

MEREDITH TOWN BOARD MEETING  
October 20, 2009

The regular meeting of the Meredith Town Board was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at the Meredith Town Hall. The following were in attendance:

Supervisor: Keitha Capouya

Council Members: Ronald Bailey  
Paul Menke  
Daniel Birnbaum  
Roger Hamilton

Highway Superintendent: Absent: William Jester

Clerk: Sandra Schmidt

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

**REGULAR TOWN BUSINESS:**

Keitha Capouya Town Supervisor presented the Highway Superintendent's Report in his absence for the month of September 2009. A motion to accept the report was made by Daniel Birnbaum, seconded by Roger Hamilton and approved unanimously.

The Town Clerk presented the minutes for September 15, 2009 Public Hearing. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Roger Hamilton, seconded by Paul Menke and approved unanimously.

The Town Clerk presented the minutes for September 15, 2009 Town Board Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Daniel Birnbaum, seconded by Ronald Bailey, and approved unanimously.

The Town Clerk presented the minutes for September 29, 2009 Special Meeting Tentative Budget. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ronald Bailey, seconded by Paul Menke and approved by the following vote:

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

The Town Clerk presented the Town Clerk's report for the month of September 2009. A motion to accept the report was made by Daniel Birnbaum, seconded by Roger Hamilton and approved unanimously.

The Supervisor General Fund Financial Report for the month of August 2009 and the Supervisor Report for September 2009 were tabled until the November meeting.

Keitha Capouya Town Supervisor presented the Building Inspector & Code Officer's 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report in her absence. A motion to accept the report was made by Ronald Bailey, seconded by Daniel Birnbaum and approved unanimously.

### **VOUCHERS:**

Warrant #10 for General Fund vouchers #178- #199 totaling \$8,266.34 was reviewed. A motion for payment of the General vouchers was made by Paul Menke, seconded by Ronald Bailey and approved unanimously.

Warrant #10 for Highway Fund vouchers #196 - #214 totaling \$19,796.58 was reviewed. A motion for payment of the Highway vouchers was made by Roger Hamilton, seconded by Paul Menke and approved unanimously.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Supervisor Keitha Capouya read the following correspondence:

- Time Warner Cable outlining possible program changes.
- Catskill Watershed Corporation gave notice of their Preliminary Decisions dated October 7, 2009. All Board Members were given a copy.
- A letter was received from the Delaware County Historical Society requesting a donation of \$500 or more from the Town of Meredith. The Board agreed that the Town was unable to make a donation at this time. Supervisor Capouya will send them a letter.
- A letter from JNS stating that the total cell tower rent from Clarity Connect would be \$300.00 instead of the expected \$200.00, because the company has installed 3 antennas instead of two. The Town will receive \$150.00 per month, half of the total rent of \$300.00.
- Proposed 2010 Fire District Budgets were received from Meridale, East Meredith and Delhi.
- A letter from the Coalition of Watershed Towns advised that the 2010 Annual Membership dues of \$1,000.00 are due. The Town Board discussed the membership dues and the following resolution was made:

**RESOLUTION # 49 – 2009**

A resolution by motion was made by Roger Hamilton to pay the 2010 Annual Membership Dues for the Coalition of Watershed Towns. The motion was seconded by Ronald Bailey and passed by the following vote:

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A letter of resignation from Krystine Hilton Hadley, Meredith Planning Board Chairman was received. A motion to approve her resignation, and to advertise for someone to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Board, was made by Paul Menke, seconded by Roger Hamilton, and approved unanimously.

A Special Meeting to further discuss the tentative budget will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 7:00pm. A legal notice will run in the Delaware County Times. The following resolution was made:

**RESOLUTION # 50 - 2009**

A resolution by motion was made by Daniel Birnbaum to set date of a Special Meeting to further discuss the tentative budget on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 7:00pm and to publish legal notices of this date. 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

Michael Jastremski from the Delaware County Planning Department and Jessica Rall from Delaware County Soil and Water have asked for a future Privilege of the Floor for further discussion of the Stream Corridor Management Plan for the West Branch of the Delaware River. Supervisor Capouya will check to see if the December 8, 2009 Town Board Meeting will fit their schedule.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Highway Superintendent William Jester had recalculated the cost of enclosing the garage heating fuel tanks and adding an enclosure to hold the plow on the Oshkosh truck. The Town Board discussed the fact that without the enclosure, the garage will be heated mostly by kerosene at \$1.00 per gallon more than fuel oil, and the Oshkosh will not be usable for plowing. The new cost will be \$2500.00, charged to the General Fund.

The Town Board discussed replacement of the Town Hall front doors to ensure proper closure. New safety and handicapped access requirements will be reviewed before the doors are actually replaced.

A Public Hearing to discuss the preliminary budget will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 6:30pm. A legal notice will run in the Delaware County Times of this date. The following resolution was made:

**RESOLUTION # 51 - 2009**

A resolution by motion was made by Ronald Bailey to set date of a Pubic Hearing to discuss the preliminary budget on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 6:30pm and to publish legal notices of this date. 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

Roger Hamilton made a motion at 8:33pm to adjourn the meeting, Daniel Birnbaum seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Schmidt  
Town Clerk