

Town of Niles
Regular Meeting
Town Board
June 9, 2011
Niles Town Hall

Present: Rickey Slagle, Supervisor
Alberta Darlene Winters, Councilwoman
Bernard Juli, Councilman
Barbara Eberhardt, Councilwoman

Others: Bill Sheppard, Fred Eberhardt III, Anna DeWitt, Don DeWitt, Dan Murphy, Dick Coalson, Lee Coalson, Bob Carson (Stadium International), Jay Barnell (Tracey Road Equipment), Diana O'Brien, Kathleen Gorr, Dorothy Gavrielides, Jeri Sabr, Marie Allynking, Mike Gorr, Mary Menapace, John Suxton, Edward Ehinger, Fred Covert, Judy Fenstermacher, Ed Fenstermacher, Donna Taylor, Roger Slater, Jane Kozlosky, Don Kozlosky, Dennis Bell Jr., Tiffany Bell, Bob Matijas, Jim Matijas, Doug Winters, Janet Stinson, Bill Stinson, Bob Martin, Karen Porter, Susan Blakney, Taylor Wayeneth, Jerry VeVone, Dan Stanford, Brody Smith, Johann Drake-DeWitt, Sue Newell, Robin Sheehan

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

Review and Approval of May 12, 2011, minutes:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Eberhardt to approve May 12, 2011, minutes as written; seconded by Councilwoman Winters. Minutes unanimously approved.

Open Floor to the Public:

Dick Coalson addressed the Board with concerns about the configuration of recent assessments on Owasco Lake. Mike Gorr and Mary Menapace addressed the Board with concerns and information about hydrofracking. Several other individuals addressed the Board with additional concerns regarding oil and gas leases and hydrofracking. Karen Porter and Donna Taylor each addressed the Board with concerns about flagging when the Highway Department is working on the roadways. Bill Sheppard addressed the Board with a question regarding whether or not Brian Stoyell was recognized for his work at the Fillmore birth site last year. Brian received a certificate recognizing his accomplishment.

Communications:

Clean-up day at West Niles is June 18th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Tires will NOT be accepted.

Teamster's input is still pending regarding contract negotiations. The current union contract expires at the end of the year.

Youth sign ups for summer recreation and swimming program are Saturday, June 11, 2011, from 9:00-11:00 am and on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Please come and sign up

your children for these programs. If you live in the Town of Niles, you must sign up at the Niles Town Hall.

Census: The total population in the Town of Niles is now 1,194 people; of that 630 are male, 564 are female. The median age is about 46 years for men, slightly higher for women. The older population is not necessarily more women than men.

Assessor's Report:

Grievance Day is now over. Information from the Board of Assessment Review has been submitted to the Cayuga County Office of Real Property. Dan indicates that applications for the basic STAR application can now be accepted up to the time the school tax bills are printed. Supervisor Slagle asked for more information regarding the waterfront tables Mr. Coalson spoke about earlier in the meeting. Supervisor Slagle will forward Mr. Coalson's e-mail to Mr. Stanford so they can discuss it.

Supervisor Slagle asked Mr. Sheppard about the Board of Assessment Review. Mr. Sheppard indicated that they are now finished.

Code Enforcement:

Jerry VeVone indicated that we have a total of 11 permits, with a total of \$759,022.00 and fees of \$1,925.00. Two new houses are going up presently and two more will be going up soon.

Highway Report:

Pat Steger was not present. Pat has been at Highway School this past week. Doug Winters reported as Deputy Highway Superintendent. The Highway Department has been working on ditching on DeWitt Road and hauling gravel to various areas on some of the dirt roads. Grader patch was also applied to Carver Road and Bear Swamp Road. The issue of having a flag person was discussed. Several comments were made about manpower and the need for part-time employees.

The matter of the truck purchase was tabled for another month so that the Board could obtain more information. Representatives from Stadium International and Tracey Road Equipment addressed the Board.

Councilwoman Eberhardt asked about the sale of scrap metal from clean-up days. Supervisor Slagle will discuss this matter with Highway Superintendent Steger.

Finance:

Charlie Mellor has resigned as Bookkeeper as of May 13. Supervisor Slagle and Glenn Porter are still working on the Annual Update Document. John Morris was previously interviewed for the Bookkeeper position.

A Motion was made by Councilman Juli to appoint John Morris as Bookkeeper and Personal Secretary to the Supervisor; seconded by Councilwoman Eberhardt. Motion was unanimously passed.

Clerk:

Clerk's fees and revenues collected were discussed.

Attorney:

Brody Smith provided the Board with two versions of the proposed Non-Conforming Lot Law to consider. The two versions were reviewed and discussed. Bob Martin advised the Board of the Planning Board's position on this law.

We did have a Public Hearing on the local law last month. This matter has been in final form since last meeting.

Supervisor Slagle made a motion that we enact Local Law #3 for 2011 for the Town of Niles (the second draft version); seconded by Councilman Juli. Roll call vote: Eberhardt, aye; Slagle, aye; Juli, aye; Winters, aye. Motion unanimously passed.

The Highway Use Draft Legislation was tabled until after the meeting in Binghamton.

Budget Transfers: Figures were discussed for amounts to be transferred between accounts.

Supervisor Slagle made a motion to approve budget transfers as communicated; seconded by Councilman Juli. Motion unanimously passed.

Supervisor's Report:

Figures as of May 31, 2011, were reviewed.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Eberhardt to approve the Supervisor's Report; seconded by Councilman Juli. Motion unanimously passed.

Vehicle Maintenance Facility Moisture:

Supervisor Slagle indicated that Highway Superintendent Pat Steger discussed this matter with the Town of Barker and it turns out their situation is much more involved than ours. We are now in the process of scheduling a meeting with VIP.

Abstracts:

A summary of abstracts were presented.

Abstract #148 - #186	\$ 56,813.79
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A Motion was made by Supervisor Slagle to pay the abstracts as presented with the addition of an invoice from Bond, Schoeneck & King in the amount of \$1,171.40; seconded by Councilman Juli. Motion unanimously passed.

Executive Session:

A Motion was made by Supervisor Slagle to go into executive session; seconded by Councilwoman Eberhardt. Motion unanimously passed.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Eberhardt to end executive session and return to regular session; seconded by Councilman Juli. Motion unanimously passed.

Clerk's Position:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Eberhardt to appoint Susan Newell as Town Clerk for the remainder of Christine Nolte's term through the end of this year with a training period of 90 days, during which period she will be paid the sum of \$11.00 per hour. At the end of the 90-day training period, the hours and salary will be evaluated; seconded by Councilman Juli. Motion unanimously passed.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Winters; seconded by Supervisor Slagle. Motion unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Sheehan