

April 19th, 2010
Public Hearing
Petersburgh Town Board

The Petersburgh Town Board held a Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing those present for or against the approved revisions made to Local Law # 2 of 1993 entitled, 'Governing The Disposition Of Solid Waste In The Town Of Petersburgh' on April 19th, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the Petersburgh Town Hall, 65 Main Street, Petersburgh N.Y. The revisions were presented prior to the Regular Town Board meeting. Notice of the time, place, and date of the hearing was posted online at <http://www.Petersburgh.org> and published in The Eastwick Press. Supervisor Schaaphok opened the hearing to anyone desiring to make comments for or against the changes made.

With no one present to comment, Supervisor Schaaphok closed the hearing at 6:45 PM.

Dog Control Officer Applicants

Also prior to the regular meeting, applications for the position of Dog Control Officer in the Town of Petersburgh were reviewed.

1. Monica McGuinty: Presented her resume to the Town Board. Monica's qualifications include dog boarding, aggressive behavioral training, dog walking and training. She has been a Petersburgh resident for two years, and currently runs a boarding facility from her home. Monica has been involved with a few Dog Control issues in the Town of Petersburgh, and expressed her concern over the lack of enforcement within the Town.
2. Lynne Torello-Burns: Presented her resume to the Town Board. Lynne is the current Dog Control Officer for the Town of Stephentown, and also owns Pondview Country Kennels Inc., the kennel presently used by the Town of Petersburgh. Lynne spoke about her experience as the DCO in Stephentown, and also expressed concern about Petersburgh's DCO situation.

A discussion then took place about Lynne's distance from the Town of Petersburgh, and if that may present a problem responding to dog calls. Lynne reassured the Board that she is almost always reachable, either at the Kennel or on her cell phone. Monica also offered to assist with any emergency calls, being that she lives in Town and could respond quickly. Lynne suggested that the Town consider adopting a Leash Law so that the DCO has the authority to enforce various issues that may occur. Currently the Town's DCO only has the authority to write a ticket for unlicensed dogs. Lynne also brought up the possibility of holding a rabies clinic in the Town of Petersburgh. A preliminary date was set for July 18th at 7:00 PM at the Petersburgh Highway garage. The Board thanked both candidates for submitting their applications.

April 19th, 2010
Regular Meeting
Petersburgh Town Board

The regular meeting of the Petersburgh Town Board was held on April 19th, 2010 at 7:00PM at the Petersburgh Town Hall, 65 Main Street, Petersburgh, New York.

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

Guests: Emily Harrison, Sue Nelsen, Tim Allen, Claudia Kavenagh, Sharon Hodges, Alan Webster, Denise Church, Teresa DeWaal

Press: Alex Brooks

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Schaaphok called the meeting to order at 7:19 PM.

Resolution # 31
Approval of Minutes

On Motion of Councilman Seel the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting March 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.

Resolution # 33
Approval of Minutes

On Motion of Councilwoman Manchester the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting March 15th, 2010, and the special meeting April 5th, 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

- Town Clerk: Presented the resignation and 2010 dog report of Dog Control Officer Steven Harrison to the Board.
- Highway Superintendent: Informed the Board that DEC is requiring the Town to change the setup of the Highway Department's gas tanks. The Town currently has in-ground tanks, and Superintendent Harrison presented a few estimates for the installation of above ground tanks. The Board requested that he obtain specifications from DEC before the project is put out to bid. Superintendent Harrison also reported that a truck was at Zwack's to be repaired.
- Board Member Bill Seel: Spoke about the topic of combining youth programs with the Town of Berlin. It appears that merging the two programs will not save money for either Town. The possibility of using the old Elementary School was brought up, but this may cause travel issues for some residents. It was decided to keep the current program for Petersburg this year, and discuss the potential merge with Berlin during budget time.
- PVMCC: Sue Nelsen presented the monthly report and the spring newsletter to the Board. Sue reported a full agenda at PVMCC. Teen Night with Kason Sauer has gone well, and many other upcoming events have been scheduled. PVMCC is currently looking for additional Board Members.
- Library: Sharon Hodges reported that the Library's plant, bake, and book sale would take place on June 5th. Sharon also reported that the railing was fixed, and a new front door is coming soon.
- Assessor: Craig Surprise asked the Board to consider approving a revaluation for year 2012. He proposed starting inspections on June or July of this year. Mr. Surprise asked the Board to consider the funds that will be required for the next two years, and take this into account during budget time. State aide is available at \$5.00 per parcel. The Board will evaluate this request and possibly adopt a resolution at the next regular meeting.
- Supervisor: Peter Schaaphok presented his monthly report to the Board. It showed receipts \$129,651.36, disbursements \$87,879.93, leaving a balance on hand as of March 15th, 2010 of \$659,211.69. This report is on file in the Town Clerk's office. The Supervisor stated that the web site still requires write-ups from the Rescue Squad and the Fire Department. He also stated that a list of the Local Laws of the Town of Petersburg and the latest Town Board Meeting minutes can now be viewed on the website.
- Board of Assessment Review vacancy: tabled
- CHPHP Insurance Renewal: has been resolved. The Highway crew chose the option with co-pays similar to the current plan.
- Forest Legacy Program: Denise Church spoke about her attendance at the recent informational meeting hosted by DEC about adding the Rensselaer Plateau to New York's Forest Legacy Areas. Mrs. Church stated that no one had clear answers as to what would change if this addition were approved. This seemed to create reluctance to trust the State and commit to the program. Jim Bonesteel, the head of the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance, has offered to come speak with the Town Board in order to provide clarification. The Board decided to defer taking action until more is learned about the program.
- Water District Pump: Supervisor Schaaphok informed the Board of a problem with well #2. The pump has burned out for the second time within a year. This pump serves the Town's largest capacity well, and is located near the reservoir. The problem may have been caused by an incorrect installation from the previous issue; the existing protection was designed for a 10 HP

