

February 13, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held February 13, 2006 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall. All Board members were in attendance as well as 11 residents. Atty. Young & Highway Supt. Ballard were absent.

Tom Evans of the Delaware County Planning Dept. was present to discuss their assistance given to the Town in 2005 and current and future work for 2006. Items included subdivisions, Source Water Protection Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan, Stream Corridor Stewardship, Conservation Easements, and NYC DEP land acquisitions where he stated he feels that the Town and County Planning Depts. adequately review NYC DEP purchase information. Evans also discussed the County GIS website, www.giswebhost.org/de/, the Hamlet Designation re-evaluation due this year, and NYC DEP opening up more lands to public use.

Kim Cammer, Assessor, stated that her department is working on all exemptions and information for taxable status date of March 1, she is continuing to take required courses, and will be on vacation next week. Cammer reminded those present that all exemptions are due March 1.

Peg Ellsworth updated the Board on grant application and project status, discussed the business owner marketing, Town website, summer programs, Ballard historical collection, cemetery documentation project and requested that Anthony Liberatore be appointed co-historian for the Town to receive one half of the funds budgeted for that position. Ellsworth also discussed the problems with unshoveled sidewalks along hamlet main streets and offered to send mailings to homeowners in those areas, stated that a new computer and printer have been purchased for the department and will check into the tree replacement work on Main Street Roxbury.

William Walcutt, Building Inspector/Clerk of the Works stated that the septic system has been installed at the new highway garage, heat is in operation, there will be a punch list walk thru at the end of the month and discussed looking for another contractor to install the panels. Walcutt also presented the Board with a 2005 Building Permit report.

Supv. Hynes stated that William Walcutt has requested to go on the Town's Health insurance at his own expense. The request has been forwarded to the Personnel Committee.

Edward Dalski stated that the pot holes on Plattekill Rd. have not been repaired and are worse and that the entire road is in poor condition. The matter will be discussed with Highway Supt. Ballard. Supv. Hynes stated that, because of the winter weather, all roads are in bad shape here as well other Towns.

Supv. Hynes has been contacted by Ted Latta of Cronk Lane expressing concerns with a fence not properly reset on his property due to stormwater work done in 2005. Cowan Excavating will be notified of the matter.

The Budget Officer notified the Town Board that due to the study of wells and springs required by Dept. of Health, and those costs not budgeted, the Roxbury Water District will have to bond for money at some point this year to cover those costs.

Letters were received from the Roxbury Sr. Citizen Club and the Grand Gorge Sr. Social Club thanking the Town Board for the \$500 budgeted for each in the 2006 Town Budget.

A letter was received from the Delaware County Historical Association thanking the Town ongoing support of their organization.

Notification was received from NYS Dept. of Transportation (NYSDOT) approving the 30 mph zone to be posted in front of BOCES on Jump Brook Rd.

A letter was received from Brian Mulder stating that he would be interested in any Town property that may come up for sale.

On motion of David Thorington, second by Allen Hinkley, the Highway Supt. was authorized to advertise for sealed bids for diesel and super unleaded gasoline. Said bids shall be due and opened on March 13, 2006 at 2:00 pm at the Town Hall. The bids will be awarded/rejected at the Town Board that evening at 7:30 pm. Unanimous.

On motion of Allen Hinkley, second by David Thorington, the Highway Supt. was authorized to advertise for sealed bids for material hauling. Said bids shall be due and opened on March 13, 2006 at 2:15 pm at the Town Hall. The bids will be awarded/rejected at the Town Board that evening at 7:30 pm. Unanimous.

A resolution was offered by Gene Cronk, second by Edward Raeder, stating:

“The Town Board approves the hiring of Fulbright & Jaworski of New York City as bond counsel for the Town effective immediately. The Board further authorizes the Supervisor to execute the contract with said firm.” Unanimous.

On motion of Gene Cronk, second by Edward Raeder, the Town Board appointed William Fane as Deputy Building Inspector effective immediately. The deputy shall receive \$25/inspection as needed by the Building Inspector. Unanimous.

On motion of Edward Raeder, second by Allen Hinkley, the Town Board approved the renewal insurance premium of Selective Insurance for the Town’s 2006 insurance coverage at a cost of \$72,362.75. Unanimous.

On motion of Edward Raeder, second by Gene Cronk, the Board appointed Anthony Liberatore co-historian effective immediately at a salary of one half the budgeted historian salary (\$600) to be paid from General Fund A7510.1. Unanimous.

A reminder that a second Public Hearing on the 2006 HUD Application to Small Cities will be held March 13, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

A proposal has been received from Kurt Flachs (KFHL Assoc.) for heating system service needs for the new highway garage. Councilman Thorington requested that other proposals be sought so that different costs can be reviewed before making a decision.

On motion of David Thorington, second by Edward Raeder, the bills were audited and ordered paid in the following amounts:

General #17-71	\$118,268.92	Special Lights #1	\$ 2346.00		
Highway #7-43	\$ 84066.05	Capital Projects #3-16			
Roxbury Water #1-12	\$ 4603.13	Highway Garage	\$312,306.78		
Grand Gorge Water #1-12	\$ 3843.67	Main Street Proj.	\$ 300.00		
Denver Water #2-12	\$ 3426.37	Roxbury Water	\$ 277.40	Sec	Imp.
Denver Sewer #4-17	\$ 2460.00	235 6391 Sidewalks	\$		
Roxbury Sewer #4-1	\$ 2759.00	283 Kirk	\$ 05	Pk	- \$ Non constr.

Unanimous.

Supv. Hynes stated that the accountants have been here to begin work on the 2005 Annual Financial Report and audit.

On motion of Gene Cronk, second by Edward Raeder, the Board went into Executive Session at 8:45 pm to discuss a personnel issue. The Board returned to the regular meeting at 9:00 pm on motion of Allen Hinkley, second by Gene Cronk.

As a result of Executive Session, Health insurance for William Walcutt was discussed. The Town Clerk expressed concerns with not being able to confirm the minimum 20 hours per week for the position that is required by MVP Health Plan.

A resolution was offered by Gene Cronk, second by Allen Hinkley, stating:

“The Town Board states that they verify and confirm that the position of Building Inspector produces a minimum 20 hours/week and directs the Town Clerk to allow William Walcutt inclusion on MVP Health Plan effective immediately. Said cost of health and dental insurance shall be at the full expense of the employee. The Board further directs the Building Inspector to submit a weekly log of hours worked to the Town Clerk for the duration of health insurance coverage.” Unanimous.

On motion of Edward Raeder, second by Allen Hinkley, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

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

Diane Pickett, Town Clerk
