

Town Board Meeting
Niles Town Hall
Thursday, October 1, 2009

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

Others: Fred Covert, John Nolte, Kathleen Barron, The Citizen, Andy Fusco, Town Attorney, Dan Stanford, Town Assessor, Jerry VeVone, Town Code Enforcement Officer, Pat Steger, Highway Superintendent, Bill Sheppard, Barb and Fred Eberhardt, Jason Cuddeback. Ellen Abend and Diana Plue.

Supervisor Slagle opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the pledge to the flag.

Correction to the minutes of September 3, 2009 as follows: add Bernie Juli to committee for National Grid.

A motion was made by Councilman Porter and seconded by Councilman Juli to accept the minutes of the September 3rd, 2009 meeting as corrected.

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

Open Floor To The Public

Councilman Porter read a letter from Mr. Bob Martin stated that the supervisor is in the office everyday and has been handling the garbage problems. Mr. Martin feels that Supervisor Slagle deserves a raise.

Garbage Contract

Discussions have been held with both lower bidders. Dependable was \$136,248.48 with surcharge @\$5/gal located out of Elbridge and We Care was \$136,675.00 located out of Weedsport. Both will provide containers where necessary and both will pick up on private road at a cost to residents. Attorney Fusco stated the board should do their homework and do a background check. May want the advantage of a three year contract. Councilwoman Winters and Councilman Edmonds will do further checking.

Ancient Town Barn

The final figure to do asbestos abatement assessment is \$777.00

A motion was made by Supervisor Slagle and seconded by Councilman Edmonds to enter into agreement with Envirologic of New York to do the assessment.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Present Garbage Situation

Casella has changed the contact hours to pick up now at 5:30 am. Corrigan Road has had no pick up in a month. Supervisor Slagle will review the credit that the Town of Niles received.

Comprehensive Plan

The comprehensive plan will hold two informal meetings one in West Niles the other in Niles. The comprehensive board will get more copies of the comprehensive plan for the public to read. Then a public hearing will be held at later date.

Department Reports

Mr. Stanford stated that Charlie has all the building permits scanned in. The enhanced star, senior and agricultural exemption will be sent out this month for March 1st deadline. Mr. Stanford asked about the cold war veterans exemption was it passed? The law passed last November 6, 2008 and Attorney Fusco will get a copy of the law to him. Mr. Stanford would like the board to consider doing a revaluation for next year. He believes it would be around \$35 a parcel. This would run about \$35,000 divided into the 2010 and 2011 budget. The town must stay in the program with the state with 6 year contact.

Mr. Stanford will bring detail to next meeting on low income for seniors.

Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Vevone presented the board with plans for the new fire department building. There will be no tax payer increase as they have raised all the money and they will be tearing down the old building.

Mr. Vevone stated that the code books need to be updated. Building permits update good for 1 year rather than 2 years.

Highway Superintendent

Mr. Steger stated that the pick-up has been repaired and that it was under warranty. New truck ordered here by November. The water behind the town barn is now running toward the left rather than toward the Matijas property.

National Grid

Supervisor Slagle received a letter stated that national grid was doing lots of work to improve the conditions. They have been replacing poles and doing tree trimming.

Abstracts

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

General Fund: #274 - 290 \$ 4,155.78

Highway Fund: #247 – 256 \$ 4,673.70

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

Councilman Winters stated the history room would be open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 am to 12 noon. She asked for permission to put an ad in the paper.

A motion was made by Councilman Juli and seconded by Supervisor Slagle to hold a public hearing on November 5th on the budget at 7:00 pm before the regular board meeting.

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilman Juli and seconded by Supervisor Slagle to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried by a unanimous yes vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Johann Drake-DeWitt deputy