

**TOWN OF OAKFIELD
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Supervisor Dodd, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Present: Supervisor Dodd, Councilmen Veazey, Day and Kabel, Tom Smith, Superintendent Dennis, Justice Graham, Town Clerk Haacke, Historian Kruppenbacher

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Officer Smith stated that on August 13, 2009 the Capwell property was torn down; Office Smith wanted clarification on the clean up. The Board stated that Mr. Capwell has 30 days from the date of demolition to remove the rubble from his property. It was also reminded that if the debris is still on the property by the end of the weekend, the Town will have it hauled away at Mr. Capwell's expense.

Office Smith also stated that he received a call from Town Attorney Kevin Earl regarding the letter from the Fox Road resident's attorney Mark Bolan. Mr. Earl stated that there was no reason to respond to the letter since items stated in the letter to review to violations are wrong. Currently, there are no violations on the books for Mr. Dilcher. If Mr. Dilcher has built more than one acre of roadway on the property, he would have to deal the DEC, not the Town since this is not a part of the Town Zoning Laws.

There is a new house on Church Street that is about to start construction as well as a new home on East Shelby Road; currently waiting on septic system reports.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Roadside mowing has been done for the second time.

Buildings & Grounds—Superintendent Dennis is still working on the door quote; not a lot of businesses locally deal with municipal codes.

Cemeteries— are still being mowed & weeded.

At this time Superintendent Dennis proposed the purchase of new lawn mower to the Board. They are usually replaced every 3 years, which would have meant purchasing in 2010. Currently Superintendent Dennis has money to purchase one new mower now, with the monies coming from A8810.4 and A8810.2 this equaling \$2500. The remaining \$500 would be paid out of contingency.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Day, seconded by Councilman Veazey and carried by unanimous vote to approve the request to purchase a new mower.

Parks—the paving is on schedule

Job Corps is ready to go as soon as pavilion is delivered

Superintendent Dennis is going to contact the paper to let them know what is happening with the project.

The Job Corps stated they would be willing to do more jobs.

Equipment—everything is running ok.

Superintendent Dennis spoke with Tom Carpenter from Clark Patterson regarding Water District No. 2 layout for the water lines. There is no word if the drawings are complete.

Superintendent Dennis also stated that he attended a pre-construction meeting regarding the Farnsworth Avenue project; the Village has decided to hold off until the spring. The engineering firm assured the Mayor and all who were in attendance that there would be no price increase for waiting. The project is scheduled to start March 1, 2010 and take approximately 90 days.

DOT—Supervisor Dodd received a phone call from the DOT regarding a 3 million dollar grant application for the South Pearl Street Road project. The project was originally turned down by Senator Hillabrand; the grand has now been forwarded to the DOT for stimulus money and is in their pipeline. Councilman Veazey stated that now may be the time to get the ball rolling on a sewer district. Supervisor Dodd asked the Board for permission from the Board to start the formal formation of Water District 1 and along with it, restart the sewer district.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Veazey, seconded by Councilman Day and carried by unanimous vote to have Supervisor Dodd formally start the formation of Water District 1 along with Sewer District 1.

A roll call vote went as follows:

Supervisor Dodd	Aye	Councilman Veazey	Aye
Councilman Day	Aye	Councilman Kabel	Aye

Passed (4-0)

TOWN CLERK

Minutes: The minutes of August 11, 2009 were approved. A **motion** was made by Councilman Veazey, seconded by Councilman Day and carried by unanimous vote.

Bills: The following bills were submitted for approval:

General	228-250	\$8,344.38
Highway DA	96-105	6,885.03
Highway DB	25-28	20,108.48
	TOTAL	\$35,337.89

A **motion** was made by Councilman Kabel, seconded by Councilman Veazey and carried by unanimous vote to pay the bills.

Town Clerk Haacke reported that a bill was received from Clark Patterson Lee, the Town Engineering Firm; for review of the SEQR and Site Plans for the Fox Road RV Park. A copy of the bill was sent to Mr. Dilcher requesting payment, but money has yet to be received.

Town Clerk Haacke once again revisited the subject of the Dog Enumeration. It was discovered that since the Town is the issuing agency of Dog Licenses for both the Town and Village, it is up to the Town Clerk to hire Enumerator's. The Board agreed that we had to redo the previous Enumeration since the Village Dog Control Office did not complete the task therefore voiding the entire enumeration. Another enumeration will be conducted in the spring of 2010.

