

The Town of Fenton Town Board held its regular meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2016, at 7:00 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 Thomas Moss, Councilman
	Deputy Town Clerk	Sheryl Fay
ABSENT:	Highway Superintendent	Frank Root, Jr.
	Town Attorney	Albert Millus, Jr.
	Town Clerk	Melodie Bowersox

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Banks, Building Inspector; Linda Brooks, Historical Advisory Committee Member; Patricia Chubbuck, Historical Advisory Committee Member; John Eldred, Planning Board Chairman; six Residents

Ryan Findore led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Hamlin asked for a Moment of Silence in remembrance of former Town Board Member William Smith who passed away on July 1st.

PUBLIC HEARING – THOMA GRANT

Mr. Hamlin said he would come back to the Public Hearing if the Guest Speaker from THOMA arrives. (The Guest Speaker from THOMA did not arrive and the Public Hearing did not take place.)

RESIDENTS' TIME

Al Seymour – Al Seymour said there are three unlicensed vehicles on the front lawn of 50 Ganoungtown Road. At 40 Ganoungtown Road there is a van on car ramps with no tires on it, as well as a large amount of lumber.

Gerald Reppard – Gerald Reppard said there is a car with no plates, windshield or tires at One McMullen Road. The bank has not been mowed all season at that same address and the roof looks like it is ready to cave in. Mr. Hamlin asked whether it was abandoned and Gerald said it was occupied.

Patricia Chubbuck – Patricia Chubbuck stated the issues at 39 Canal Street are ongoing. Every day there are different cars that are in and out of the property, parked along the street and in the Church parking lot which makes it appear to be a repair shop. There is a boat parked in the yard and a trailer that had been parked was recently removed. There are tires, truck parts and oil containers out back by the barn. There is also a vehicle parked on the State right of way on the Route 369 side of the owner's property. Mr. Hamlin asked Mr. Husar to discuss the situation with John Broughton.

Patricia Chubbuck – Patricia Chubbuck said the 2017 Town of Fenton Calendars being sold by the Historical Advisory Committee have arrived. The price is \$6.00. Arrangements are being made to have the calendars available in the Town Clerk’s Office.

Ryan Findore – Ryan Findore came to address the Board on the progress being made on the barn demolition at 5992 NYS Route 79. He said he has begun burning wood but was delayed due to the burn ban that was in effect. Paperwork was submitted to Mr. Hamlin reflecting his military deployment for most of the month of June. Ryan said he began the work on the back of the barn so it does not look like there has been a lot of improvement from the front of the property. There was discussion regarding the lack of progress over the past year and Ryan explained the man that was supposed to remove the wood late last summer called with truck issues and said he was unable to return. Ryan requested an extension of the court date until October and said he would communicate to the Board on a monthly basis with his progress. The Board granted an extension until October provided Ryan continues to communicate his progress by either attending monthly Board meetings or by contacting Building Inspector Matt Banks if he is unable to attend. Mr. Hamlin will contact Atty. Millus to inform him of the Board’s recommendation for an extension.

André LaClair – André LaClair chaired his final CAC meeting in June. Current Committee Members Mike Grasso and Dave Sterling have come forward with individuals that may be interested in being replacements for open seats on the Committee. Karen Goodman, a Geologist, was the person Dave was speaking with. The hope is that one of the replacements will be interested in being the Chair since current Committee Members are not interested in Chairing. André is willing to transition a new Chair and Mr. Hamlin offered his help during the transition. Pat Podrazil has contacted the Office of General Services Bureau of Land Management regarding the ownership of a piece of property owned by the “People of the State of NY” that is located near the canal. Pat is still waiting for a response. Also discussed was section 487 of the Real Property Law regarding the assessment of solar panel systems. Mr. Hamlin said he appreciated André’s work on the CAC.

Gerald Reppard – Gerald Reppard asked the status of Engle’s Market. The area around the market has been mowed, but the golf course area has not been mowed all season.

