

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Carroll, Chautauqua County held on the 8th day of April, 2009 at 6:30 Pm in the Town Hall, 5 W. Main St. Frewsburg, NY, there were

PRESENT:

Supervisor Jones

Councilman Moore

Councilman Ekstrom

ABSENT:

Councilman Dove

Councilwoman Lingenfelter

Recording Secretary, Laura S. Smith, Town Clerk

Also present, D. Dutchess, P. Harvey, Mr. Mrs. Axelson, D. Sisson, A. Gustafson, R. Lemon, Bloomquists, C. Pope, T. Allison

Supervisor Jones opened the meeting with the pledge to the Flag.

Supervisor Jones submitted his Supervisor's report for the month.

Acting Chief Dutchess, Code Enforcement Al Gustafson and Laura Smith, Town Clerk, all submitted reports for the month.

Motion made by Councilman Moore to accept the minutes of the last meeting as submitted, seconded by Councilman Ekstrom, carried

Motion made by Councilman Ekstrom to pay the audited monthly bills, seconded by Councilman Moore, carried, those bills are as follows:

GENERAL: 2009-4 #92 thru #121 in the amount of \$6653.44

HIGHWAY: 2009-4 #50 thru #77 in the amount of \$68978.08

WATER : 2008-4 #53 thru #71 in the amount of \$33098.66

Supervisor Jones granted privilege to the floor, Skip Axelson reported that the Town of Ellicott and Village of Lakewood signed on to an electric savings program and wondered why Carroll had not done so. Supervisor Jones' response to that was that Carroll did not get into that study because we were not in the specific "empire zone" therefore it was not cost effective for the town.

Acting Chief Dutchess reported a good month. His department has been dealing with a couple of burglaries and criminal mischief cases. The department has purchased a new computer for the police car and it has arrived and will be installed in the car shortly. Mr. Dutchess stated that he is currently looking for a part time police officer and placed an ad in the newspaper, but has received no responses yet.

Highway Superintendent Allison was happy to announce that the CHIPS funding will be reinstated to the 2008 amount for this year.

Blacktop and oil will be coming off the county bid, and the materials are 30% less than they were last fall.

As of April 10th the highway department used 240 tons less salt this year than last year.

They have recently finished up patching up pot holes in town.

Tom reported that his guys have been working on rebuilding a truck out at the shop. The streets were swept and cleaned up last week; it will need to be done one more time.

The signs and posts are in for the Fire Department 911 numbering project.

Spring clean up will be Sat. May 16 from 8-3. Dumpsters will be located on Wahlgren Rd. at the Highway Building.

Tom discussed the new plow truck that he had mentioned purchasing off of OGS bid. The total of the truck would be 107,000.00. Tom mentioned that the Tietsworth ale will be having pretty much the same truck which came from the Town of North Harmony. Tom said he would be willing to purchase this truck. Motion made by Councilman Moore to allow Tom to purchase the truck at Tietsoworth for no more than \$51,000.00 and if he can't get it for less than that he has permission to purchase the 2010 off OGS bid for \$63272.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Ekstrom, roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones, aye, Councilman Moore, aye, Councilman Ekstrom, aye, 3 ayes, no nays, 2 absent, motion carried.

Dan Sisson of the Water Department submitted his report for the month and stated that they have been looking for a probable water source in Ivory, and they have found a couple spots that look very promising, they are in the process of taking some test sample of these places. The PH project is going along fine, the water dept. will have a meeting on Thursday at 10am to discuss the building for the 2A project.

The Department will be flushing hydrants starting on Monday May 11, 2009.

ACO Pat Harvey d that with the nicer weather, things have started picking up a bit. He had the state inspector at his house to look over his records, and things were fine. Mr. Harvey said that he gets slot of calls for animals other than dogs. He requested that his title be changed from animal control officer to dog control officer.

7:00 Supervisor Jones opened the Public Hearing This Public Hearing will be regarding the adoption of proposed Local Law #1 of the year 2009, providing for the regulation and licensing of adult entertainment businesses in the Town of Carroll. Carol Pope of the Planning Board said that they have reviewed this proposed local law and she read a letter (on file) expressing a couple of concerns regarding the law. Supervisor Jones aired that he is going to gather comments from tonight and then pass it all along to Paul Webb and to the County Planning Board. The Town Board will be able to take action on this Local Law in May or June.

Motion made by Councilman Ekstrom at 7:05 to close the Public Hearing second from Councilman Moore, carried.

Motion made by Councilman Moore to open the regular meeting seconded by Councilman Ekstrom, carried.

Motion made by Councilman Moore to appoint Patrick Harvey as a "dog control" office rather than an "animal control officer" seconded by Councilman Ekstrom, carried. For wild animals people are to call the NYS Dec Nuisance wildlife officer.

Code Officer Gustafson reported an average month, and things will be picking up soon with the nice weather on the way. Al will be discussing some of his comments on the proposed adult entertainment regulations with the planning board.

Assessor Randy Holcomb submitted his report for the month, he said that informal hearing went well, and those notices will be going out soon. The town tax rate went from 8.88 per thousand to 8.19 per thousand.

Carol Pope reported that the Planning Board is working on the local laws pertaining to wind energy, she also discussed that they are working with Al Gustafson on some changes that he has recommended concerning some special use permits. The Planning Board will talk these issues over and then bring them to the Town Board. Carol also mentioned there is one vacancy on the planning board.

County Legislator, Ron Lemon reported that there will no longer be health insurance for County Legislators. The County has also decided to invest 1.3 million dollars of stimulus money into the county home for the next 3 years.

Ron said that the county home is 98% full and the average person stays for 9 1/2 months. Mr. Lemon checked into the county tax sale and how long taxes can be delinquent before the county will sell it. He learned that it went from 3 years in the past, now to 2 years, and they have not yet set a date for this year's sale.

The Town Easter Egg hunt will be this coming Saturday at 11:00 am at FCS. Motion made by Councilman Moore to allow a lease to be written up with the Carroll Historical Society. The lease will be a 5 year lease w/ 6 month notification to terminate from either party. The Historical Society will be asked to pay 1/3 of the utilities for the building per year. Seconded by Councilman Ekstrom, carried.

Supervisor Jones asked Tom Allison if he would check the roof on the Historical Building and make sure it is in decent shape.

The Supervisor got word from his bookkeeper that the year end report would be filed tonight.

M and T Bank will be coming on the 20th of April to discuss the M and T at work program.

Pernell Caster of Caster well drilling spoke and expressed interest in doing a proposal for municipal well drilling, where he would actually own the well and the town would pay him for the water (similar to gas wells) and he would maintain the wells himself. He stated that Natalie from County Health thought this was a good idea.

Supervisor Jones stated that we have drilled test wells and found some good water sources, and we will take bids when we are ready to drill a production well.

Adjournment motion made at 7:42 by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Ekstrom, carried.