

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Regular Meeting**

Petersburgh Town Board

The regular meeting of the Petersburgh Town Board was held on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:00PM at the Petersburgh Town Hall, 65 Main Street, Petersburgh, New York.

Present: Supervisor Peter Schaaphok  
Councilman Richard Snyder  
Councilman William Seel  
Councilwoman Amy Manchester  
Highway Superintendent Raymond Harrison  
Town Clerk Callie Crisp  
Absent: Councilman Raymond Broadwell

Press: Alex Brooks

Guests: Emily Harrison, Terry Neaton, Sharon Hodges, Tim Allen, Sue Nelsen, Dave Miller

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

**Resolution # 15**  
**Audit of Bills**

On motion of Councilman Snyder the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the bills be paid as listed on abstract #2/10 in the following amounts:

General Fund # 20-34	\$ 17,111.85
Light District # 2/1 – 2/2	\$ 0 (Actual Usage Bill)
Highway Fund # 19-45	\$ 7,625.08
Water District # 6-10	\$ 1,554.66
Library Fund #L1-L7	\$ 3,196.39

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	Aye
Councilman Raymond Broadwell	Absent

Supervisor Schaaphok declared the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

**Resolution # 16**  
**Approval of Minutes**

On Motion of Councilman Seel the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 be approved as presented. Such motion was seconded by Councilwoman Manchester, and roll call showed the following results:

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

Supervisor Schaaphok declared that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted.

**REPORTS**

- Highway Superintendent: Informed the Board that the rear end on the **Oshkosh** truck was replaced twice-the second time at no charge. There has been no snow to plow; instead they have been working on drawing sand and various repairs. Also purchased was a new controller for the 1991 truck. The Highway Department has been pleased with the mixture of sand to salt they have been obtaining; the snow melts quicker and the roads are less dusty.
- PVMCC: Sue Nelsen presented the monthly report to the Board. She expressed thanks to many people for their help with the completion of the PVMCC Use Agreement. Sue also has been revising the rental agreement form and the rates schedule, and asked if either the Town's attorney or Justice could take a look at the updates. Also reported were the many repairs done to the kitchen, greatly improving the room's heat insulation.
- Rescue Squad: Amy Manchester thanked the Town for the use of the Town Hall for the state-mandated Rescue Squad Training that took place on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Supervisor: presented his monthly report to the Board. It showed receipts \$29,179.29, disbursements \$80,213.03, leaving a balance on hand as of February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 of \$157,384.73. This report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.
  - Also introduced was the preliminary blueprint of the Town's property survey. The document confirms that the new salt shed is on the Town's property. However, a corner of the Observation Post is on the adjoining property, which will be corrected once the parcel has been transferred.

- Supervisor Schaaphok reported that some progress has been made with the Town of Petersburg's website. Currently the write-ups for the various departments are being completed, and e-mail addresses are being prepared. There will be a hyperlink to the site for the Library. The site should be active within the next week.
- The Town received a service charge bill from Bank of America for \$381.00, for an account that has been at a \$0 balance for 6 months. Bookkeeper Charles Guntner has recommended waiting it out, and Supervisor Schaaphok and the Board agreed.
- Board Member William Seel: Reported that he is still working on finding a replacement for the Town's Fire Advisory Board. The Town Clerk informed the Board that she has been in contact with the Rensselaer County Fire Advisory Board, and will again be corresponding to provide them with an update.

### **Unfinished Business**

- 103 Mill Yard Road: It was reported that another portion of the building collapsed.
- Star Ridge Way: For now, is out of the Town Board's hands. There is a court date scheduled for Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 between the owners and the Petersburg Planning Board.

### **Resolution # 17**

#### **Approval of Local Law # 1 for 2010**

#### **Law Amending Local Law # 4 for 1992**

On Motion of Councilwoman Manchester the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Petersburg does hereby approve the amendments to Local Law # 4 of 1992, the Right to Farm Life Law, by adopting Local Law # 1 for 2010. 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	Aye
Councilman Raymond Broadwell	Absent

Supervisor Schaaphok declared that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted.

### **New Business**

- Supervisor Schaaphok informed the Board that Local Law # 2 for 1993, a law governing the disposition of solid waste in the Town of Petersburg, is also in need of revisions. Sections 4.03, 4.04, 5.02A, 5.03B, and 5.03C are subject to change. These revisions will be made and presented to the board at the next meeting.

### **Public Address**

- Planning Board Chairman Dave Miller: Addressed the board in regards to a program funded by Google for fiber optic internet systems in various communities. He is working on filing an application for funding on behalf of the Town of Petersburg. Dave also informed the board that ATT received the draft lease from Verizon for the cell tower in Petersburg. The lease is still in legal review, and so far is the only lease in NY that has been executed.
- Sharon Hodges: Presented an update concerning the abandoned house near the cemetery. The building has now fallen down, and Sharon inquired about what action is being taken. It was decided to consult the Code Enforcement Officer.
- Terry Neaton: Inquired about the Petersburg Fire District's incorrect tax levy. Supervisor Schaaphok stated that he contacted Rensselaer County, where he was informed that although the bills were wrong, the amounts charged were correct. Therefore, the issue is moot.
- Councilman William Seel: Asked for an update about the Town Hall's internet situation. Recently the Town Clerk has been researching a switch to a wireless connection. A discussion took place pertaining to DSL vs. wireless, and whether or not the Town Hall's service could be combined with the Library. After questioning Sharon Hodges about the Library's procedures, it was decided that the Town Hall would stay on a separate connection from the Library.
- Supervisor Schaaphok announced that on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM there is going to be a joint Town Board Meeting with the Town of Berlin, at the Petersburg Town Hall.

With no further business on motion of Councilman Snyder, seconded by Councilman Seel, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

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Callie Crisp, Town Clerk

