

The Town of Fenton Town Board held its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 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  
Richard Pray, Councilman  
Thomas Moss, Councilman  
Highway Superintendent Frank Root, Jr.  
Deputy Highway Superintendent Randy Ritter  
Town Attorney Albert Millus, Jr. (arrived at 7:12 pm)  
Town Clerk Melodie Bowersox

**ABSENT:** Town Board Member Michael Husar, Councilman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Building Inspector Matt Banks, Planning Board Chair John Eldred and seven Residents. Also present was Broome County Legislator Cindy O'Brien.

Dave Gunster led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RESIDENTS' TIME**

**John Eldred** – John Eldred stated there are still multiple unlicensed cars parked at 39 Canal Street.

**Residents' Time closed at 7:03 pm**

**TOTAL BILLS – ABSTRACT 9, 2016** approved during the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting:

FUND	VOUCHER #s	AMOUNT
General	441 – 497	\$51,954.97
Highway	310 – 344	\$74,487.38
Hillcrest Water	157 – 180	\$14,065.06
Hillcrest Sewer	35	\$375.00
Porter Hollow Sewer	10 – 13	\$926.00
Port Crane Light District	15 – 16	\$1,029.98
Hillcrest Light District	15 – 16	\$2,257.91
Capital Projects	8	\$38.50
Trust & Agency	11	\$4,026.82

### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

- The Town Board has been hashing out the Budget which was turned over to the Town Clerk on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Budget is currently within the 0.68% cap. The Budget will be approved next month after the election.

### **TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

- 1001 Chenango Street – The bank bought it at the auction but it has not yet been conveyed to them.
- 62 Palmer Hill Road – This is still pending. There was talk of a new owner wanting to put a double wide on the property. Building Inspector Matt Banks said he has not recently heard from the prospective buyer.
- 39 Canal Street – A trial is scheduled for tomorrow.

### **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

- Monthly Report was read by Melodie Bowersox.
- Total Local Shares for September 2016 were \$4,018.18

### **TOWN ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- Report was read by Mr. Hamlin.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Building and Grounds** – Mr. Moss reported the majority of the roof work has been completed. The first invoice for the roof has been received and is being reviewed by Assistant Town Engineer Rick Armstrong. Credits for damages are still being negotiated by both parties. Rekeying the Records Room behind the Kitchen is still in process. A new faucet fixture has been proposed and Kevin Hawkins can take care of the installation. The landing near the Court entrance has been puddling up. Kevin drilled a drain hole in the landing to see if that will alleviate the issue. Kevin also repaired the threshold at the Town Clerk's entrance. Deteriorating concrete may have possibly been the cause of some alarm issues that have been going on in the building. Patty Kasinski painted/trimmed the shed behind the building and did a great job.

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

**Highway and Solid Waste** – Frank Root reported blacktop shimming has been completed on Town roads. Striping has been completed, with the DOT taking care of the railroad crossings at Fuller, Depot Hill and Nowlan Roads. All roadside mowing has been completed for the year. The Highway Department assisted the Chenango Valley State Park with some mowing. Ditch and shoulder work is scheduled prior to the start of leaf collection.

**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. Hamlin.

**Conservation Advisory Committee** – Mr. Hamlin said the CAC meeting was canceled due to no agenda.

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

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

**VOTE:** Ayes 4 Hamlin, Holcomb, Moss, Pray  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Husar

## **MINUTES**

**Mr. Holcomb made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Work Session and the September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 Town Board Meeting**, seconded by Mr. Pray. **Motion carried.**

**VOTE:** Ayes 4 Hamlin, Holcomb, Moss, Pray  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Husar

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **The Children's Home Update November 9<sup>th</sup>** – Mr. Hamlin said that because Mr. Husar wanted to be present for the presentation, Mr. Dermody agreed to reschedule for November 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hamlin mentioned he attended an Open House at the Children's Home for the non-secured detention building which he said was very well done.
- **Demo/County Landfill** – There was a Press Release last week which outlined a program where if a municipality purchased a property from the County and it was demolished for blight, up to \$75,000 of the tipping fees will be waived. There would still be the cost of demolition.
- **Online Auction Sales** – Frank Root said he entered four pieces of equipment into an online auction in September. A pick-up was sold for just under \$5,000. The remaining three pieces (a loader, a badger and a bucket) did not receive a competitive bid and will be entered again in November. There is no charge to enter the auction and profit goes into the Equipment Reserve Fund.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **The Tentative Budget** – The Tentative Budget is in the hands of the Town Clerk and accessible for review. The Board still has the option of making changes to the Tentative Budget. The Board will be voting on the Budget on November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **MEGA Presentation** – A presentation was given to the Board by MEGA outlining the reduction of electric and gas through NYSEG. If the Board decides to adopt a Resolution, Residents have the option to jump on board or opt out with a supplier that is negotiated for the best rate. It is a fixed rate for a three year period. This is pending with the Board.
- **Hillcrest Civic/Jack McEnaney Park** – The Hillcrest Civic spoke at the Work Session regarding the need for new field toppers for the home run chain link fence. The existing

field toppers have been installed for about nine years and are beginning to deteriorate. The Civic asked if they could use \$1556.61 from their budget to pay for these. **Mr. Holcomb made a motion to allow the Hillcrest Civic Association to purchase new field toppers in the amount of \$1556.61 from their budget**, seconded by Mr. Pray. **Motion carried.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

- **Regular November Board Meeting – Changed to November 9<sup>th</sup>** – Due to the fact that the Budget cannot be voted on until after the Election, the regular November Town Board Meeting has been moved to November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Ryan Findore 5992 NYS Route 79** – Matt Banks said he attempted to reach Ryan Findore last week regarding the scheduling of a site visit but did not receive a return call. Matt said Ryan called today and said he had not made much progress but that he had spoken with Mr. Hamlin. Mr. Hamlin let Matt know Ryan will be in to talk with him during his business hours tomorrow afternoon. Atty. Millus said the next court date is scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **Hillcrest Depot** – Matt Banks said he received a call from Lee Hamilton who is interested in purchasing part of the Hillcrest Depot to store non-hazardous electronic equipment. Mr. Hamlin said there is an eight ton weight limit on the road and it is zoned Residential B. Mr. Hamlin asked Matt to give Lee his cell number.

At 7:54 pm, **Mr. Holcomb made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue**, seconded by Mr. Pray. **Motion carried.**

Melodie A. Bowersox, Town Clerk/sf