

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF LITTLE FALLS, AUGUST 11, 2015

A regular meeting of the Little Falls Town Board was held on August 11, 2015 at the town hall, commencing at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Present: Supervisor Brian Marhaver
Councilman Allan Beadle
Councilman Kirk Schwasnick
Councilman William Klock
Councilman Eric Gehring

Others Present: Sandra Regan; Town Clerk; Donald Cotton, Highway Superintendent; Attorney Nicholas Macri, Phil Green, Codes Enforcer; Charles Oldick, Town Justice; Town residents Rick Smith and John Vancott.

-Supervisor Marhaver called the meeting to order directing the Clerk to call the roll.

RESOLUTION #54

Minute Approval

On motion of Councilman Beadle, seconded by Councilman Klock, the following resolution was ADOPTED-vote:

Ayes-Supervisor Marhaver; Councilmen Beadle, Schwasnick, Klock, Gehring

RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous month's meeting, as submitted by the clerk, hereby be approved.

-Privilege of the floor was granted to those present.

-Town resident, John VanCott, addressed the board stating that he would like to expand his property and asked if the town would consider selling him 25 feet or so.

The board questioned Mr. VanCott what he needed the extra land for.

Mr. VanCott stated that his new septic system took up much of his land and that the extra footage would allow him to have a bigger driveway and a pool. Mr. VanCott stated that the water from the pool could be used by the town if there was ever a fire.

Supervisor Marhaver questioned if Mr. VanCott had a price in mind. Mr. VanCott responded that he knew the town only paid \$1.00 for the land so he would ask for a fair price.

Attorney Macri stated that, by law, the land would have to be sold at the fair market price and that Mr. VanCott would be responsible for any surveying that would be needed.

Supervisor Marhaver stated that the board would take the request under consideration.

Mr. VanCott thanked the board and left the meeting.

There was no further discussion on this matter.

-There were no further comments from the floor.

-Supervisor Marhaver reported that he has submitted his monthly report for review.

RESOLUTION #55

Supervisor Monthly Report

On motion of Councilman Gehring, seconded by Councilman Schwasnick, the following resolution was ADOPTED-vote:

Ayes-Supervisor Marhaver; Councilmen Beadle, Schwasnick, Klock, Gehring
Noes-0

RESOLVED that the Supervisor's monthly report as submitted, hereby be approved.

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-Supervisor Marhaver Reported that the town has received a funding request from the Adirondack Folk School. Supervisor Marhaver stated that the school offers 200 classes, is a 5 year organization, and is asking for a \$50 to \$500 donation.

It was the consensus of the board that the town is not interested at this time. This matter was closed.

-Supervisor Marhaver stated that the budget process starts now and that he will send out budget requests September 1st.

-Assessor Report:

Supervisor Marhaver reported that the final assessment is complete and he will have it on file in his office.

-Codes Enforcer Report:

Codes Enforcer Green reported:

-That building permits continue to come in.

-That the Reardon case is ongoing.

-That he had LP Services mow some properties and the bill for such has been received.

Supervisor Marhaver stated he will send a letter and the bill to the property owners and that if the bill is not paid, it will be put on the owner's taxes.

-Town Justice Report:

Justice Oldick reported that everything is going well and the court remains busy.

-Planning Board Report:

Clerk Regan reported that no meeting was held this month.

-Health Officer Report:

Supervisor Marhaver stated that the town is still looking for an appointee.

-Dog Control Officer Report: None

-Highway Superintendent Report:

Highway Superintendent Cotton reported that he doesn't have anything to report, that everything is working well.

-Councilman Beadle questioned if there was any information on purchasing a trailer for the highway department.

Highway Superintendent Cotton stated that he hadn't obtained any prices yet. This matter was tabled until next month.

-Town Clerk Report:

Clerk Regan reported that the DEC has again changed the sporting license system and that the system has had nothing but problems. Clerk Regan stated that she receives emails all the time that the system is down. Clerk Regan stated that she has not issued any sporting licenses and doesn't plan on doing so until the DEC gets the system working. If you're in the middle of issuing a license and the system goes down, you've got a problem. Clerk Regan reported that several Clerks have opted out of the system due to the difficulties with the system. Clerk Regan stated that other than it being a courtesy service, the town makes so little money on this, she doesn't feel it's worth the stress you get working with the system.

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Clerk Regan stated that on a \$22.00 hunting license, which is the most popular license, the town makes only \$1.21, and only \$.83 and \$.55 and lower on the others, stating, money wise, it's not worth the aggravation.

Clerk Regan stated that she will continue to work with it, but just wanted the board to be aware of what's going on.

-Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. to audit the bills.

-Meeting resumed at 7:27 p.m.

RESOLUTION #56

Payment of General Bills

On motion of Councilman Gehring, seconded by Councilman Beadle, the following resolution was ADOPTED-vote:

Ayes- Supervisor Marhaver; Councilmen, Beadle, Schwasnick, Klock, Gehring

Noes-0

RESOLVED that the General Bills #81-87 in the amount of \$1,677.16 hereby be paid.

RESOLUTION #57

Payment of Highway Bills

On motion of Councilman Klock, seconded by Councilman Schwasnick, the following resolution was ADOPTED-vote:

Ayes-Supervisor Marhaver; Councilmen Beadle, Schwasnick, Klock, Gehring

Noes-0

RESOLVED that the Highway Bills, #111-117, in the amount of \$6,172.96, hereby be paid.

-The next regular meeting will be held on September 8, 2015 at the town hall.

-Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.- Councilman Klock, Supervisor Marhaver.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Regan, Town Clerk