

**DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING
TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF LIBERTY
120 NORTH MAIN STREET, LIBERTY, NY 12754
April 7, 2008**

At the Regular Monthly Department Head Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Liberty held on April 7, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 120 North Main Street, Liberty, New York, the following 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: Water & Sewer Chief Albert Picard
 Code Enforcement Officer Mark VanEtten
 Deputy Highway Superintendent John Lennon
 Finance Director Earl Bertsch
 Parks & Recreation Director Brian Scardefield
 Assessor Kathy Sprague

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Schmidt called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Highway Department

- Filling the bad spots
- Blacktop plant may open by 4/15
- Taking care of little snow storms

Water & Sewer Department

- Still working on Rt. 55 pump station upgrade
- Problem with sludge drying bed, wind blows it up 12 ft
- In process of scheduling repairs on tank in Ferndale
- New tractor has arrived
- Have found place to order vans off of state bid
- Waterlines by Loomis on hold

- Sherwood Wells brand new pump with only 700 hrs already starting to fail
- When new vans arrive they will have 2 surplus vans
- Had a meeting w/ Hillcrest Estates regarding infiltration issues and had a positive response
- Greenhills is looking for sewer extension

Dog Control Officer
February Monthly Report

- Calls-89
- Miles-1169
- Dog Bites-3
- Dogs Seized-5
- Dogs in Kennel-2

Code Enforcement Officer

- Building on Old Monticello Rd. has been entered in Sullivan Renaissance
- There is no inter-municipal agreement between the Town & Village Code Enforcement Officers
- Would like a schedule for formal representation for court matters

Ed Camp, Deputy Commissioner of the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Environmental Management Mobility Management Section, attended the meeting to advise the Town they have found that Presidential Estates is not in compliance with state-standard policies regarding 911 addressing. They have found that Presidential Estate homeowners have been using their unit numbers as their addresses. Furthermore, these addresses were improperly linked to main roads within the development. Mr. Camp advised that in accordance with 911 addressing standards if three or more houses are accessed via a common right-of-way, the ROW must be named. They have therefore, re-numbered homes based on re-named cul-de-sacs.

Councilman Barber advised that he had a problem with the naming of the Cul-de-sacs because then people would think they were Town roads and expect the Town to maintain them.

After a lengthy discussion, the Town Board agreed that it wanted to set up a meeting with Presidential Estates and the E-911 Addressing Center to discuss this matter.

Assessor

- Working on the roll
- Business as usual

FINANCE DIRECTOR

- Advised that he had two meetings with the Town of Liberty personnel committee and would have there "wishlist" for the next meeting.
- Mr. Bertsch advised that Robert Stubbs attended to present Marshall & Sterlings Insurance proposal. He also advised that the premiums were down by 5% compared to last year.

Robert Stubbs of Marshall & Sterling gave a brief presentation of the Insurance proposal.

RESOLUTION NO. -08

BOARD ACCEPTS INSURANCE PREMIUM WITHOUT TERRIORISM INSURANCE

On a motion by **Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck**, seconded by **Councilperson Lynn Killian** the Town Board accepts the quotation as presented by Marshall & Sterling less the Terrorism risk insurance.

3 AYES **Carried**
1 NAY **Councilperson Gerry**
CARRIED

Parks & Recreation

- Interviewing for summer help
- Daycamp registrations are down
- Getting the Parks ready
- Had to cancel Easter egg hunt due to snow still on the ground
- Supervisor working w/ carpenter to repair roof at the Senior Center

Town Clerk / Tax Collector

- End of Tax Collection
- Turned the books over to the County on Tuesday
- Business as usual

PUBLIC HEARING
LIBERTY TOWN BOARD
April 7, 2008 5:00 p.m.

At a Public Hearing of the Liberty Town Board held on April 7, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 120 North Main Street, Liberty, New York to hear oral and written comments from concerned citizens with regard to the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The following board members were present:

Supervisor John Schmidt
Councilperson Maurice Gerry

Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck
Councilperson Lynn Killian
Councilperson Clarence Barber

Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Laurie Dutcher

Also present: Deputy Town Clerk Sara Sprague
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After the pledge, Supervisor Schmidt called the public hearing to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mark Blauer of Blauer Associates advised that the Town has not been issued an ultimatum from the State regarding the closing of the Loomis Reservoir, but that Terry Kelly advised the Town should proceed with the improvements.

