

The Town of Fenton Town Board held its regular Work Session on Wednesday, October 26th, 2016, at 6:00 PM at the Fenton Town Hall, 44 Park Street, Port Crane, New York.

PRESENT:	Town Board Members	David Hamlin, Supervisor Gary Holcomb, Deputy Supervisor Michael Husar, Councilman Richard Pray, Councilman
	Highway Superintendent	Frank Root, Jr. (arrived at 6:11 PM)
	Town Clerk	Melodie Bowersox
	Administrative Asst./Bookkeeper	Susan Crosier

ABSENT:	Town Attorney	Albert Millus, Jr.
	Town Board Member	Thomas Moss, Councilman

OTHER PRESENT: Randy Ritter, Deputy Highway Superintendent

Review Abstract #10, 2016

- Highway Fund – Vouchers #353 and #354 – Cook’s Tree Service – Various Tree and Stump Removals – \$4,000.00/\$4,950.00 – Cook’s Tree Service performed tree branch removal near the high voltage power lines where the Highway Department does not do tree branch removal. The Highway Department did remove some large trees on upper Nowlan Road that were making it difficult to see around the curve when the school bus was at that location.
- Town Hall Roof Project – Voucher #9 – Tower Roofing – Application #1/Town Hall Roof – \$116,660.00 – This is a partial payment for the Town Hall Roof.
- After a review of the Abstract, **Mr. Husar moved to approve payment of the bills for Abstract #10, 2016,**

mark a pipe when the 811 was done and Vacri had to wait 1 ½ hours for NYSEG to come out to identify where the pipe was.

DLA – Hillcrest – Mr. Hamlin has had several conversations regarding the DLA in Hillcrest. One was from a business out of Ohio who was interested in it to store non-hazardous electronic equipment. Mr. Hamlin told Atty. Ken Kamlet, who was representing this particular client, that there is an eight ton weight limit on the road and it is zoned Residential B. He further advised him not to purchase it because he does not feel the Town Board would change the zoning due to the neighboring residential housing. Mr. Hamlin received another call from an individual who holds precious gem and stone shows 30 days/year. The shows run for a week at a time. He was considering using the warehouse to park cars. Mr. Hamlin told him he did not think that this would work either. Today Mr. Hamlin received a call from Atty. Millus that Atty. Ken Kamlet's client purchased the building and he also received a call from Lee Hartman of Carrier Services but he has not talked to him yet. Mr. Holcomb suggested that the Town Board should discuss with Atty. Millus and the community what uses of this building would be acceptable because it is getting older and it is a significant amount of property.

Last minute Budget review and Preliminary to Town Clerk – There were no changes to the budget at this point in time. The Preliminary Budget was handed over to the Town Clerk Melodie Bowersox and she will notify the Press and Sun-Bulletin of the Legal Notice to be published prior to the Public Hearing for the Preliminary Budget on Wednesday, November 9th, 2016 at 7 PM.

MEGA – There was a discussion as to whether the Town Board would like to proceed with MEGA, a program that helps residents get better energy supply through Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). Currently the Town is using MEGA and the rate is 4.5 cents/kilowatt hour. Mr. Pray recently received an email from a competitor of MEGA who would like to make a presentation to the Town Board. Mr. Pray will try to locate the email and send it to the Board.

Resolution #2016-19: Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution – Assistant Bookkeeper Mike Giovinazzo prepared the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials (RS2417-A) as it pertains to the Town Attorney Albert Millus, Jr., Building Inspector Matthew Banks, Code Enforcement Officer John Broughton, and Dog Control Officer Greg Starley. After a brief discussion regarding the "Record of Activities Result" and Sue Crosier looking up how it is recorded on her computer (hours per payroll), **Mr. Husar made a motion to approve the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution with the understanding that the "Record of Activities Result" that is recorded is based on hours per payroll period**, seconded by Mr. Pray. **Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Mr. Holcomb aye
Councilman Mr. Husar aye
Councilman Mr. Moss absent
Councilman Mr. Pray aye

Supervisor Mr. Hamlin aye

The Resolution will be posted for 30 days then Mike Giovinazzo will send it in to the NYS Comptroller's Office.

Training Classes for Board Members – The Town has agreed to pay Board Members a meeting fee to attend in-service training classes. Tim Brown, ZBA Member, attended a class that was over a two day period which involved seven credit hours over the two day period. The Town Board agreed that the fee should be \$25 for each day, totaling \$50 for the two day period.

Well Upgrade – Mr. Pray said he has not heard from the Griffiths Engineers in a while but thought they were ready to release the specs and obtain the paperwork from Assistant Town Engineer Rick Armstrong to put the notice out for an RFP on the well upgrade.

Town Hall Roof Financing – Sue Crosier did research on BAN quotes for the Town Hall Roof Financing. The quotes she received so far are:

M&T	2.29%
Tioga Bank	1.95%
Chemung Canal Trust Company	1.80%

KeyBank has not given Sue a quote yet but said that they can give a quote less than 1.80%. If they do in fact come in lower than 1.80%, Mr. Holcomb recommends that the Town chooses KeyBank. Rick Armstrong said that the final total for the roof will be approximately \$170,000. It was decided at a previous meeting to finance half of that amount and use the other half out of the Town's Reserves Fund (and pay it back over a five year time frame). Sue will work with Atty. Millus on the BAN once KeyBank comes in with a figure. Rick has done an inspection of the roof work performed. He compiled a report and has a bullet list of work to be cleaned up/fixes at the Town Hall by the installer(s).

Grant Application – Mr. Husar asked if the Town had heard from Rich Cunningham of THOMA in regard to the grant application that was due for submission on September 28th; he has not been heard from. The Town has received a copy of the application and did hear from the Community Development Group for follow-up information.

Demolition Discussion – The Town Board discussed the issue of demolishing properties in the Town and the Town not being reimbursed for it. If the County has to foreclose on a property, any special levies are not covered by the County, including demolition, but must be absorbed by the Town. For example, if a property's taxes are up to date but suffers a hardship (house fire, etc.) and the Town performs a demolition, the demolition would go on a future tax bill; if it is not paid by the property owner, the County would take the property and the Town would have to pay the bill. There are a few Unsafe Structures in the Town that the Town Board have discussed possibly demolishing but the cost is a deterrent.

Reappoint Paul Cirba to Board of Assessment – Mr. Holcomb made a motion to reappoint Paul Cirba to the Board of Assessment Review for a five year term, seconded by Mr. Pray. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Mr. Holcomb aye
Councilman Mr. Husar aye
Councilman Mr. Moss absent
Councilman Mr. Pray aye
Supervisor Mr. Hamlin aye

At 7:04 PM, Mr. Hamlin adjourned the meeting.

Melodie A. Bowersox, Town Clerk