

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

January 14, 2013

**Present:**

**Supervisor:**

Charles Criss Jr.

**Councilman:**

Don Skinner, , Mark Presutti, Jeff Zenoski, Brian Clendenin

**Town clerk:**

Richard Winterhalter

**Highway Superintendent:**

Jim Reniff

**Also Present:**

Richard Aries Beam Mac Sales and Service

Dana Ross

Mark Bliven

Mark Cline

Gary Ordway

**Absent:**

Meeting called to order @7:01pm by Charles Criss.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Charles Criss.

**Old Business:**

Reading of the minutes from the December 10<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup> meetings was waived. All board members had received and read the minutes on line. A motion to accept the minutes from both meetings was made by Councilman Presutti. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zenoski. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Clerk Winterhalter presented the letter of resignation from Charles Criss. Mr. Criss resigned from the Board of Assessment Review. The letter has been accepted by Clerk Winterhalter.

Supervisor Criss introduced Richard Aries and gave him the floor. Mr. Aries then handed out a brochure and specifications and options for a Mack Truck. These handouts will be filed in the Clerks office in the Bid and specifications file. Mr. Aries explained to the board that this Town could not purchase off the DOT contract. He also explained that pricing is a function of a specific DOT truck specification. If the Town could purchase off that contract they would have to purchase the exact same truck.

Mr. Aries then went on to make a presentation on the truck that is being considered by the town. The board interacted in this presentation by asking questions. Mark Bliven interacted and indicated the justification for the Town to have a haul truck. Presentation and discussion

included the merits of purchasing a truck that is of legal size rather than one that requires special permits. The Tri-Axle truck was presented as a better buy for the money.

At the end of Mr. Aries discussion Mr. Dana Ross was asked to present his opinions. Mr. Ross indicated a few know problems with the Mack Truck. His conclusion was he was happy with the overall performance and reliability of the Mack Truck.

Mr. Aries ended his presentation by inviting any member that would like clarification on any point to call him.

Councilman Skinner made a motion to hold a public hearing in which the purchase of this truck would be discussed and input from Amity residents would be welcomed. This meeting would be held in conjunction with the next regular board meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilman Zenoski. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Supervisor Criss will provide to Clerk Winterhalter prior to January 28<sup>th</sup> the information that will be posted as a public notice in the Olean Times Herald announcing this meeting.

Councilman Skinner was given the floor to provide a update on the Water District project. Councilman Skinner indicated he does not yet have pricing. He also indicated that it would be best to have separate districts for each of the separate lines. The reason for this would be to concentrate the upkeep of each line to the individuals on that line. Councilman Skinner concluded by indicating that he would like a public hearing once he has pricing.

### **New Business:**

Noble Street water district was discussed. They have decided they have their own water district and will share the cost. The health department has shut them down.

Councilman Skinner indicated that a Public meeting should be held on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of Feb which would be informational regarding the Water District.

Councilman Skinner was asked about the planning committee. He indicated the committee would consist of 7 members. Lois Reynolds has been asked to take over this committee. Once a Chairman has been established that person would then nominate persons to fill the committee. John Maynard has indicated he would like to be on the Committee. Councilman Skinner will contact Lois Reynolds regarding the role she would like to take in this committee.

Resolutions 2013-001 through 2013-006 were read by Supervisor Criss. Clerk Winterhalter took a role call vote on all resolutions. All resolutions carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Councilman Presutti indicated that the town should add two additional resolutions. One for shared services with the County and the other to authorize the expenditures that can be spent without board approval.

Councilman Skinner indicated that a third resolution should be made to appoint him as Deputy Supervisor.

Clerk Winterhalter will have these three resolutions available for the next meeting.

A motion by Councilman Skinner was made to put the Auto Car Truck (International) up for auction sale the reserve would be set at \$6,000.00 (Six Thousand and no cents). The motion was seconded by Councilman Clendenin. The motion carried 4-0-0.

A complaint was presented to the Board. This complaint indicated that a condition on Ackerman Hill Road was unsafe. Discussion followed regarding how this could be repaired. Complaint has been filed in the Clerk's office. Superintendent Reniff indicated it could not be done at this time. He would put more cones up. Board asked about extending the sluice and adding fill. Councilman Zenoski asked about putting up a Jersey barrier. Councilman Clendenin asked rather a Jersey Barrier would be the best way to go. Councilman Presutti asked what would be necessary to get it fixed. The conclusion was to determine who owned the land and get permission to fix the problem. This will be done in the near future.

Training provided by the Association of Towns was discussed. No additional action was taken.

Superintendent Reniff also indicated that the Feathers Creek Bridge would also need some work. No additional discussion took place.

Wes Cline has indicated that the Masonic Lodge has \$6,000.00 which could be donated to fix the fence at Windus Cemetery. A tree had blown down on the current fence. Councilman Skinner will get information about the cost of material to make this repair.

Supervisor Criss provided information regarding how Amity Rescue bills for service. They will bill the persons insurance. If the person has no insurance they will bill the person. If the person can not pay they will write off the cost of the service.

Councilman Skinner found that an earlier verbal contract had been made which was to decrease the amount the Town would provide to the rescue squad yearly.

Supervisor Criss thinks that \$10,000.00 would be a fair amount to pay the Rescue Squad. The board wishes to meet with the Rescue squad to negotiate a contract that will replace the verbal agreement.

Councilman Skinner asked Supervisor Criss to get some dates for a meeting. He further indicated that the amount for this year was budgeted at \$8,000.00.

### **Highway Superintendent Report:**

Superintendent Reniff explained about repairs the crew has been doing to a truck. He also described the accident he had at the Zlomeck's He was backing his vehicle and indicated that the Zolmeck truck had moved in behind him unexpectedly without his noticing.

The used Chevy truck that was purchased from LaMac has not been adequately repaired. It still smokes. Discussion followed this statement.

Councilman Skinner requested from Superintendent Reniff a short list of projects he expected would be done this current year.

At this point Councilman Zenoski was excused from the meeting.

It was further reported that the backhoe was in need of new tires. Councilman Clendenin asked rather it might be less expensive to purchase a backhoe rather than replace the tires. He asked that a State bid be looked into.

Additional Discussion took place regarding the Chevy Truck and the Backhoe. It was decided that Supervisor Criss would contact the dealer to determine why they have not fixed this truck and ask them to do the repairs correctly.

A motion was made by Councilman Skinner to approve General abstract #1 in the amount of \$33,527.87 and Highway abstract #1 in the amount of \$45,819.50. The second was made by Councilman Clendenin  
Motion Carried 3-0-0

Motion to adjourn Meeting was made by Councilman Clendenin. Second was made by Councilman Skinner..  
Motion Carried 3-0-0.

At this time it was determined that a resolution be made to use the Olean Times Herald as the official newspaper. Clerk Winterhalter will have this resolution ready for the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07PM.

Next Regular meeting was set for February 11, 2013 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully yours,

Richard Winterhalter  
Town Clerk