

TOWN OF OAKFIELD

BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2010

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

PRESENT: Supervisor Dodd, Councilpersons Glor, Veazey, Kabel and Cianfrini, Superintendent of Highways Dennis, Town Clerk Haacke, and Historian Kruppenbacher.

Supervisor Dodd allowed Barbara Falker Crandall to address the Board regarding a letter she wrote dated November 24, 2009 in which she voiced her concerns about the Compressor Station.

Mrs. Crandall stated the following to the Board:

- There has been nothing but problems since the Compressor Station has been there; stating how it is run, the building itself, the land and the laneways.
- There is speeding in the laneway
- The lights are so bright that she has had to put additional material on certain windows of her home.
- When snowplowing, the North laneway is blocked, and they can't get around
- Markers where laneways go in for access points are packed with snow.
- Limited or no access to their fields
- Fields are flooding; Mrs. Crandall states that workers at the Compressor Station have pumped water onto her land.
- Very strong smell and noise when blowing off gas.

Supervisor Dodd asked which laneway Mrs. Crandall was referring to, if it was the driveway leading up to the Compressor Station. Mrs. Crandall stated it was.

Councilman Cianfrini asked if she had a filed right away. Mrs. Crandall stated yes, however it is with her attorney.

Supervisor Dodd stated that the Town has no authority regarding the smell from the gas blow off. He recommended she contact the Genesee County Health Department or NYS Division of Utilities. Supervisor Dodd also stated that he will again check with Zoning/Code Officer Smith, but if the Compressor Station is not breaking any Town laws, then there is little that can be done.

Mrs. Crandall was asked to provide a copy of any written agreements she may have with the Compressor Station. Supervisor Dodd wants to review the documents, along with the Town Board, Zoning/Code Officer Smith and the Town Attorney before he calls anyone at the Gas Company.

Councilman Cianfrini also stated that if in the agreement there was a mention of burms being added, we can compare the site plan with what was actually done.

The next item Supervisor Dodd addressed was the Fox Creek RV Camp. Supervisor Dodd stated that there would be no discussion on this since Mr. Dilcher has removed his application at this time. Supervisor Dodd explained that since the County Planning Board has nothing to act upon neither does the Town Planning Board.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Roadways: Working to remove snow and ice on the roads. There are minor signs of wintertime flexing of roadways.

Buildings & Grounds: The new front door has been installed at the Town Building, still awaiting completion of threshold and weather stripping.

Parks: The Park is being actively used for sledding and hockey. The parking lots are being plowed if time allows.

Equipment: All equipment is in working order.

Library: Everything is good.

CHIPS: Superintendent Dennis will be in Albany March 9th & 10th for CHIPS Lobbying. Highway Superintendents are worried about the budget; since the Governor has proposed the same amount of money as last year, they are worried it could be cut. Superintendent Dennis stressed that CHIPS money does not come from taxes, it is a bonding from the NYS Thruway tolls.

Superintendent Dennis reminded the Board that Steve Hawley has his Local Government Trip available again this year in May. Please let him or the Town Clerk know if you wish to attend as soon as possible. Supervisor Dodd recommends that the 3 newest Councilpersons at least attend.

Superintendent Dennis will be at Highway School June 6th-9th of this year.

TOWN CLERK

Bills: The following bills were submitted for approval:

General	30-60	\$9,410.29
Part Town B	1-2	6,159.04
Highway DA	9-23	8,679.50
Highway DB	4-7	1,009.23
Youth Rec	1-2	1,700.00
	TOTAL	\$26,958.06

A **motion** was made by Councilperson Glor, seconded by Councilman Veazey and carried by unanimous vote to approve the bills as submitted.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 12, 2010 meeting were approved. A **motion** was made by Councilman Veazey, seconded by Councilman Kabel and carried by unanimous vote to approve the minutes with the change that the Library will receive the second installment of money in May instead of July.

A draft of the rental agreement to rent the Pavilion at the Town Park was presented to the Board. Supervisor Dodd would like item #2 on page 2 to be only one fee. Supervisor Dodd feels a non-refundable administrative fee of \$25 would be sufficient. It was also discussed that item #17 be removed from the contract. Since Councilman Cianfrini did not receive a copy of this document prior to the meeting, this matter was tabled until the regular March Board meeting.

Town Clerk Haacke asked the Board if they would allow her to form a committee to hold some type of Labor Day celebration in the Town Park. The non-profit organizations would be invited to set up stands or booths to take in money for their own organizations. Mrs. Haacke stated that if a vendor approached the committee to participate, they would not be turned away, but the non-profits are the ones that have the most to lose.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Veazey, seconded by Councilman Cianfrini and carried by unanimous vote to allow Town Clerk to form a committee to see if this would be feasible.

SUPERVISOR

Last Thursday Supervisor Dodd, Superintendent Dennis, the Engineers, Mayor and a Trustee from the Village met with officials from the Town of Alabama. It was agreed that the Water Tower will be constructed at Five Corners. The Village of Oakfield and the Town of Alabama will not file for grant together, but will work together to get this Water Tower in place. The ball is now in the Village's court to get this job done. It looks as if the Village DPW will maintain this Water District.

Supervisor Dodd also stated that the money to proceed with Water District #2 should be coming by the end of the month. Once we get notice from Rural Development of final approval, this can be put to bid for the BOND. The first step once approved is to call Municipal Solutions.

GAM

Councilperson Glor reported that there were two speakers at GAM, one from Blue Springs Energy regarding savings that can be had with lighting, the other was a representative from NYSERTA for Smart Energy. The NYSERTA representative told of how residents can get an energy audit, rebates, and new

construction program. Trustee Melissa Cianfrini of the Village is setting up a date and time for this representative to present to the community.

Councilperson Glor also stated that other Municipalities are contacting the DEC to rescind the Open Burn Law; Town Clerk Haacke is to send a sample resolution to the Councilpersons so that it may be acted upon at the next Board meeting.

DONATION OF LAND FROM VILLAGE

The Mayor had contact Supervisor Dodd stating that the Village would like to either donate or sell for \$1.00 land in the Town Park which the Village owns. Assessor Flansburg left a packet showing that there are in fact two parcels and he outlined the approximate boundaries. According to Supervisor Dodd, the Mayor has now responded with "what do we want?" To that Supervisor Dodd stated that it should be what the Village wants to give. After a discussion the follow motion was presented:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Veazey, seconded by Councilperson Glor and carried by unanimous vote to accept any land the Village wishes to donate and offer any easements; the Town would appreciate access to Mill Street.

JUSTICE AUDIT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Oakfield is required to conduct an annual Judicial Audit, the Audit Committee, consisting of Councilman Veazey and Councilman Cianfrini conducted the Audit on February 6, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Audit as been accepted by the Town Board of the Town of Oakfield and permanently been filed with the Town Clerk.

DATED: February 9, 2010
MOVED BY: Councilman Kabel
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Glor

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 the meeting at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa M. Haacke
Town Clerk