

MEREDITH TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 9, 2009

The regular meeting of the Meredith Town Board was held on Tuesday, June 9, 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

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The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Kurt Mable from Mable Insurance discussed renewing the town's existing insurance policy and outlined several changes to policy. These changes included: coverage of the cell tower, replacement cost for vehicles and equipment newer than ten years old, and an increased amount of coverage for the Town buildings.

The Board discussed and accepted the quote and the following resolution was made:

RESOLUTION # 34 – 2009

A resolution by motion was made by Ronald Bailey to accept the insurance quote and renew the policy with Mable Insurance. The motion was seconded by Paul Menke and passed by the following vote:

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

REGULAR TOWN BUSINESS:

The Highway Superintendent presented his report for the month of May 2009. A motion to accept the report was made by Roger Hamilton seconded by Paul Menke and approved unanimously.

The Highway Superintendent proposed the purchase of a plastic water tank to help reduce dust while working on roadways. After discussion, the following resolution was made:

RESOLUTION # 35 – 2009

A resolution by motion was made by Roger Hamilton to approve the purchase of the plastic water tank. The motion was seconded by Ronald Bailey and passed by the following vote:

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

A motion to approve the minutes for May 12, 2009 was made by Daniel Birnbaum, seconded by Ronald Bailey and approved unanimously.

The Town Clerk presented the Town Clerk’s report for the month of May 2009. A motion to accept the report was made by Daniel Birnbaum, seconded by Paul Menke and approved unanimously.

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

VOUCHERS:

Warrant #6 for General Fund vouchers #95- #130 totaling \$20,043.47 was reviewed. A motion for payment of the General vouchers was made by Ronald Bailey, seconded by Paul Menke and approved unanimously.

Warrant #6 for Highway Fund vouchers #110 - #136 totaling \$40,180.74 was reviewed. A motion for payment of the Highway vouchers was made by Daniel Birnbaum, seconded by Roger Hamilton and approved unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Keitha Capouya read the following correspondence:

- Election Board stating that the current lever machines the town has are now uncertified machines.
- CSEA letter requesting information regarding town employees who are not represented by a collective bargaining agent. Sandra Schmidt, Town Clerk, sent a reply stating that their request would be answered within twenty days.

- Danny Birnbaum received and shared an email regarding a Regional Legislative Conference on Natural Gas Development sponsored by Association of Towns of New York State and New York Association of Counties. The conference will be held on June 20, 2009 from 9am – 12pm. Danny will be attending and Keitha will also try to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Keitha Capouya spoke with Liz Calahan at Hanford Mills about appraising the town’s collection. It was explained that an appraisal of the collection does not set a monetary value, but rather determines an archival value. After discussion, it was determined that an appraisal wouldn’t be required for the purpose of deeding the town’s collection to the Meredith Historical Society. The official name given to the collection is Town of Meredith Collection. There was discussion of adding a simple phrase to the deed form or making up a special deed for donors who might want their gifts to be returned to the Town of Meredith should the Historical Society be dissolved. Supervisor Capouya will speak with Frank Waterman about it, and then check with the Meredith town lawyer to see if an added phrase or a separate document would be preferable. The Board authorized the Supervisor to meet with Mr. Waterman and sign the Deed of Gift agreement donating the Town of Meredith Collection to the Meredith Historical Society, with or without the added phrase.

After discussion, the following resolution was made:

RESOLUTION # 36 – 2009

A resolution by motion was made by Roger Hamilton to have Supervisor Keitha Capouya sign the Deed of Gift donating the Town of Meredith Collection to the Meredith Historical Society. The motion was seconded by Daniel Birnbaum and passed by the following vote:

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

Supervisor Capouya abstained from the vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board was given the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Teamsters and the Town of Meredith, which had been ratified by the Highway crew in late March, and just sent to us for ratification by Roberta Dunker, President of Local 693. The agreement has been checked for accuracy by the Attorney for the Town and the Supervisor. The Board determined more time was needed to review the agreement and requested a special meeting on Monday, June 15, 2009 at 7:00pm to discuss the contract.

James Tucker Jr. of Wire Nutz Electric submitted an estimate for a 13.4 KW solar photovoltaic system for the highway garage. After review of the estimate it was found not to be cost effective at this time. However, it was discussed that perhaps there were

measures that could be taken to become more energy efficient and cost effective. Supervisor Capouya was going to ask James Tucker for a consultation on possible measures the Town might take.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Daniel Birnbaum, seconded by Roger Hamilton, to adjourn the regular meeting to Executive Session at 9:16 p.m. for the purpose of discussing ongoing litigation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Schmidt
Town Clerk

Paul Menke made a motion at 9:30pm to adjourn the executive session. Roger Hamilton seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 37 – 2009

A resolution by motion was made by Paul Menke to authorize Keitha Capouya to sign the contract with Clarity Connect, when the contract arrives. The motion was seconded by Paul Menke and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Paul Menke made a motion at 9:38pm to adjourn the meeting. Roger Hamilton seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Birnbaum
Deputy Supervisor

