

**FLEMING TOWN BOARD MEETING
MONDAY JULY 13, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order by Supervisor Searing with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by Deputy Town Clerk Theresa Losani found the following board members present:

Supervisor Gary Searing
Councilman Arthur Fritz
Councilwoman Ellen DelloStritto
Councilman Ronald LaVarnway
Councilman Gerald Dudek

Also present: Superintendent Paul Chipman
Attorney Dale Yates

Approval of Minutes: Councilwoman DelloStritto made a motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2009 as presented by Town Clerk Charleen Dygert, seconded by Councilman Fritz. APPROVED AYES 5 NAYS 0

Public Hearing: 2008 Audit Report

Supervisor Searing opened the meeting to the Public Hearing for Rich Ward of Cuddy & Ward to give his report on the 2008 Audit of the Town's financial statements that was performed by his staff.

Rich reported that the Town has received a clean unqualified opinion from his office. The financial statements that were presented to his staff for audit were materially correct. Internal Controls are operating effectively. No fraud was detected during their audit and Rich stated that the Town is in good financial shape.

Rich also stated that the Town has two options regarding the shortfalls in the Waste Management Fund; one would be to approve transfers for the deficits when the Waste Management Fund is running short on the expense side. The other option would be to create revenue and expense lines in the General Fund to keep track of Waste Management.

Councilman LaVarnway made a motion to accept the 2008 Audit Report that was submitted by Rich Ward seconded by Councilman Dudek.

Public Hearing: Verizon Cable Franchise Agreement

Tom Owens represented Verizon and stated that the Town of Fleming would be the first in the Central New York Region to open the doors to cable Television choice and bring competition for cable tv to the residents of Fleming.

1st Public Be Heard:

No one had any comments at the first Public to be Heard.

Supervisor Searing closed the Public Be Heard.

Building Inspector/Zoning Code Enforcement Officer – Fred Delaney gave his report of building permits for the month of June.

Assessors: Fred Farrell reported that they were audited on the exemptions and everything is fine. He has received a report from The Board of Assessment Review and they have taken almost \$400,000 off the tax rolls. Mike will be back next week and start working on agriculture properties.

Planning Board – Fred Farrell reported on the Planning Board for the month of June. Nothing new was presented before the Board so they had a review workshop with members of their Board.

Highway/Utilities/Recycling – Paul Chipman gave a report on roadwork, utilities and recycling. With the heavy rains in June, the culvert pipe near Dan Arquette and Sara Wawrzaszek overflowed with water due to the wetland behind their property.

Supervisor Searing had a complaint from a resident on Forest Hill Drive that people are going through stop sign onto West Lake Road. He asked Paul if there was he could put up another sign to warn drivers that there is a stop sign ahead. Paul advised not to put up a sign due to “sign pollution” and that no one would pay attention to it because there would be to many signs.

New Business:

- Councilman LaVarnway made a motion to approve changing Health Insurance brokers from KDM Management to First Niagara Risk Management, seconded by Councilman Dudek. APPROVED AYES 5 NAYS 0
- Councilman Fritz made a motion to approve the renewal of the Cummins Northeast contract at a cost of \$3,572.08, seconded by Councilwoman DelloStritto. APPROVED AYES 5 NAYS 0

Second Public to be Heard: Kathryn Hankins spoke to the Board regarding the wetlands in the Town of Fleming and would like to form a Conservation Committee. She has been researching information regarding the wetlands and would like to give a presentation to the Board at the next meeting. The Board agreed to listen to Kathryn’s presentation at the Town Board Meeting of August 10, 2009.

Request and Comments of the Board: Gary informed the Board of the next City of Auburn Water/Sewer Authority Meeting being July 20, 2009 @ 4:00 pm at the Cayuga County Soil and Water Building out on County House Road.

Budget Transfers/Amendments: Councilman LaVarnway made a motion to approve the Budget Transfers, seconded by Councilman Fritz. APPROVED AYES 5 NAYS 0

Town Clerk's Report: Councilwoman DelloStritto made a motion to approve the Town Clerk's report as presented by Town Clerk Charleen Dygert, seconded by Councilman LaVarnway. APPROVED AYES 5 NAYS 0

Supervisor 's Report: Councilman Fritz made a motion to approve the Supervisor's report as presented by Supervisor Gary Searing, seconded by Councilman LaVarnway. APPROVED AYES 5 NAYS 0

Approval of Bills For Payment #369 – 439 were approved on the following motions and seconds:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>MOTION BY COUNCILOR:</u>	<u>SECONDED BY COUNCILOR:</u>
General	\$27,397.10	DelloStritto	Fritz
Highway	14,185.75	Fritz	DelloStritto
Lighting	181.00	DelloStritto	Fritz
Refuse	2,261.08	Fritz	LaVarnway
Sewer	40,072.75	DelloStritto	Fritz
Water	22,288.43	LaVarnway	Dudek

Adjournment: Councilman LaVarnway made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Fritz. APPROVED AYES 5 NAYS 0 The time was 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Losani..... Deputy Town Clerk