pump and the current pump is only 5 HP. Supervisor Schaaphok stated his intent to contact Clark Engineering to assess the situation.

- Water District: Supervisor Schaaphok proposed a meeting with the Water District residents to discuss a rate increase. The increase of water rates would allow the Water District to stay self-sufficient. Another topic to be discussed is the question of how to handle removing connections from lots where a house has been destroyed and the lot is no longer legal for new construction. There will be a mailing to residents and a notice in the paper to inform water patrons of the date of the meeting, set for May 10th at 7:00 PM.
- Little Hoosick Watershed Association: Claudia Kavenagh and Tim Allen were present to represent LHWA. They are planning a community volunteer day to help clean up the Little Hoosick River. The LHWA is compiling information on a map to determine the problem areas of the river, and welcomed anyone to point out known issues. Supervisor Schaaphok proposed adding a PDF version of the map to the Town website, to be reviewed and commented on by residents.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

- Alan Webster Jr.: will be running for the Berlin School District Board of Education on May 18th. He spoke about various budget issues within the School District, and his desire to see all 5 Towns come together in financial crisis.
- Teresa DeWaal: addressed the Board in reference to Star Ridge Way. She spoke about the lack of response from the Town concerning the court case. Supervisor Schaaphok stated that the Town Board remains neutral in the matter, and that the issue will be resolved in court.

Resolution #34

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 #4/10 in the following amounts:

General Fund # 55- 71	\$11,869.68
Light District # SL1- SL2	\$ 634.00
Highway Fund # 61-75	\$ 4,204.56
Water District # 16-20	\$ 928.19
Library Fund # 17-24	\$ 4,541.10

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 Manchester	Aye
Councilman Raymond Broadwell	Absent

Supervisor Schaaphok declared the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution # 35
Move into Executive Session

On motion of Councilman Snyder, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the Board moves into Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 9:16 PM. 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 Manchester	Aye
Councilman Raymond Broadwell	Absent

Supervisor Schaaphok declared the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution # 36
Return from Executive Session

On motion of Councilman Snyder, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the Board returns from Executive Session at 9:42 PM. 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 # 37
Dog Control Officer Appointment

On motion of Councilman Snyder the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the Board accepts the resignation of Steven Harrison from the position of Dog Control Officer in the Town of Petersburg, and appoints Lynne Torello-Burns as his replacement. 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 Manchester	Aye
Councilman Raymond Broadwell	Absent

Supervisor Schaaphok declared the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution # 38
Approve Revisions to Local Law # 2 of 1993

On motion of Councilman Seel, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the revisions made to Local Law # 2 of 1993 entitled, 'Governing The Disposition Of Solid Waste In The Town Of Petersburg' are approved. 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.

- Applicants for the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) are under review.
- Board member Bill Seel suggested mailing letters of appreciation to both Randy Harrison, for mowing the Town Park last summer, and Steven Harrison, for his service as DCO.
- Lynne-Torello Burns will be notified of her appointment as DCO.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 PM.

Callie Crisp, Town Clerk