

TOWN OF MINETTO
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP
MONDAY MARCH 25, 2013

A workshop of the Town Board of the Town of Minetto, County of Oswego, in the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 6 Community Drive, Minetto, NY on the 25th day of March 2013.

PRESENT: William Dodds Supervisor
Michelle Smith Councilwoman
Joe Wallace Councilman
Dave Domicolo Councilman
Dominick Yacco Councilman
Donna Keating Bookkeeper
Doren Norfleet Attorney
Jennifer Allen Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief J. Smegelsky, MFD; Mike Shaver, MFD; Jim Basile, Code Enforcement Officer; James Sharkey, Highway Superintendent, a member of the public

The workshop began at 7:00 pm.

Discussion:

- Chief Smegelsky and Mike Shaver were in attendance to discuss if the possible purchase of a Tahoe vehicle would be in conflict with the contract between the Town and the Minetto Fire Department. Attorney Norfleet explained this is public business, Executive Session is not permissible. Supervisor Dodds was notified by a member of the Fire Department of a possible purchase. He notified Attorney Norfleet and Councilwoman Smith; asking them to "sit on this" until the March 11th Board meeting. He believes the Chief should have notified the Board prior to taking any action.
According to Chief Smegelsky, members of the fire department voted to seek bids of a Tahoe at the February 27th meeting. The Town Board's liaison, Councilman Domicolo, was verbally notified that evening. A follow-up letter was prepared and picked up by Domicolo on March 11th. Chief Smegelsky said they have not purchased anything. He suggested he and Supervisor Dodds meet to discuss their differences.
Attorney Norfleet suggested "in good faith" would have been to notify the board they were thinking about buying before taking any action. If the Town Board wants to amend the contract wording they can do so at negotiations.
Councilman Domicolo said he did not understand that he had to report the notification immediately.
- Attorney Norfleet suggested the board delay carpeting of the town hall. All unnecessary purchases should be suspended until after June 30th. This will give the board a better picture of where the town is financially for the balance of the year. If we need a budget note to pay expenses, it must be repaid at the beginning of 2014. Donna Keating agreed with the Doren that the town budget does not balance; expenditures were budgeted with out enough revenue coming in.
- Attorney Norfleet reviewed the Barton & Loguidice P.C. suggestions to update the sewer ordinance. She will draw up an amended sewer ordinance. At the April meeting the board will vote to schedule a Public Hearing.
- Supervisor Dodds said he had been approached by the City of Oswego to accept their sludge to our plant. He has not spoken to Dennis Lewis.
- Attorney Norfleet reviewed the proposed FEMA updates to the Flood Prevention local law. By voting to approve the updates we are helping residents who need flood insurance and the town law will be in ordinance with zoning. This is a deterrent to build improperly in a flood zone. This is updating a current law; therefore it is not for Referendum. Code Enforcement Officer J. Basile said this is the federal government catching up with international building codes. At the April meeting the board will vote to schedule a Public Hearing.
- The resolution approving Kim May as Park Caretaker was incomplete. Councilman Yacco has drawn up a detailed resolution for the April meeting. There is \$1200 in the Park Caretaker line item. The salary is to be paid monthly starting May to the end of October. A copy of the resolution will be kept with her application once approved.
- Constable Carl Sanders was absent from court March 20th. His substitute will be paid \$90 (Judge Auyer has submitted a voucher). This will not be taken out of the court budget due to the low balance. It was agreed to take it from the ambulance line item.
- The Emergency Planning meeting has not been rescheduled.
- The ambulance certificate of need has not been received.
- Dick Drosse asked Supervisor Dodds to sign the form to order no smoking signs for the park.
- At the February workshop, the board had requested a sheriff's report which Supervisor Dodds was to obtain. Supervisor Dodds said he had spoken to Deputy Ramsey; there is no report yet.
- Councilman Domicolo asked if anything was being done about the street lights that are out. Supervisor Dodds said he would be contacting National Grid to have them repaired.
- Highway Superintendent Sharkey said he had to put new tires on a truck. He received a quote of \$11,000 to repair the Grade-all.

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- Donna Keating reported there would be a transfer in April. The purchase price of salt from Oswego County was higher than the budgeted amount. This was an unforeseen expense.
- Clerk J. Allen said she hoped from this point forward we could all agree to go forward. We may not like each other, but we do need to work together.

With no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Jennifer Allen, Clerk