

February 12, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held February 12, 2007 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall. All Board members were in attendance as well as Hwy. Supt Ballard, Assessor Cammer, and 15 residents.

The Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved on motion of Gene Cronk, second by David Thorington. Unanimous.

Sealed bids were advertised and opened Feb. 12, 2007 at 2:00pm at the Town Hall for the sale of three pieces of equipment. A total of 6 bids were received and were as follows:

| <b>Bidder:</b>         | <b>1991 John</b>    | <b>1991 Ford</b> | <b>1972 Ford</b> |
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|                        | <b>Deere Loader</b> | <b>F350</b>      | <b>Truck</b>     |
| Ronald Ballard         |                     | \$150.00         | \$300.00         |
| A. Montano Co. Inc.    | \$22,501.00         |                  |                  |
| Hazelton Equipment Co. | \$24,296.00         |                  |                  |
| Joseph Albano          |                     |                  | \$582.50         |
| Earl Krom              |                     | \$105.00         |                  |
| Roy Teitsworth Inc.    | \$22,556.00         |                  |                  |

On motion of David Thorington, second by Allen Hinkley, the bids were awarded to the high bidders as follows: 1991 John Deere Loader to Hazelton Equip. Co. at \$24,296; 1991 Ford F350 to Ronald Ballard at \$150.00; 1972 Ford Truck to Joseph Albano at \$582.50. Unanimous.

Highway Supt. Ballard reported that crews have undergone hearing tests and that they are ready for snow. Ballard also discussed a proposal from Kurt Flachs Plumbing & Heating on a water filtration system for the new highway garage at a cost of \$1,400. Councilman Cronk suggested trying regular cartridge filters first.

On motion of Gene Cronk, second by Edward Raeder, the Board agreed to use regular water filter cartridges first at the new highway garage before making a decision on a more sophisticated water filter system. Unanimous.

On motion of Gene Cronk, second by David Thorington, the Board authorized the Town Clerk to advertise sealed bids for 2007 highway fuels. Said bids shall be due and opened March 12, 2007 at 2:00 pm at the Town Hall. Unanimous. (see attached)

On motion of Allen Hinkley, second by David Thorington, the Town Clerk to advertise sealed bids for 2007 material hauling. Said bids shall be due and opened March 12, 2007 at 2:15 pm at the Town Hall. Unanimous. (see attached)

A resolution was offered by Allen Hinkley, second by David Thorington, stating:

“The Town Board authorizes the issuance of \$164,083 bonds of the Town of Roxbury, Delaware County, New York, to pay the cost of the purchase of a 2008 International Dump Truck with plow and sander in and for said Town. Said bonds shall be for a period of 5 years.” Unanimous. (see attached)

Roxbury Sewer Lateral reimbursement letters have been mailed out to owners who installed their laterals by December 31, 2006. Reimbursements are anticipated to be \$5 per lineal foot, however, there have been some discrepancies in the Town’s footage and the actual footage.

The Denver Sewer plant has received a satisfactory rating for a February inspection conducted by NYSDEC.

Councilman Raeder questioned frequency of hydrant flushing on Cronk Lane after receiving complaints from residents on water quality. It was stated that the hydrants there are flushed at least once per month but the Water Supt. will be contacted.

New floor tiles are to be laid in the Civic Center kitchen soon causing the Sr. Meals to be closed for approximately one week.

The valve on the Transfer Station compactor is expected to be replaced soon.

Peg Ellsworth, Community Resource Director, was absent but has left a written report on her department for the Board.

On motion of Allen Hinkley, second by Gene Cronk, the Board approved the use of Good Neighbor Funds (GNF) in the amount of \$25,000 to pay the costs of some Kirkside Park barn renovation work. Said use shall be on approval of NYC DEP and said funds shall be reimbursed to GNF once grant funds are received. Unanimous.

Joseph Castiglione of Young & Sommer was present to discuss the proposed local law amending previous Building Code laws.

On motion of Gene Cronk, second by Allen Hinkley, the Board adopted a resolution calling for a Public Hearing on the adoption of a local law providing for the administration and enforcement of the updated NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Said Public Hearing shall be held on March 12, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. Unanimous. (See attached)

Building Inspector William Walcutt questioned what could be done about outside wood burners causing complaints and concerns from residents. The Board tabled the matter for a later date.

Charles Tolly presented the Board with a calendar of wind turbines.

