

TOWN OF SUMMERHILL
Regular Board Meeting
July 14, 2009
Town Hall
13606 State Route 90
Locke, NY 13092

Town Board Members Present: Charles Ripley, Supervisor
Michael Passalugo, Councilman
Michael Bidwell, Councilman
Daniel Ripley, Councilman

Town Board Members Absent: Christopher Ryan, Councilman

Other Town Officers Present: John Kirk, Rick Fritz, Mary Osgood, Elbert Hall, Dave Stafford,
Linda Plunkett, John Chase.

Residents: Barbara Harvey, Dave Cute, Shawn Sweeney, Linda Sweeney, Virginia Hall,
Bertha Peterson, Leon Miles, Juanita Stafford.

Visitors: Holden Slattery, Kathleen Barron, Carol Milton.

Guests: None

Recording Secretary: Carol Chase

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm By Charlie Ripley. All stood for the pledge to the flag.

Minutes of the June 9, 2009 meeting:

Motion 47-2009

Dan Ripley made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mike Bidwell.

Carried 4 ayes C.Ripley, Bidwell, Passalugo, D. Ripley

0 nays

REPORTS

A. Town Clerk's Report: Carol Chase, \$257.49 was collected for the month of June.

Motion 48- 2009

Mike Passalugo made a motion to approve the Clerk's report as presented, seconded by Dan Ripley.

Carried 4 ayes C. Ripley, Passalugo, D. Ripley, Bidwell

0 nays

B. Supervisor's Report: Charlie Ripley, Balance of Accounts June 30,2009

Motion 49 -2009

Chris Ryan made a motion to approve the Supervisor's report as presented, seconded by Mike Passalugo.

Carried 5 ayes C. Ripley, Ryan, Bidwell, Passalugo, D.Ripley

0 nays

1. General Money Market Fund:	\$53,360.10
2. Highway Money Market Fund:	\$176,001.21
3. General Consolidated Fund:	\$100.00
4. Trust & Agency:	\$100.00
5. Disaster Relief Fund:	\$278.20
6. Ranney Cemetery Fund:	\$597.47
7. Sara Grant Fund:	0.00
8. Fire Protection Fund:	\$ 13,000.00
9. HRAA:	\$2342.23

C. Code Enforcer's Report: Rick Fritz, 2 building permits were issued.

- D. Dog Control Report: May 2009, 2 dogs were picked up and sheltered, 1 dog was claimed or adopted, 3 dogs were not claimed or adopted, 3 dogs were advertised. There were 12 complaints, 110 miles driven for the town, and 1 pick up fee collected.

June 2009: There were 3 dogs picked up and sheltered, 2 dogs adopted, 2 dogs not claimed or adopted, 2 dogs not claimed or adopted, 2 dogs euthanized, 3 dogs were advertised. There were 19 complaints answered, 152 miles driven for the town and 2 adoption fees collected. They responded to a complaint at 13274 Route 90 that there were 4 dogs abandoned in the trailer. Paul took 2 of the dogs and left a 24 hour order to make different arrangements. A man was stopping once a day to care for the dogs. The man said he would redeem his dogs and make different arrangements. Nothing has been done.

