

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF LIBERTY
March 17, 2008**

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Liberty held on March 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, Liberty, New York, the following Town Board Members were present:

Present: Supervisor John Schmidt
 Councilperson Clarence Barber
 Councilperson Maurice Gerry
 Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck
 Councilperson Lynn Killian

Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Laurie Dutcher

Also present: Financial Director Earl Bertsch
 Town Attorney Kenneth Klein
 Deputy Highway Superintendent John Lennon
 Code Enforcement Officer Mark VanEtten
 Deputy Town Clerk Sara Sprague

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk Laurie Dutcher submitted the following correspondence to the Town Board:

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A list of Federal Grants available to help State and Local Governments Fund NEMN. (National Emergency Management Network)
2. A letter from the Sullivan County Division of Planning & Environmental Management regarding attendance for Planning & Zoning training.
3. An article from the NYSATRC regarding tax collection.
4. Copies of Village Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. -08

APPROVAL OF AUDIT

MOTION by **Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck**, seconded by **Councilperson Clarence Barber** to authorize the payment of bills as follows:

- March, 2008 Abstract:
Claims #408 to #597 totaling \$292,041.27
- Post February, 2008 Abstract:
Claims #387 to #407 totaling \$387,601.43

5 AYES
ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. -08

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by **Councilperson Clarence Barber**, seconded by **Councilperson Lynn Killian** to approve the following minutes as submitted:

- February 19, 2008 Public Hearing / Regular Monthly Meeting
- March 3, 2008 Dept. Head Meeting

5 AYES
ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. -08

ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY REPORTS

MOTION by **Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck**, seconded by **Councilperson Lynn Killian** to accept the following monthly reports as follows:

- Town Clerk's February, 2008 Monthly Report
- Monthly Town Board Report of Revenue & Expense Summary as of February 29, 2008.
- Tax Collectors February, 2008 Monthly Report
- Supervisor's November & December, 2007 Reports
- Supervisor's January, 2008 Report

5 AYES
ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion regarding the Swan Lake Dam. **CARRYOVER**
2. A letter from the NYRI informing that they are seeking approval from the NYS Public Service Commission to build a 190 mile long transmission line.
CARRYOVER
3. Discussion regarding logging permits. **CARRYOVER**

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. -08

TOWN OF LIBERTY SPRING CLEAN-UP DATES SET

MOTION by **Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck**, seconded by **Councilperson Clarence Barber** to set the following dates and times for the Town of Liberty Spring Clean-up:

May 7 - 9	7:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
May 10 th	7:30 a.m until dumpsters are full

Tickets will be issued in the amount of (5) per household

5 AYES
ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. -08

APPOINTMENT OF TRACEY MERKLIN TO THE ZONING BOARD

MOTION by **Councilperson Lynn Killian**, seconded by **Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck** that the Town Board appoints Tracey Merklin to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring 12/31/2012.

5 AYES
ALL IN FAVOR – CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. -08

REJECT BIDS

MOTION by Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck, seconded by **Councilperson Clarence Barber** that the Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby reject all bids received for the Fuel Station held on 3/13/08.

5 AYES

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. -08

RE-BID FUEL STATION

MOTION by Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck, seconded by **Councilperson Clarence Barber** that the Town Board of the Town of Liberty will re-bid for the Fuel Station on 4/17/08 at 11:00 a.m. at the Town Clerk's Office, 120 North Main Street, Liberty, NY.

5 AYES

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. -08

SMOKING IN PARKS

MOTION by Councilperson Lynn Killian, seconded by **Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck** that the Town Board of the Town of Liberty approves the following rule to be added to the Parks & Recreation Rules and Regulations:

Smoking is prohibited within 100 ft of any recreation field, court, or playground.

5 AYES

ALL IN FAVOR – CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. -08

AMEND DATE ON DOG CONTROL AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF SULLILVAN

MOTION by Councilperson Lynn Killian, seconded by **Councilperson Clarence Barber** that the Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby amend the following date on paragraph 8 of the Dog Control Agreement with Sullivan County to read:

"The term of this Agreement shall be for one year commencing January 1, 2008 ending December 31, 2008."

5 AYES

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. -08

MODIFY AGREEMENT WITH HUDSON GROUP

MOTION by Councilperson Lynn Killian, seconded by Councilperson Maurice Gerry that the Town Board of the Town of Liberty approves the modification of the agreement entered into between the Town of Liberty and The Hudson Group, LLC, made effective on the first day of November, 2007 to undertake a study of opportunities to reduce or stabilize the municipal property tax burden of the Town and Village of Liberty by sharing services, or by dissolution of the Village, is hereby amended as follows:

The first sentence of Section 4 of said agreement is modified to read:

Unless sooner terminated as provided herein, this agreement shall continue in full force and effect from November 1, 2007 until December 31, 2008.

5 AYES

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. -08

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by **Councilperson Lynn Killan**, seconded by **Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck** the Town Board does hereby go into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

5 AYES

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. -08

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck, seconded by **Councilperson Lynn Killian** that the Town Board does hereby come out of executive session at 8:49 p.m.

5 AYES

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

RECOGNIZE THE PUBLIC

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
March 17, 2008 Continued

Cindy Karrass

- Inquiring about the condition of Kelly Bridge Rd.

Herman Laufer

- Wanted to thank the Board for the resolution opposing the Berger Commission's recommendation of the closure of 40 beds at Achieve Rehab and Nursing Facility.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Councilperson Lynn Killian

- Final version of comp plan is available online
- Immediate goals need to be implemented
- Setting up meeting w/ hydrologist from Barton & Loguidice to study water tables
- Will set up task force to work on Highway Budget for 2009

Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck

- Reminder that Village Elections are on 3/18/08 at Village Hall 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Councilperson Clarence Barber

- Attended Local Governments Day in Albany on 3/5. Met w/ Bonacic & Gunther
- Maureen attended a grant workshop in Kingston on 3/13 for Farmland Protection
- Went w/ Albert to White Plains on 3/11

Supervisor John Schmidt

- Would like to establish a fee for the re-signing of subdivision maps

Town Attorney will look into.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilperson Maurice Gerry, seconded by Councilperson Clarence Barber, the Town Board adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Dutcher, Town Clerk