On motion of Allen Hinkley, second by Gene Cronk, the Board clarified that the sale of the 4 bay garage building at 27 Depot St, Tax Map #179.1-1-2.21, is being sold to James Bouton and not John Bolger. Unanimous.

On motion of Gene Cronk, second by Allen Hinkley, the Board agreed to pay for one half of the cost of a survey on the 4 bay garage property located at 27 Depot St., Tax Map #179.1-1-2.21. Unanimous.

A notice has been advertised calling for applications to fill a vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review. Applications are available at the Town Clerk's Office and must be received at the Town Clerk's Office by 4:30 pm on March 1, 2007.

Supv. Hynes stated that the lease with Catskill Revitalization Corp. (CRC) for the icehouse building on Depot St. has been executed. A letter has also been received from CRC regarding issues that the Board has had on renovations done on the building.

On motion of Edward Raeder, second by David Thorington, the Board approved a survey to be done on the newly acquired parking lot property, Tax Map #157.3-1-53.2. Unanimous.

On motion of Gene Cronk, second by David Thorington, the Board approved the destruction of certain Town records per SARA Retention and Destruction regulations. Unanimous. (see attached)

On motion of Edward Raeder, second by Gene Cronk, the Board approved the appointment of Julie Eso as Assessor Clerk #2 at \$10.00/hour. Unanimous.

A letter was received from Dennis Marsh supporting wind turbines.

An invitation has been received from Roxbury Arts Group (RAG) to attend a grant award program on March 11 at 2:00 pm. Locally awarded grantees include the Library and Writers in the Mountain.

A letter was received from Senator Bonacic supporting the Town's HUD application.

Western Catskills Community Revitalization Corp. Inc., (WCCRC) has sent letters to Roxbury Sewer owners who have still not hooked up to the sewer to offer funding assistance if eligible.

A letter was received from Delaware County Youth Bureau stating that the Summer Youth Program has been approved for \$1,862 for 2007.

A letter was received from Delaware County Historical Association thanking the Town for its continued support of the organization.

A card was received from the Bouton family thanking the Town for funeral flowers.

Congresswoman Kirsten Gillibrand met with the Delaware County Board of Supervisors to discuss area flooding and other NYCDEP issues.

Supv. Hynes and Assessor Cammer attended a meeting in Bovina with NYS Office of Real Property Services to discuss various issues. Cammer stated that she is working on exemption papers for the March 1 deadline, has been assisted greatly by Tammy Schaafe for a period of time to be used towards her community service, discussed the Aged Exemption for seniors, and has begun EQ rate issues with the State.

Discussion took place on the Volunteer Fire Exemption. Delaware County has not adopted the exemption yet. Assessor Cammer stated that, with current tax rates, the exemption would not amount to a great deal for eligible persons and further stated that the volunteer fireman exemption on their income tax would be a greater amount.

Cammer conducted a presentation on equalization rates – how they are determined and the affect on taxes. A question and answer period was held afterwards.

Atty. Joseph Castiglione stated that there is no news yet on the Cal Grant fence issue, however, a survey is to be done on the road.

Councilman Cronk requested that the Town's horse carriage not be allowed to park on the veteran memorial property in the square.

Discussion took place on the bills. On motion of David Thorington, second by Edward Raeder, the Board directed the Town Clerk to remove General Fund Voucher #54, Del-Sports, \$450.00 from the abstract and hold payment until further notice from the Board. Unanimous.

On motion of David Thorington, second by Edward Raeder, the bills were audited and after removing General Fund #54, \$450.00, were approved for payment in the following amounts:

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| General #18-77      | \$119,137.89 | Special Lights #1-2        | \$4,590.08 |
| Highway #14-52      | \$187,111.96 | Capital Projects           |            |
| Roxbury Water #3-14 | \$4,035.24   | Highway Garage #9-10       | \$2,071.63 |
| GG Water #3-15      | \$3,397.48   | Main St. Proj. #11         | \$30.67    |
| Denver Water #3-13  | \$3,611.41   | Kirk Park Const #12-12A    | 6,407.50   |
| Denver Sewer #6-18  | \$28,191.23  | Kirk Park Nonconstr #13-30 | \$9,017.09 |
| Roxbury Sewer #7-14 | \$53,424.74  |                            |            |

Unanimous.

On motion of Gene Cronk, second by David Thorington, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

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Thomas S. Hynes, Supervisor  
 Gene Cronk, Councilman  
 Edward Raeder, Councilman  
 Allen Hinkley, Councilman  
 David Thorington, Councilman

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 Diane Pickett, Town Clerk