

MEREDITH TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 10, 2009

The regular meeting of the Meredith Town Board was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at the Meredith Town Hall. The following were in attendance:

Supervisor: Keitha Capouya

Council Members: Ronald Bailey
Daniel Birnbaum
Roger Hamilton
Paul Menke

Highway Superintendent: William Jester

Clerk: Sandra Schmidt

Townspeople: 5

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Michael Jastremski and Justin Shaw from the Delaware County Planning Department gave a presentation on The Stream Corridor Management Plan for the West Branch of the Delaware River. The Town Board felt it still needs more information before considering adoption of the plan, and will schedule a further meeting with Scotty Gladstone of Soil and Water, who was unable to come tonight.

REGULAR TOWN BUSINESS:

The Highway Superintendent presented his report for the month of February 2009. A motion to accept the report was made by Daniel Birnbaum, seconded by Roger Hamilton and approved unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes for February 17, 2009 was made by Paul Menke, seconded by Daniel Birnbaum and approved unanimously.

The Town Clerk presented the Town Clerk's report for the month of February 2009. A motion to accept the report was made by Ronald Bailey, seconded by Paul Menke and approved unanimously.

The Supervisor presented her financial report for the month of February 2009. A motion to accept the report was made by Roger Hamilton, seconded by Daniel Birnbaum and approved unanimously.

ANNUAL REPORTS:

A motion to approve The Town Historian's Report for February 2009 was made by Roger Hamilton, seconded by Daniel Birnbaum and approved unanimously.

VOUCHERS:

Warrant #3 for General Fund vouchers #39 - #58 totaling \$ 5,787.99 was reviewed and amended. A motion for payment of the General vouchers as amended was made by Ronald Bailey, seconded by Daniel Birnbaum and approved unanimously.

Warrant #3 for Highway Fund vouchers #40 - #58 totaling \$ 52,519.36 was reviewed. A motion for payment of the Highway vouchers was made by Paul Menke, seconded by Daniel Birnbaum and approved unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from the Meredith Dairy Fest concerning sponsorship of the event. The Town's usual \$500 donation was cut from the 2009 budget when we found that we would be needing a new loader for the Highway department. The Board will discuss a combination of cash and in-kind services as Town sponsorship at the April meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Watershed Rules & Regulations Amendments were reviewed by the Board, and the Board made the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 25

TOWN OF Meredith

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION OF 2009

RESOLUTION STATING THE TOWN OF Meredith'S OPPOSITION TO THE
NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S
DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE
WATERSHED RULES AND REGULATIONS

On a motion by Daniel Bernbaum, seconded by Ronald Bailey, the following resolution was adopted at the Town Board meeting on March, 10, 2009

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") has released proposed amendments to the New York City Watershed Rules and Regulations ("WR&R"); and

~~**WHEREAS**, the DEP has announced its intention to commence the public comment process; and~~

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Meredith has reviewed the proposed amendments to the WR&R; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes that the proposed amendments will increase costs to the local residents of the watershed without any additional funding to address those cost increases; and

WHEREAS, the DEP has not demonstrated a technical justification for the proposed changes and has not issued or released information on the cost to comply with these amendments; and

WHEREAS, the DEP has not identified the water quality benefits that would result from such proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, New York City is attempting to shift the cost of avoiding filtering its water supply to some of the poorest communities within New York State.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

The Town of Meredith respectfully submits its formal objection to the adoption of the proposed amendments to the WR&R as currently proposed since the DEP has neither demonstrated a need for these proposed changes nor identified the water quality benefits that would result from such proposed amendments or made arrangements for funding the incremental costs arising therefrom.

WHEREUPON, the Resolution was put to a vote and the following result recorded:

ADOPTED	TOWN BOARD MEMBERS	AYE	NAY
	<u>Ronald Bailey</u>	✓	—
	<u>Daniel Birnbaum</u>	✓	—
	<u>Roger Hamilton</u>	✓	—
	<u>Paul Menke</u>	✓	—
	<u>Kesha Capouya</u>	✓	—
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Sandra Schmidt

Town Clerk

Dated: 3-10, 2009

Meredith, New York

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion to approve Bruce Gesell's Junkyard permit for the period of one year was made by Roger Hamilton, seconded by Paul Menke and approved unanimously.
- A motion to approve the Expenditure of Highway Money was made by Roger Hamilton, seconded by Daniel Birnbaum and approved unanimously.
- Bill Jester asked that we advertise our old Bomag Roller for sale, and the following resolution was made:

RESOLUTION # 26 – 2009

A resolution by motion was made by Daniel Birnbaum to advertise for sealed bids for a model BW210A-V Bomag Roller to be opened at the April 14th Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Roger Hamilton and passed by the following vote:

K. Capouya – aye
R. Bailey – aye
D. Birnbaum – aye
R. Hamilton – aye
P. Menke – aye

A motion was made by Paul Menke, seconded by Daniel Birnbaum, to adjourn the regular meeting to Executive Session at 8:52 pm, for the purpose of discussing possible and current litigation.

Daniel Birnbaum was designated to take minutes for the remainder of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Schmidt
Town Clerk

Minutes taken by Dan Birnbaum after Town of Meredith Town Board executive session during Town Board meeting of March 10, 2009.

Keitha Capouya requested that Dan Birnbaum take minutes after the executive session.

The executive session adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Paul Menke made a motion at 9:37 to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron Bailey and passed unanimously.

Submitted by,

Daniel Birnbaum
Deputy Supervisor