- E. Highway Superintendent's Report: The DEC has signed off on the Reynolds gravel pit.
F. Town Justice Report: Sherry collected \$1200.00 in fees and fines in June, 2009.
G. Assessor Report: No Report
H. Variance Board Report: No Report
I. Planning Board: The Board attended training and they are beginning working on the comprehensive plan.
J. Board of Assessment Review: No Report
K. Historians Report: There was a good turn out at the Fillmore Family Day. We will have another one next year. Florence would like to setup for the 50 mile yard sale and sell some unwanted items from the Town Hall. The Board and John Kirk would like thank Florence for her hard work.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. The Property Maintenance Law: The Town Board will review it.
B. Adult Use Business Law: The board will review it.
C. Neighborhood Watch Proposal: The Planning Board recommended minor changes to original proposal. The Town Board would like to look at it, then they will pass it on to the county. The County is ready to take action on it.
D. Fire Support: We received from Homer a proposal of \$26,582.00 for 2010 based on our tax base. Locke, Moravia, Sempronius, and Groton were approached. There was some discussion of dividing the Town between Fire Departments.
E. Tire and Oil Redemption Day: Larry Lyon will collect tires for a fee. Date will be August 8, 2009 from 9am to 12pm in the Town Hall parking lot. This will be published with "Note not the Town Barn".
F. Assessment Issue: The plan is to accept the revaluation as it is for this year with the changes documented, then we will not have to pay the state back for the amount paid us for the reval. We will do another reval. next year, with a change of personnel. The state will reimburse us for complete reval again next year and every year it is done. We should get on a yearly reval program. It will alleviate a huge increase all at once and keep the assessment on a more even keel. The school taxes and fire support will be on a more even scale.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Horner Property: The Board has told Mr. Horner, the sale of a non-conforming lot is okay. He needs to speak to the buyer directly. There should be no problems getting a variance in the future.
B. Other Resident Issues: Shawn Sweeney: wasn't pleased with the assessment; Carol Milton: representing Gutchess Timberlands, asked how can the revaluation be passed. Ms. Milton asked Heather to provide proof of her values. The values she gave were excessive for the whole area. Every land class was high. It is hard to go back to lower values once you have passed on the current numbers. Dave Cute; The process has cost the residents and he thinks it should be stopped this year. Mary: Osgood; The reval is so inequitable it should be set aside.
Linda Plunkett; Asked Charlie if the rest of the board saw the letter she wrote. Heather should be held accountable. Mike Bidwell recognizes that the residents are victims. Dave Stafford; The problems go back beyond Heather. There have been inventory problems for years. The inventories must be accurate. Elbert Hall; 43 people grieved their assessments, that is less than 4%, 96% must have been okay with it. Why did 3 parcels sell if it was too

high. Heather removed buildings from his inventory when Elbert let her know they were gone.

C. Monthly or Quarterly Newsletter: We would like to begin a newsletter for town issues.

D. Drivers Training: Kathy Fick will be teaching the AARP driving class here at the Town Hall, Saturday July 18 from 9 am - 6pm.

E. Craft Fair and Bake Sale: We would like to plan a craft fair and a bake sale for sometime in October.

F. Harvest Dinner: We would like to hold a harvest dinner this fall. We need to set a date.

G. New Years Eve Dinner: We would like to hold another dinner for the Town.

H. Lake Como Association BBQ: The Lake association will hold thier annual BBQ on Saturday July 25.

I. Resolution for Town Justice Grant: The Judge needs a resolution to participate in the Justice grant program.

Motion 50-2009

A motion was made made by Mike Bidwell to give permission to Sherry Davenport to participate in the annual grant program, seconded by Mike Passalugo

Carried 4 ayes C. Ripley, D. Ripley, Bidwell, Passalugo

0 nays

PAYMENT OF BILLS

There were 18 General account Bills, totaling \$4697.17, and 11 Highway account bills totaling,

\$ 3300.14 presented for payment.

Motion 51-2009

Mike Passalugo made a motion to approve payment of these bills, seconded by Dan Ripley.

Carried 4 Ayes C. Ripley, Passalugo, Bidwell, D. Ripley

0 nays

Correct June 2009 Abstract: A motion was made by Dan Ripley to correct June 2009 Abstract

to reflect overpayment on general abstract vouchers 101, NYSEG for \$281.39; 102, Cornerstone

telephone for \$39.03; 103, Verizon for \$574.16; 104, NYSEG for \$30.60 for a total of \$925.81.

Highway voucher 75, NYSEG for \$436.85 total.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be August 11, 2009 at 7pm.

Motion 53-2009

A motion to adjourn was made by Dan Ripley, seconded by Mike Passalugo.

Carried 5 Ayes C. Ripley, Passalugo, Bidwell, D. Ripley

0 nays

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Chase, Town Clerk