Residents’ Time closed at 7:28 pm

TOTAL BILLS – ABSTRACT 6, 2016 approved during the June 29th, 2016 meeting:

FUND	VOUCHER #s	AMOUNT
General	284 – 349	\$45,732.18
Highway	206 – 247	\$110,289.28
Hillcrest Water	94 – 112	\$12,194.53
Hillcrest Sewer	24 – 27	\$2,834.69

Porter Hollow Sewer	7	\$50.00
Port Crane Light District	9 – 10	\$948.06
Hillcrest Light District	9 – 10	\$2,101.42
Capital Projects	4	\$471.45
Trust & Agency	7	\$4,026.82

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- There has been a lot of interviewing going on. Tom Moss was selected from the Town Board Councilman interviews to replace Jeff Kraham and interviews for the new Town Engineer have been completed.
- Mr. Hamlin and Mr. Holcomb had a meeting with Comp Alliance Insurance Company and the Town Insurance Broker to discuss some issues the Town has had with the Workers Comp Program that is currently costing \$3,000 yearly.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- There was no Town Attorney's Report.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

- Monthly Report was read by Sheryl Fay.
- Total Local Shares for June 2016 were \$3,040.00.

TOWN ENGINEER'S REPORT

- There was no Town Engineer's Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Grounds – Mr. Moss reported the renovations in the Accounting Office have been completed and the new countertop has been installed in the Kitchen. The Town Hall roof is the next project to take place. Mr. Holcomb asked about the status of projects that were slated for the Crime Lab. Mr. Hamlin said all projects have been completed with the exception of those that will take place after the roof is completed.

Water and Sewer – Report was read by Mr. Pray.

Highway and Solid Waste – Mr. Holcomb reported the Depot Hill drainage project has been completed. Oil and stone have been done on Depot Hill Road and Nowlan Road. An incident occurred while a loaded truck was dealing with a faulty gate while it was full of stone. During a trip back to the gravel bed from the Highway Garage to empty the truck to assess the problem, a passenger vehicle passed Deputy Highway Superintendent Randy Ritter's truck (which was

spotting the dump truck) and got between Randy's truck and the dump truck. Some damage occurred to the passenger vehicle and the issue has been turned over to the Town's insurance company for review. Grater shimming is scheduled. Mr. Hamlin asked if the Highway Department ever got together with the Town of Dickinson regarding the loader. Mr. Holcomb said as far as he knew they did and he is assuming everything is on hold until the Town of Dickinson takes possession of their loader. Mr. Moss asked whether the Highway Department applied the mulch donated by the Hillcrest Civic Association and Mr. Holcomb said it had not. Mr. Holcomb received the invoice for the company Hillcrest Civic ordered from. Mr. Moss and Mr. Holcomb will determine how much additional mulch is needed and an order will be placed with the same company Hillcrest Civic ordered from, which is a local company.

Community/Public Safety – Reports from the Dog Control Officer, Building Inspector, Justice Office and Zoning Enforcement Officer were forwarded to the Board prior to tonight's meeting and read by Mr. Husar.

Conservation Advisory Committee – There was no CAC Report.

Historical Advisory Committee – Report was read by Mr. Holcomb.

Mr. Pray made a motion to approve all committee reports as submitted, seconded by Mr. Holcomb. **Motion carried.**

VOTE: Ayes 5 Hamlin, Holcomb, Husar, Moss, Pray
Nays 0

MINUTES

Mr. Pray made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 25th, 2016 Work Session and the June 1st, 2016 Town Board Meeting, seconded by Mr. Moss. **Motion carried.**

