

Town of Niles
Regular Meeting
Town Board
December 28, 2011
Niles Town Hall

Present: Rickey Slagle, Supervisor
Bernard Juli, Councilman (Absent)
Barbara Eberhardt, Councilwoman
Alberta Darlene Winters, Councilwoman
Clarence Edmonds, Councilman

Others: Karen Porter, Robin Sheehan, Susan Newell, Tamora Severson, Pete Severson, Brody Smith

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Slagle with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and Approval of December 8, 2011 minutes:

There was a request from Supervisor Slagle to amend the submitted minutes with a few minor changes; these changes were approved by members of the Board. A Motion was made by Councilwoman Winters to approve the minutes as corrected; seconded by Councilwoman Eberhardt; unanimously approved.

Open Floor to Public:

Supervisor Slagle opened the floor to the public. There were no replies from those in attendance.

Assessor Report:

The assessor was not present nor was there a report.

Code Enforcement:

A report was submitted by Mr. VeVone and read aloud by Supervisor Slagle. There are currently two garages being built in the Town. Total construction for the Town year to date is \$1,771,097.00 and total fees collected in the amount of \$5,775.00.

Finance:

Mr. Morris reported that the end of the year checks would be processed for payment on Thursday December 29, 2011. Supervisor Slagle reported that mortgage tax and CHIPS checks were received and deposited.

Clerk:

Ms. Newell reported that there was nothing out the ordinary to report in the Clerks department. A report was not available as it is not yet the end of the month.

Highway Report:

Pat Steger indicated he will have the big reports ready for the January meeting. The highway department has been busy preparing for the winter months. He reported it has been a fairly quiet

month. Councilman Edmonds complimented the mowing which was recently completed on the corner of Glen Haven.

Supervisor Slagle inquired regarding the arrival of the plow truck. Mr. Steger indicated he called the salesman today but has not yet heard back.

Councilwoman Eberhardt inquired as to the status of part time workers in the Highway Department. Mr. Steger reported that there are four already lined up and a possible fifth.

Supervisor Slagle reported that there has been less than 40 hours of overtime used to date due to plowing. It has been a mild winter thus far.

Attorney:

Attorney Smith reported that there have been a couple of routine research projects he has been working on and has discussed with Supervisor Slagle. There is nothing new to report back from Attorney Kathleen Weber regarding the settlements; she is still waiting on a response.

Moisture Problem:

Supervisor Slagle presented a recap on the VIP moisture problem and the steps taken year to date to remedy the problem.

Councilwoman Eberhardt recently spoke with Sean from Weeks Engineering. His suggestion was to stop using the radiant heat in the building. He was unsure as to how soon they would be available to access the situation or to offer a price quotation as they are currently very busy.

Supervisor Slagle expressed concern with this suggestion because the radiant heat was an extra amenity which the Town paid an additional fee for.

Councilwoman Eberhardt inquired as to if the bid received from Ventilation USA is certain to remedy the issue.

Supervisor Slagle reported that the proposed solution is unique in that it would be more energy efficient than what the current usage is for the dehumidifier and the over head fans is now.

Councilman Edmonds believes that the proposal would effectively remedy the problem. Mr. Steger is confident as well.

Councilwoman Eberhardt inquired as to the time efficiency of the proposal. There was discussion and it is believed to be a fairly quick process.

A motion was made by Councilman Edmonds to accept the bid from Ventilation USA; seconded by Supervisor Slagle; unanimously approved.

Four Town Contract:

Supervisor Slagle requested permission from the Board to sign the Four Town Contract and to pay for the contract in January. The contract is the same amount as last year with a cost of \$6792.00 and an additional cost of \$2938.61 for the cost incurred by the Village of Moravia to cover the workers compensation for Four Town. The Village of Moravia can not bill other

municipalities for this amount and so it is done through Four Town. This is the reason for the two amounts. A motion was made by Councilwoman Winters to sign the Four Town Contract and to pay it in January; seconded by Councilwoman Eberhardt; unanimously approved.

