

Public Hearing
And Regular Meeting
Niles Town Board
November 5th, 2009

Present: Rick Slagle, Supervisor
Bernard Juli, Councilman
Glenn Porter, Councilman
Alberta Winters, Councilwoman
Clarence Edmonds, Councilman

Others: Roger Slater, John Nolte, Planning Board, Barb Eberhardt, Planning Board, Fred Eberhardt, Rich Winters, Justice, Fred Covert, Jason Cuddeback, Thomas Bolak, We Care, Al Dougherty, Andy Fusco, Town Attorney, Charlie Mellor, Assessor Clerk, Ron Rybak, Board of Appeals, Kathleen Barran, The Citizen, Steve Morgan, Dependable, Karen Porter, Youth Rep., and Bill Sheppard.

Supervisor Slagle opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:00pm.

Public Hearing: Budget

Supervisor Slagle presented the Budget and explained that the General Fund is up by \$60,954 or 8.2%. The Highway Fund is down by \$1,026 or 0.2% because of Workman's Compensation costs were transferred to the General Fund. The Garbage Fund is down \$64,097 or 31.9%. He also stated that there will be no raise in Town property tax.

Supervisor Slagle recognized Mr. Dougherty and gave him the floor to ask his budget questions. Mr. Dougherty questioned the raises proposed under General Government Support: Supervisor. Mr. Dougherty was specifically interested in a Personal Services raise to \$2,500.00 from \$0.00. Supervisor Slagle and Councilwoman Winters explained that Mr. Mellor is being hired to help Mr. Porter (Bookkeeper) in the event he needs time off or wants vacation time. There may also be a need for new or upgraded computer services.

A motion was made by Supervisor Slagle and seconded by Councilman Juli to add \$100.00 to Programs for the Aging: Recreation: Bus Trips.

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

A motion was made by Supervisor Slagle and seconded by Councilman Juli to close the Public Hearing: Budget at 7:17pm.

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

Regular Meeting

Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Juli and seconded by Councilman Edmonds to accept the minutes of October 1, 2009 as corrected. (Grammatical errors).

Garbage Situation

- Billing problems still persist
- Casella General Manager is working to resolve them

2010 Garbage Contract

- Discussions with both apparent low bidders.
- Both will provide containers where necessary.
- Both will pick up Private Roads at a cost to residents.
- Experience and references were read to the meeting attendees. All responses from the Town's requests for references were Pleased with service from both Dependable and We Care.
- Both dump at Auburn Landfill.
- Dependable bid: \$136,248.48 assuming Surcharge for Fuel > \$5/gal
- We Care bid: \$136,675.00
- These are both 1 year bids with options for three years.

A motion was made by Councilman Juli and seconded by Councilwoman Winters to give the 2010 Garbage Contract to Dependable.

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

Department Reports

- **Assessor** Mr. Stanford was not present but submitted a written report. Mr. Mellor (Clerk) has almost completed the picture update. The County is running Exemption renewals and should be done before the end of the month. Mr. Stanford has contacted NYS ORPS and let them know we will soon be ready for the revaluation of the Town. Mr. Stanford suggests that the Town should try to get an agreement with the Schools and the County to cover costs of revaluation litigation etc.. Mr. Stanford asks the Town to consider putting together an Assessment Advisory Committee.
- **Code Enforcement** Mr. VeVone was not present but submitted a written report. From September 1, 2009 to November 3, 2009 6 Building Permits have been issued for various projects. The valuation of these 6 projects is \$153,200.00 and the amount for the Building Permits was \$675.00.
- **Town Clerk** Ms. Nolte reported that there are 2 Hand Sanitizer dispensers in the Town Hall building. One is located outside the Clerk's window and the other is in the Clerk's office.

- **Highway Superintendent** Mr. Steger received the new Town Pick-up on November 4th, 2009. The Driveway to the new Town Barn has recently been paved. The Department received salt and sand on November 5th, 2009 in preparation for the winter. Mr. Steger reported that at this time the Town is plowing about 5 miles of County road and the County is doing about 5 miles of Town road but there is nothing in writing. He feels we should have a contract with the County.
- **Attorney** Mr. Fusco reports that the Cold War Exemption has been finalized. Mr. Slagle has asked for an update of the Town Code Books and Mr. Fusco will get information needed for the update to the Town Clerk.

October 31, 2009 Account Balance

- General Fund: \$1,537,801.61 will be approximately \$1.7 million when sales tax payment is added.

Ancient Town Barn

- Asbestos Abatement Assessment is complete
- NO ASBESTOS!!!
- Structural Analysis complete
- Next step – Recommendations

Comprehensive Plan

- Link on Website
- Information Sessions Nov 10 at New Hope and Nov 14 at West Niles
- Public Hearing December 3rd, 2009
- Board action

Abstracts

- General Fund #291 – 324 \$7,968.06
- Highway Fund #257 – 277 \$103,169.28
- Garbage Fund #011 - \$15,125.00

A motion was made by Councilman Juli and seconded by Councilman Porter to pay the abstracts.

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

Fund Transfers

- From Capital Highway H2-9950.9 \$34,879.37
- To Interfund Transfer DA5031
- To Machinery Equipment DA5130.2

A motion was made by Councilman Porter and seconded by Supervisor Slagle to make the aforementioned transfers.

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

Other Business

Councilwoman Winters asks that Newsletter Submissions get to her as soon as possible.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Supervisor Slagle and seconded by Councilman Juli to go into executive session at 7:50pm to discuss personnel matters.

Motion passed by a unanimous yes vote.

Regular session

A motion was made by Councilman Juli and seconded by Councilwoman Winters to return to regular session at 8:15pm.

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Juli and seconded by Councilman Edmonds to adopt the Budget as amended.

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilman Juli and seconded by Councilwoman Winters to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm.

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine L. Nolte