

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Town Board—Town of Amity
February 1, 2010**

Present: Supervisor Lois Reynolds
Councilman: Jeff Zenoski, Brian Clendenin John Francisco and Mark Presutti.
Town clerk: Richard Winterhalter
Highway Superintendent: Jim Reniff
Absent:
Also Present:

Supervisor Lois Reynolds called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:00PM

The approval of the previous meetings minutes was postponed until the next meeting. Several of the Councilmen had not read the minutes that had been e-mailed to them.

Supervisor Reynolds Announced the Board of Assessment Review members Charlie Orlando and Bob Ellis had resigned. A conversation with Steve Presutti indicated that one person would have to be approved to service the rest of Bob Ellis Term. Charlie Orlando's term is up. Ask Charlie if he would serve for one year until after the revaluation is complete. The Town will appoint someone for Bob's term. Dick Winterhalter and Gail Funk have been presented as possible replacements. Mark Presutti will talk to Charlie to see if he will continue. After determining if Charlie will or will not stay then the issue will be reviewed again.

Supervisor Reynolds reported on a letter from Pullem regarding a animal issue not a dog. Supervisor Reynolds was concerned because the arresting officer is her cousin. Keith Middaugh has been arrested and ordered to appear. The appearance has been postponed. The arrest report is filed along with these minutes. Some action has been taken by the defendant to correct the problems sited in the report. The complaint was based on local law 2006-1. The defendant has let 8 horses roam without confinement. Since it is a local law the DA will not prosecute it must be done by the Town Attorney. The town Attorney has postponed action. Connie Stinner has been visiting the site weekly to monitor progress. The defendant must comply with getting the fences up and cooperating with the SPCA in order to have the charges will be dismissed. If compliance is not completed then the local judge will prosecute. The SPCA will confiscate the horses and put them into confinement. This subject will be discussed as required.

Daniel Burling has sent the 2010 CHIPS list. The town of Amity is listed for the exact amount as last year \$67,916.00. A discussion of how the money could be used followed. No decisions were made at this time. The letter from Daniel Burling Assembly member as well as a proposed budget regarding CHIPS is included as an attachment.

A letter from Eric Massa was read by supervisor Reynolds regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This letter is attached with these minutes. The Board discussed applying for grant to be used to study bringing broadband into this area. Time Warner currently provides this service.

A discussion of this subject followed. No decision were made at this time. A closing remark from Supervisor Reynolds indicated how difficult to get Grants in this area.

Superintendent Reniff reported that everything was okay.

The leak that was reported in the boiler at the last meeting has been repaired. A maintenance agreement with Shea Plumbing and Heating was discussed. An agreement is being drawn up for review and possible implementation.

Abstracts were presented to the councilmen at the beginning of the meeting and were reviewed.

The presented abstracts totals are:

General Fund Abstract – 3 (26 – 41) *Total* \$34,052.52

Highway Fund Abstract- (27-36) *Total* \$15,827.67

A motion was made by Councilman Clendenin to approve the bills 2nd by Councilman Clendenin with 4-0-0

Next Regular Meeting for the Town of Amity was set for *February 15 at 7:00 PM.*

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Mark Presutti. The second was made by Councilman Jeff Zenoski. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 with a vote of 5-0-0.

Respectfully yours,

Richard Winterhalter,
Town Clerk