No one from the public wished to be heard and no written comments were received.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilperson Clarence Barber, seconded by Councilperson Lynn Killian the Town Board adjourned the public hearing at 5:15 p.m.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Councilperson Clarence Barber

- Read an article on enforcement of smoking in Parks
- The White Sulphur Springs hamlet sign has rotted and fallen apart.
- Councilperson Barber advised that he had spoken to about 15 other Towns and wanted to know where they were going to set up the Fuel Station. He advised that it should be out in the open and that it needs to be designed as an island.
- Councilperson Barber wanted to know what was being done by Councilperson Killian in regards to the Highway Taskforce.

Councilperson Lynn Killian

- Councilperson Killian advised that she had set up a meeting for 4/8. (Councilperson Barber advised that there would be 3 board members present and would therefore require a notice to be posted prior to the meeting) Councilperson Killian advised that she would change the date to 4/15 at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Barn.
- Councilperson Killian handed out some examples of snow removal plans
- Councilperson Killian advised that the Hudson Group (SMSI) was very appreciative of all the input given to them by the different departments of both the Town and Village of Liberty. The next meeting will be held on 6/26 at which time they will be giving some recommendations.
- Zoning Committee met on 4/3
- Spoke with Heinrich Strauch of the Liberty CDC and advised that in order to begin the sidewalks in Swan Lake they will have to have a survey which will cost approx. \$2,000 but is reimbursable by multi-modal.
- The Town of Liberty Bi-centennial monument is in and wrapped up in front of the Library. The bricks are all in and will start to be laid as soon as the weather permits. The dedication will then take place.
- Next meeting would like to discuss the New York Regional Interconnect (NYRI)

Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck

- Advised that there was some discussion regarding the Parkville project where the Town of Rockland is worried about runoff and additional flooding.

Councilperson Maurice Gerry

- Asked John Lennon & Albert Picard if they knew if Poley Paving was going to do anything about the leak on Ferndale-Loomis Rd. Mr. Picard advised that it was not a water leak. Mr. Lennon advised that it is underground water and that under drains were not in the design of the road. (Supervisor Schmidt will speak w/ Terry Kelly)

Supervisor John Schmidt

- The Town Hall porch is in very poor shape. Need to get a carpenter and put up some supports so that the roof doesn't fall down.
- Need to set up a meeting w/ Orseck.
- Going ahead w/ SMSI grant due to no firematic activity in Loomis

RESOLUTION NO. 0-08

2 DUGOUTS TO BE INSTALLED AT WALNUT MT.

On a motion by **Councilperson Clarence Barber**, seconded by **Councilperson Lynn Killian** the Town Board approves the installation of 2 dugouts at Walnut Mountain Park work to be done by the Sullivan Correction Facility prisoners at a cost of \$4,575.00

4 AYES
Carried

RESOLUTION NO. -08

AWARD OF BID FOR YANMAR TRACTOR

On a motion by **Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck**, seconded by **Councilperson Clarence Barber** the Town Board accepts the high bid of \$3,878.00 from Frank Gibson, Jr. for the 1985 Yanmar Tractor.

4 AYES
Carried

RESOLUTION NO. -08

APPROVAL OF ADOPT A ROAD APPLICATION FOR TWIN BRIDGE RD.

On a motion by **Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck**, seconded by **Councilperson Lynn Killian** the Town Board approves the Adopt A Road application submitted by Kevin & Amy Brockner to adopt Twin Bridge Rd.

4 AYES
Carried

RESOLUTION NO. -08

MAP RE-SIGNING FEE

On a motion by **Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck**, seconded by **Councilperson Lynn Killian** the Town Board sets a fee of \$50.00 for the re-signing of maps by the Town of Liberty Planning Board.

4 AYES
Carried

RESOLUTION NO. -08

*CONGREGATION KAHAL YIREI HASHEM REQUEST TO WAIVE RT 55 WATER
LATE FEES DENIED*

On a motion by **Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck**, seconded by **Councilperson Lynn Killian** the Town Board denies the request by Congregation Kahal Yirei Hasem to waive late charges incurred on Rt. 55 Water accounts: 3500, 3400, 3700.

4 AYES

Carried

ADJOURN

On a motion by Councilperson Clarence Barber, seconded by Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck and carried, the Town Board adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Dutcher,
Town Clerk