Scat Van Contract:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Winters to sign and pay the Scat Van Contract in January; seconded by Councilwoman Eberhardt; unanimously approved. The contract is the same cost as last year.

Abstracts:

Motion was made by Councilwoman Eberhardt to pay the abstracts as amended; seconded by Councilwoman Winters; unanimously approved.

Transfers:

Transfers were made as follows:

Town of Niles - End of the year 2011 Budget Transfers

General Fund

From:	A1220.11	Secretary to Super & Book	\$347.50
To:	A1220.12	Clerk Personal Services	\$347.50
From:	A1355.4	Assessors Contractual	\$162.55
To:	A1355.41	Assessors Reval Contract	\$162.55
From:	A1410.1	Town Clerk Personal Serv	\$1,510.00
To:	A1410.11	Deputy Clerk Pers Serv	\$1,510.00
From:	A1990.4	Contingent Account	\$200.00
To:	A1920.4	Municipal Assoc Dues	\$200.00
From:	A8989.1	Bd of Appeals Pers Serv	\$20.00
To:	A8989.11	Clerk Bd of Appeals	\$20.00
From:	A9010.8	State Retirement	\$7,004.59
To:	A9040.8	Workmans Compensation	\$7,004.59
From:	A9060.8	Hos & Medical Ins	\$936.52
To:	A9050.8	State Unemployment Ins	\$936.52

Motion was made by Councilman Edmonds to pay the General Fund Transfers as discussed; seconded by Councilwoman Eberhardt; unanimously approved.

Highway Fund

From:	DA5142.1	Snow Removal Per Serv	\$18,823.26
To:	DA5110.1	Gen Repairs Per Serv	\$18,823.26

From:	DA9060.8	Hos & Medical Ins	\$398.18
To:	DA1990.4	Contingency	\$398.18

Motion was made by Councilwoman Winters to pay the Highway Fund Transfers as discussed; seconded by Councilwoman Eberhardt; unanimously approved.

Garbage Fund

From:	SR8160.4	Garbage Contract	\$846.07
To:	SR8160.41	Fuel Surcharge	\$846.07

Motion was made by Supervisor Slagle to make the garbage fund transfers as discussed; seconded by Councilman Edmonds; unanimously approved.

Liability Insurance:

Motion was made by Councilwoman Winters to purchase liability insurance through Adams and Sons with a five million dollar umbrella; seconded by Supervisor Slagle; unanimously passed.

Other Business:

Councilwoman Winters reported that a Farmers Market will be starting in Niles. There was a recent meeting on the matter. The next meeting for the Committee is on January 9, 2012 in the basement for all those who may be interested in joining.

The Committee is looking for vendors to participate in the Market. Plans are pending on the matter; it has been discussed that the Market would start operating on Saturday's beginning in May. The Market is to take place in the back parking lot at the Town Hall.

Councilwoman Winters requested permission from the Board to pay for the advertising for the Market until such time that it is in operation and has the funds available to pay for its own advertising. The matter was discussed by the Board and tabled for the time being.

The Excellus Medical Insurance has been approved. However, since the Town has so few participating members the dental Coverage was not offered, as a result of the loss of dental coverage by them the Town will now be obtaining dental coverage elsewhere.

Supervisor Slagle provided Councilman Edmonds a detailed list of what projects there are remaining for the renovations of the building.

Councilwoman Eberhardt inquired as to the status on the lighting for the back parking lot. This matter is to be included with the remaining projects needing completion.

The carbon monoxide detectors that were recently purchased for the building have been installed.

The defibrillators that were purchased for the Town are on order.

Pete Severson requested that any local laws be amended or enacted as required so as to allow the use of ATV'S in the Town of Niles. Attorney Smith is to look further into the matter.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilwoman Winters; seconded by Councilwoman Eberhardt; unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Newell