amounts:

General Fund # 61-83	\$10,637.49
Light District # SL1- SL2	\$ 1752.46
Highway Fund #55-78	\$ 18,419.28
Water District # 11-17	\$ 4,146.57
Library Fund # 14-21	\$ 3,381.83

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 David Green	Aye

Supervisor Schaaphok declared the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution #18
Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Seel, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Town Board Meeting February 21st,

2011 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 Manchester	Aye
Councilman David Green	Aye

Supervisor Schaaphok declared the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

REPORTS

- Town Clerk: announced that the new 2011 Transfer Station Permits would be available for purchase as of April 1st. The Town Clerk also informed the Board that she has been awarded a \$500.00 scholarship toward attendance of the 2011 NYSTCA conference.
- Highway Superintendent: Raymond Harrison stated that the crew has kept busy plowing snow, fixing potholes, and cutting trees.
- Water District: Supervisor Schaaphok informed the Board that W.D. Superintendent Todd Stradinger has been contact with patron Nancy Hewitt regarding the high water pressure at her residence. Rather than having Mr. Stradinger install a new pressure reducer, Ms. Hewitt would like to purchase one, have her plumber perform the installation, and be reimbursed by the Town. The Board agreed to not set president by allowing this procedure.
- Supervisor: presented the Supervisor's monthly report to the Board. It showed receipts \$670,236.37, disbursements \$227,532.20, leaving a balance on hand as of March 21st, 2011 of \$605,236.32. This report is on file in the Town Clerk's office. Supervisor Schaaphok pointed out that the amount dispersed was much higher than usual, as the annual payment of \$100,000 to the Fire Department has been included. The Supervisor then addressed the Water District budget; although an estimated \$6,000 is expected for revenue, this year's budget will still be lacking. The Board may need to consider another rate increase to ensure financial stability within the Water District. The last budget topic discussed were the Highway funds, which read incorrectly due to the new truck payment coming out of the 2011 budget, rather than the 2010 budget as planned. This error will be corrected.
 - Meeting with BCSD: Supervisor Schaaphok spoke about a meeting with the Berlin Central School District (BCSD), which took place at the Petersburg Town Hall. The meeting was called by Dr. Brian Howard, Interim Superintendent of BSCD, and included local Town Supervisors and Highway personnel. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain information about the community, and determine what steps should be taken toward the BCSD's future. No action was taken at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mill Yard Road: The Supervisor informed the Board that the building in the Mill Yard has further collapsed. Supervisor Schaaphok has been looking into obtaining assistance from the County about working around the asbestos requirements, so that the building can be removed. Although it was condemned two years ago, the continuous deterioration may be an immediate danger to public safety.
- Site Plan Review Law Fees: Planning Board Chairman David Miller was present to suggest the SPRL fees remain as is this year, as the Planning Board is working on a fee schedule that will be separate from the law. The schedule will also incorporate Subdivision fees. The Board agreed to continue the \$50.00 fee for Less Intensive Site Plan, and \$100.00 for a Full Site Plan Review. The inspection fees and engineer fees will be determined as required.

NEW BUSINESS

- Correspondence from Margaret Weinland: a four-page letter was presented to the Board for review prior to the meeting. Supervisor Schaaphok stated that most of its contents were redundant from her last appeal to the Board. He has spoken with Ms. Weinland on several occasions, and has already provided answers to her questions. Supervisor Schaaphok asked the Board how to respond, and it was decided to reiterate the answers in letter form.
- Amendment of Local Law No. 1 of 2010: A resolution is required to amend the numbering the Right to Farm Life Law. Although this law was passed last February as Law No. 1 of 2010, it was never filed with the State. Subsequently, the revisions made to Local Law No. 2 of 1993 were passed in April as Law No. 1 of 2010. A resolution was passed amending the number of the Right to Farm Life Law as Local Law No. 1 of 2011.

Resolution #19

Amendment to Numbering of Right to Farm Life Law

On motion of Councilman Seel, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the numbering of the Town of Petersburg's Right to Farm Life Law be changed from Local Law No. 1 of 2010 to Local Law No. 1 of 2011.

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 David Green	Aye

Supervisor Schaaphok declared that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted. Councilman David Green inquired about obtaining road signs indicating that the Right to Farm Life Law was effective in Petersburg. Highway Superintendent Harrison stated that he would look into it.

- Website for Planning Board: the Board was presented with preliminary versions of two pages for the Town's website. One was a home page for the

Planning Board, the second a Site Plan Review page. Planning Board Chairman David Miller explained that a tab would be put on the site's menu for the Planning Board, and residents would be about to gather information regarding Subdivisions and Site Plan Review. Application forms for both will be available on the site. Supervisor Schaaphok stated his hesitancy about posting the entire laws, indicating that people may try to find loopholes or flaws in the regulations. Chairman Miller asked the Board to consider this for the future, because the availability of the information at home could cut out numerous pre-meetings with residents.

- Planning Board Chairman David Miller informed the Board that the Town's Building Enforcement Law is in need of updating. It currently only provides the enforcement of the Building Inspector to building and electrical codes. Since the Site Plan Review Law and Subdivision Regulations also require enforcement, it may be to many responsibilities to manage for the one-person position of Building Inspector. Chairman Miller stated that the Planning Board attorney, Stanton King, was currently reviewing the first draft of revisions to the Site Plan Review Law and Subdivision Regulations. Attorney King reportedly stated that the Site Plan Review law was one of the best he has reviewed. Chairman Miller then reported a possible violation of an original subdivision on Lone Oak Road; this issue will be addressed once the regulation revisions have been completed. As for the website, it was agreed that only one page was necessary and all information pertaining to the Planning Board could be found in one spot.
- Councilman Seel then inquired about the annual mowing resolution, and whether Ed Jones has submitted a bid. The resolution will be passed at next month's meeting.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

- Amy Manchester: thanked the Board on behalf of the Rescue Squad for the use of the Town Hall for a training session.

With no further business, on motion of Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Snyder, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Callie Crisp, Town Clerk