VOTE: Ayes 5 Hamlin, Holcomb, Husar, Moss, Pray
Nays 0

OLD BUSINESS

- **Roofing Schedule** – Mr. Hamlin will be looking into the Johnson City roofing vendor. He and Mr. Moss will need to speak with Assistant Town Engineer Rick Armstrong to get the details. The roofing materials are currently on backorder.
- **Dick Bassler's Retirement** – A Retirement Party was given in honor of Town Engineer Dick Bassler on his last day, Thursday, June 30th. Because Matt has office hours on Thursdays, Mr. Hamlin asked Rick to switch his office hours from Tuesdays to Thursdays.
- **Town Engineer** – The Town Board interviewed the Engineering firms of Urda, Shumaker, Keystone and Delta, and then the following Tuesday interviewed Griffiths. The Board was leaning toward Keystone until Griffiths was interviewed. It will be a very different way of doing business using an Engineering firm rather than having someone "in house", but the Board felt very comfortable with Griffiths. We are going to try it for six months, paying them within Dick's budget line for the remainder of the year. Matt

asked whether the firm's representative will be attending the Board meetings and Mr. Hamlin said that was to be determined. John Mastronardi was the individual that interviewed from Griffiths.

- **Pump House Upgrade** – Mr. Pray said he discussed the pump house upgrade with Dick. Mr. Pray obtained photos of the current soft start motor controller that is on the new one they have already upgraded. Mr. Pray and Dick had discussed that ordering and installing the soft start controller first would save the Town money at the time of the upgrade. It is a bit more complicated than ordering it and plugging it in, but Mr. Pray has the contact information for the company that built the last controller which was built into a whole control unit with a lot of other things wired into it. Mr. Pray will research whether he can spec out a box that the Town can order through the same company as last time.
- **Port Dick Valve** – Mr. Holcomb asked what the status was of the Port Dick valve situation. Mr. Pray said Dick did the drawings for it. Dick's recommendation was to have it built by a precast company that would build it and install it with a warranty. There are about five companies that build these.
- **Engineering Firm Notification** – Mr. Husar asked whether the four Engineering Firms not chosen have been notified. Mr. Hamlin said a letter will be going out the first part of next week.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Department Budgets – Handed out by 7/11 and Returned by 8/15** – Mr. Hamlin said the forms will be handed out to the various departments by 7/11 and are due to be returned to Bookkeeper Sue Crosier by 8/15. That would give the Board the week of 8/22 for the first Budget Meeting. The Work Session is scheduled for August 24th that week so there may be time to begin reviewing on that day.
- **CAC Email** – Mr. Hamlin said Town Clerk Melodie Bowersox communicated to the Board that the two CAC Members approached to Chair the Committee were not interested. Mr. Holcomb said he felt the Board should reach out to the two people that expressed an interest in joining the Committee. He will obtain the names from Melodie tomorrow.
- **Tom Moss – Civic Association Liaison** – Mr. Moss has offered to be the Board Liaison to the Hillcrest and Port Crane Civic Associations. Mr. Holcomb asked what the status was of the Civic agreements being in place. Mr. Holcomb asked Mr. Moss to contact Atty. Millus to check on the status of the current agreements.
- **Solar Arrays/Zoning Issues (Mike Ward)** – Mr. Hamlin said a small presentation was given by Zoning Board of Appeals Member Mike Ward on solar as a result of a seminar he attended earlier in the day. Mike is going to address the possibility of zoning issues at a future Planning Board meeting. Mr. Holcomb said it would be advantageous for the Planning Board to come forward with some recommendations. Planning Board Chairman John Eldred said he is looking into obtaining the current Town of Colesville recommendations. Matt said he can check with the Colesville Building Inspector as well.
- **Children's Home Issues** – Mr. Husar said the Children's Home has had some issues. They closed their non-secured detention facility and have since been using the cottage closest to Dorothy Street for their non-secured detention. Mr. Husar has some concerns due to a line of communication not yet in place between the Town and the new Director. Mr. Husar will reach out to the new Director to discuss.

At 8:26 pm, **Mr. Pray made a motion to adjourn the meeting**, seconded by Mr. Moss.
Motion carried.

Sheryl L. Fay, Deputy Town Clerk