

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Town Board—Town of Amity**

November 5, 2012

Present:

Supervisor:

Lois Reynolds

Councilman:

Don Skinner, Jeff Zenoski, Mark Presutti

Town clerk:

Richard Winterhalter

Highway Superintendent:

Jim Reniff

Also Present:

Mark Bliven

Meeting called to order @ 7:10pm by Lois Reynolds.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Lois Reynolds.

Supervisor Reynolds read the minutes from the October 8, 2012 meeting. Approval of October minutes as corrected motion was made by Councilman Skinner. The second to the motion was made by Councilman Zenoski. The motion passed 3-0-0.

A discussion of the 2013 budget was held.

Jeff Zenoski asked if he could go over the budget as he did not get a copy of the budget until just now.

Supervisor Reynolds explained the budget. She added that the Town had a carryover of the cap from last year (the Town did not reach the cap in 2012). This carry over allowed the Budget to be 3% higher than last year's budget. The extra was used for fuel, engineering and the Water District.

Councilman Skinner asked about the fund balance. Supervisor Reynolds answered that had not yet been determined.

Additional discussion followed. No changes were made.

Motion to approve the budget as presented was made by Councilman Skinner. The motion was seconded by Councilman Presutti.

The motion carried 3-0-0.

The minutes of the October 8, 2012 meeting were read by Supervisor Reynolds. It was noted that one sentence regarding approval of the abstracts had been repeated and should be removed. The Back River Road sentence should have been the Irish Settlement Road Bridge. This was also corrected. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Councilman Presutti. The second was made by Councilman Zenoski. Motion carried 3-0-0.

The Grievance regarding the part time employee for the Highway department to work at the cemetery on a seasonal basis has been settled. The employee will be hired at \$10.00 an hour to work 1040 hours per year. When this person is doing HMEO work for the Highway Department will be paid at the rate of \$14.00 per hour.

Much discussion followed. A concern regarding paying the part time person medical and pension benefits was raised by all board members. It was brought up that any time this employee would be ridding the lawn mower the pay would be at \$14.00 per hour. Supervisor Reynolds indicated that these were issues that would need to be resolved with the Union.

No action was taken regarding the ad that has been placed to fill this position. Several applications have already been accepted.

The discussion and motions to approve were tabled until the next regular meeting.

Supervisor Reynolds told the board that John Francisco had volunteered to become the Sexton of the cemetery. Additionally the Pontem Software (Cemetery Management software) was presented to the Board. Councilman Presutti is familiar with the software and indicated it was very usable. Supervisor Reynolds indicated that John Francisco would work closely with Clerk Winterhalter to come up with some ideas how to best manage the cemetery. All board members were in agreement. Additional information will be presented as it is known.

Supervisor Reynolds brought up the subject of the purchase of a new snow plow truck. Superintendent Reniff indicated that a new truck could not be purchased this year. Angelica has a used 2005 truck that they would sell to Amity for \$70,000.00 (Seventy Thousand and no dollars). Mark Bliven indicated this truck was in good condition and could serve the Towns immediate needs. Discussion regarding the merits of purchasing this truck followed. A motion to approve the purchase of this truck from Angelica for no more than \$70,000.00 was made by Councilman Skinner. The second to the motion was made by Councilman Presutti. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Supervisor Reynolds requested that Superintendent Reniff get specs for the truck as well as State Bid information. Superintendent Reniff had both with him. Copies were presented to Supervisor Reynolds.

Additional discussion took place regarding selling of the truck that will be purchased from Angelica. Mark Bliven made the suggestion that the truck should be sold in the Winter when it will have more value.

Supervisor Reynolds summarized a letter she has received from the Board of Elections regarding handicap accessibility to town hall for handicapped voters. She indicated that the current handicap ramp was not built to code. She also indicated that the inner door from the street to town hall was to be propped open.

Councilman Skinner brought up a couple of problems that are of concern to safety in the Town. Some discussion followed. Councilman Skinner and Supervisor Reynolds asked for a commitment from Superintendent Reniff that these concerns would soon be addressed. Superintendent Reniff indicated he would give these projects his attention.

Councilman Zenoski asked if CHIPS money could be used. Supervisor Reynolds indicated that would be the case.

Discussion regarding the condition of Old State Road took place. Supervisor Reynolds could not find documentation that the Road had been given to the Town. Mark Bliven indicated the Town did not plow that Road due to its conditions. It was determined that the only people needing access would be RG&E. Councilman Skinner indicated that the RG&E trucks would not be bothered by the condition of the road. Additional discussion took place.

Councilman Skinner presented information regarding the Water District project. He indicated that the Village was involved in this project both financially and in planning. The board has not yet determined how they would go forth with this project.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Presutti. The second was made by Councilman Zenoski. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Meeting Was adjourned at 9:50PM

Next Regular meeting will be held December 10, 2012 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully yours,

Richard Winterhalter
Town Clerk