

TOWN OF SUMMERHILL  
Regular Board Meeting & Public Budget Hearing  
November 10, 2009  
Town Hall  
13606 State Route 90  
Locke, NY 13092

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

Town Board Members Absent: None

Other Town Officers Present: John Kirk, Heather Garner, Mary Osgood, Elbert Hall,  
Linda Plunkett, Robert Amerman, Ted Norman, Barb Harvey, Florence Lansdowne.

Residents: Virginia Hall, Sandy Morehouse, Ken Morehouse

Visitors: none

Guests: Chris Dempsey, Dempsey Insurance

Recording Secretary: Carol Chase

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Charlie Ripley. All stood for the pledge to the flag.

Minutes of the October 13, 2009 meeting:

Motion 77-2009

Chris Ryan made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction of “been done” instead of “be done” under the Assessors Report.

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

REPORTS

A. Town Clerk’s Report: Carol Chase, \$135.50 was collected for the month of October.

Motion 78- 2009

Mike Passalugo made a motion to accept the Clerk’s Monthly report for October, Dan Ripley seconded.

Carried 5 Ayes C. Ripley, Ryan, Passalugo, Bidwell, D. Ripley  
0 Nays

B. Supervisor’s Report: Charlie Ripley, Balance of Accounts as of October 31,2009  
Motion 79 -2009

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

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

1. General Money Market Fund:	\$65,809.63
2. Highway Money Market Fund:	\$81,391.36
3. General Consolidated Fund:	\$100.00
4. Trust & Agency:	\$100.00
5. Disaster Relief Fund:	\$278.20
6. Ranney Cemetery Fund:	\$602.85
7. Sara Grant Fund:	0.00
8. Fire Protection Fund:	0.00
9. HRAA:	\$1828.81

C. Code Enforcer’s Report: W. Rick Fritz, Rick issued 1 permit, traveled 142 miles, did 11 inspections, worked 48 hours, and did 2 fire inspection. He followed up on 7 complaints, answered 29 calls.

D. Dog Control Report: Paul Burhans, Paul picked up and sheltered 1 dog, one dog was claimed or adopted, there were 4 dogs unclaimed at the end of the month ( 1 from June, 3 from September), 3 dogs were advertised, and there were 14 complaints answered. Paul drove 125 miles for the town and 1 pickup/ adoption fee was collected. The Ag & Markets Inspector gave the shelter a perfect inspection. Mike Bidwell is pleased with the paperwork follow up.

E. Highway Superintendent's Report: John Kirk, They are ready for snow, they had to spread cinders once already. The men are still working 4 ten hour days a week. John would like to budget to purchase a new pickup on state bid in 2010.

F. Town Justice Report: Sherry collected \$2110.00 in fees and fines in October, 2009.

G. Assessor Report: Heather Garner, The County finished printing the renewals for the exemptions and Heather has picked the up. They will be mailed in December. Mike is continuing to organize and file property record cards and other paperwork. We are continuing road review and updating records as needed.

H. Variance Board Report: No Report

I. Planning Board: Bob Amerman, The board worked on 10 goals they hope to accomplish in the comprehensive plan. They would like to publish them in the newspaper. There was a petition circulated to ask Verizon for better internet service and more cell towers. They are meeting on November 12 and some members attended training at the County building. Charlie needs to mail the surveys.

J. Board of Assessment Review: No Report

K. Historians Report: The Old Tyme Craft fair had a good turn out. Florence will be attending the Region 9 meeting in Cazanovia on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### OLD BUSINESS

A. Property Maintenance Law: We are waiting to hear from Don Armstrong

B. Adult Use Entertainment Law: We are waiting to hear from Don Armstrong.

C. Fire Support: Charlie and Chris met with Locke Fire Commissioners and their quote was a lot more than Homer's and they still wanted us to put up a building. Based on the County ratio of 1.5 %, we have been under paying for support for some time. We have been paying .4 %. Chris has a meeting set up with Homer to negotiate a contract. We may be paying the amount mentioned before but that amount is still half of what Locke quoted. Locke has a problem with charging less than what the village is paying. Costs are increasing because of the Federal regulations that fire departments have to follow and that is the reasoning for the increase from Homer.

D. Harvest Dinner: Pot luck November 21, 2009 6pm, drinks and meat provided.

E. New Years Eve Dinner: December 31, 2009 6pm, drinks and meat provided.

F. Flooring for the meeting room: We are ready to award the contract for the flooring contract.

G. Marquis Sign: Rick Fritz and Bob Amerman will help get the light and electric set up for the sign.

H. Website:

Motion 80-2009

Dan Ripley made a motion to hire Joan Winker as the webmaster for the Town for next year, seconded by Chris Ryan.

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

O Nays

#### NEW BUSINESS

A. Guthchess Timberlands, Inc. Tax Challenge: They have counter offered an amount of \$900.00 per acre. They still have not provided documentation from their appraiser to explain how they arrive at the figures. Heather will Contact them and report to Charlie. We may need to get an outside attorney.

B. Planning Board Chair: The By laws of the Summerhill Planning Board state that A chairman is to be appointed each November by the Town Board. The Vice Chairman is to be appointed in January by the Planning Board.

Motion 81-2009

Chris Ryan Made a motion to appoint Bob Amerman as Chairman of the Planning Board for 2010, seconded by Charlie.

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

1 Abstain D. Ripley

C. Insurance for State Right of Way: The state requires a bond or a permit if the Town Highway Department is working in their right of way. Chris Dempsey will investigate and get back to the Board next month on the best choice for the town. The State may forgive the permit fee if we are bonded.

D. Tentative budget: A budget was given to the Board for review and after some discussion and some minor changes, it was presented for approval.

Motion 82-2009

Chris Ryan made a motion to accept the tentative budget as presented, Seconded by Mike Bidwell.

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

0 Nays

#### PAYMENT OF BILLS

There were 17 General account Bills, totaling \$1665.76, and 16 Highway account bills totaling, \$11,974.25 presented for payment.

Motion 83 -2009

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

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

0 nays

The next regular town board meeting will be December 8, 2009 at 7pm.

Motion 84-2009

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

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

0 nays

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Chase, Town Clerk