The Clerk also requested the use of the Town building every other Wednesday night starting September 23, 2009 to conduct a Girl Scout Daisy Troop. The Board approved the request. A **motion** was made by Councilman Veazey, seconded by Councilman Day and carried by unanimous vote.

SUPERVISOR

The Supervisor's report was available for review.

Supervisor Dodd updated the Board regarding the meeting with the Town of Alabama on their plan for water; Supervisor Dodd, Mayor Patecki and several members of their teams attending the meeting as well. The Town of Alabama's engineers stated that it was advantageous to go through the swamps and Niagara County for their water; the Town and Village disagree since for Alabama to connect to the Oakfield system you're only talking about a few feet of line.

Supervisor Dodd also stated to the Board that he had received a letter from the newest resident's of Fox Road. The new resident's wrote about their disappointment in finding out about the RV Park after they made the home purchase. The couple stated that had they known prior to purchase they probably wouldn't have bought the home.

TOWN JUSTICE

The Bench Course for new judges will be held after the election in November and again in December; they will be held in Syracuse, New York.

Justice Graham will be gone October 19-21 to the NYS Magistrates Conference.

A jury trial will be held at the Town Court on November 4th & 5th.

At this time Supervisor Dodd spoke of the possible shared court facilities with the Towns of Batavia, Elba and Oakfield. Supervisor Dodd stated that he and Deputy Supervisor Veazey would set up a meeting with the other two towns for preliminary discussions. To this Justice Graham stated that the Town just needs to go with the flow. The Town of Batavia is in the process of purchasing the land; with half of the building being allotted to the Chamber of Commerce. There are still many issues that need to be worked out Justice Graham stated. Justice Graham also stated that all three towns need to preplan for next year's JCAP grant applications.

At 7:45 pm Michele Graham, President of the Haxton Memorial Library arrived to inform the Town Board that Jennifer Magee has resigned her position as Librarian. Mrs. Graham asked Alan Dennis in his position as Head of Buildings and Grounds to please have the locks changed the next day. Mrs. Graham also stated that NIOGA wanted a decision on the replacement doors. After a brief discussion it was decided to go ahead with the new doors. The Town's portion of the money will be paid from A1990.4 in the amount of \$4,313.00. A **motion** was made by Councilman Veazey, seconded by Councilman Kabel and carried by unanimous vote to go ahead with the matching grant for the doors.

A roll call vote went as follows:

Supervisor Dodd	Aye	Councilman Day	Aye
Councilman Veazey	Aye	Councilman Kabel	Aye

Passed (4-0)

PARK EXPANSION

Highway Superintendent Dennis had a young man who is working toward his Eagle Scout Badge ask if he could build park benches for the Town Park. The materials will cost approximately \$500.

The Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the Park Expansion/Halloween Party is coming along.

WATER DISTRICTS 2 & 3

The Town is waiting on the final specs for Water District 2, once in the Town can bid out the job.

The Wet Land survey for Water District 2 was presented to approve the process. A **motion** was made by Councilman Veazey, seconded by Councilman Kabel and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Wet Land survey process.

Water District 3—two potential cost analysis were presented to the Board for informational purposes at this time. One proposal included the Fox Road RV Camp, the other did not.

The cost proposal from Stuart Brown and Associates was presented to the Board. The proposal presented a cost of \$3,000.00 to move forward with preliminary paperwork on Water District 3. A **motion** was made by Councilman Veazey, seconded by Councilman Kabel and carried by unanimous vote to move forward with the proposal.

MERCY FLIGHT CONTRACT

Supervisor Dodd wanted the Board to revisit the decision made last month not to sign the contract with Mercy Flight for ambulance service. This decision was based on advice of Attorney Kevin Earl; who wanted to make some additions to the contract. Supervisor Dodd stated it was prudent that they revisit this with the changes that Attorney Earl made to the contract. A brief discussion followed and it was decided that Attorney Kevin Earl make the revisions, and then present the contract to the Town Board again. A **motion** was made by Councilman Veazey, seconded by Councilman Day and carried by unanimous vote to have Mercy Flight approve the addendum, then present the revised contract to the board for approval.

A roll call vote went as follows:

Supervisor Dodd	Aye	Councilman Veazey	Aye
Councilman Day	Aye	Councilman Kabel	Aye

Passed (4-0)

Supervisor Dodd also stated that he would be setting a time for a Budget Workshop with Tom Baldwin.

Highway Superintendent Dennis also stated that the old loader was sold on an on line auction and the Town received a check for \$42,250.00.

With no further business to come before the Board, a **motion** was made by Councilman Veazey, seconded by Councilman Kabel and carried by unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa M. Haacke
Town Clerk