

Town of Niles
End of Year Regular Meeting
Town Board
December 29, 2009
Niles Town Hall

Present: Rick Slagle, Supervisor
Glenn Porter, Councilman
Bernard Juli, Councilman
Alberta Winters, Councilwoman
Clarence Edmonds, Councilman

Others: Fred and Barb Eberhardt, Karen Porter, John Nolte, Rich Winters, Doug and Danielle Winters, Jason Cuddeback, Donna Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Slater Steve and Teri Cuddeback, Dick DeWitt, Mary Edmonds, Bob and Chris Matijas, John and Stacey Morris, Pat Steger, Dan Stanford, Sharon and Stuart Weeks and Albert Mantey.

Supervisor Slagle opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:00pm.

A motion was made by Councilman Porter and seconded by Councilman Juli to approve the Minutes of the December 3, 2009 meeting as written.

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

Open Floor to the Public

No Public input.

Insurance Coverage

- 2009 Quoted Cost - \$24,177
- Actual Cost - \$22,796
Includes New Building
- 2010 New Cost - \$23,527
Includes: NYS DOT requirements
Insurance for all "plated vehicles"
New Truck (Superintendents)

A motion was made by Councilman Juli and seconded by Councilman Edmonds to Renew Insurance Coverage with Adams and Son, Inc.

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

Time Warner

Supervisor Slagle displayed a picture of Time Warner employees hanging fiber in the Town of Niles.

ARRA Stimulus

Supervisor Slagle reported that the Town's application for ARRA Stimulus had been accepted and is still under review to bring broadband coverage to the Town.

Department Reports

Assessor: Mr. Stanford reported that issues with the Software from the County has put them slightly behind. He further stated that after the first of January, he and Mr. Mellor would be doing more field audits and edits in preparation for the Town Revaluation.

Code Enforcement: Mr. VeVone was not present at the meeting but Supervisor Slagle reported that revenue from Building Permits was approximately \$5,000.00 for the Year.

Finance: Mr. Porter reported that Mortgage Tax and CHIPS monies have been received by the Town. He further stated that the Total Funds Summary as of December 12, 2009 is \$1,486,198.35.

Clerk: Ms. Nolte asked permission and funding to attend Microsoft Excel seminars in Syracuse on March 4th and 5th, 2010.

A motion was made by Supervisor Slagle and seconded by Councilman Porter to send Ms. Nolte to the Excel Seminars.

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

Highway: Mr. Steger reports that December 29, 2009 was Bob Matijas' last day on the job and that Roger Slater will be replacing him on the Highway crew.

Attorney: Mr. Fusco was not present at the meeting.

Emergency Services Comprehensive Plan

“After 2 years in draft, draft roll outs and continuous review, the Cayuga County Fire Mutual Aid Annex of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is complete and being distributed for adoption to each party that has a vested response, fiduciary and political interest in Fire Protection in Cayuga County.”

This plan must be adopted by all such parties and the Town of Niles will address this issue at the January 7th, 2010 meeting.

Four Town Contract The contract with the Four Town Ambulance Service is due and will be addressed at the January 7, 2010 meeting.

Fund Transfers A motion was made by Councilman Porter and seconded by Supervisor Slagle to make the following General Fund Transfers:

From: A1355.4 Assessors Contractual To: A1355.12 Assessors – clerk \$500.00
From: A1355.4 Assessors Contractual To: A1355.2 Assessors Equipment \$1,862.00
From: A1990.4 Contingent Account To: A1620.4 Shared Services \$11,218.28
From: A3620.4 Codes Enforcement To: A3310.4 Traffic Control \$968.71
From: A5182.4 Street Lighting Contractual To: A5010.4 Highway Supt. \$91.76
From: A6772.4 Programs for Aging To: A6772.43 Recreation (Bus Trips) \$165.00
From: A7310.4 Youth Programs To: A7510.4 Historian Contractual \$508.44

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Porter and seconded by Councilman Juli To make the following Highway Fund Transfers:

From: DA5142.1 Snow Removal To: DA5140.1 Brush & Weeds \$1,744.88
From: DA5142.1 Snow Removal To: DA5110.1 General Repairs \$23,000.00
From: DA5110.4 General Repairs To; DA5112.2 Improvements \$14,688.17
From: DA5120.4 Bridges Contractual To: DA5112.2 Improvements \$2,500.00
From: DA5140.4 Brush & Weeds To: DA5112.2 Improvements \$578.42
From: DA5142.4 Snow Removal To: DA5130.4 Machinery \$4,261.80

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Porter and seconded by Councilman Juli to make the following Garbage Fund Transfer:

From: SR8160.41 Fuel Surcharge To: SR8160.4 Garbage Contract \$9,900.00

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

Abstracts A motion was made by Councilman Porter and seconded by Councilman Juli to pay the abstracts as follows:

#353 –#374 General Fund \$4,938.27
#294 - #305 Highway Fund \$19,967.53
#013 Garbage Fund \$15,125.00

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

Town Newsletter

Councilwoman Winters reports that the Newsletter is ready to go except for the Supervisor’s input which is being held up due to Tax information not yet supplied by the County. The County expects Tax bills out around January 5th, 2010.

Other Business

Stacey Morris, Dog Control Officer has been notified by Ag. and Markets that the Town needs to have a Contract with the ASPCA in order to fulfill their (Ag. and Markets) requirements. A sample Contract has been forwarded to the Town Attorneys. This issue will be revisited at the January 7th, 2010 meeting.

Retirement

Mr. Steger presented Bob Matijas with a Gold Pocket Watch as a token to commemorate his retirement from the Highway Department. Mr. Matijas worked for the Highway Department from April 9th, 1986 until December 29th, 2009. In his remarks, Mr. Steger sited that Mr. Matijas had been an excellent worker and had often been in charge of the Department in Mr. Steger's absence. He will be missed.

Executive Session A motion was made by Supervisor Slagle and seconded by Councilman Juli to go into Executive Session in order to set wage for newly hired Roger Slater at 7:30pm.

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

Regular Session A motion was made by Councilman Juli and seconded by Councilwoman Winters to return to regular session at 7:37pm.

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

Adjourn A motion was made by Councilwoman Winters and seconded by Councilman Edmonds to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm.

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine L. Nolte