

MEREDITH TOWN BOARD MEETING  
October 14, 2008

The regular meeting of the Meredith Town Board was held on Tuesday October 14, 2008 at the Meredith Town Hall. The following were in attendance:

Supervisor: Keitha Capouya

Council Members: Ronald Bailey  
Daniel Birnbaum  
Roger Hamilton

Absent: Paul Menke

Highway Superintendent: William Jester

Clerk: Betsy K. Clark

Townspeople: 4

The supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:** Robert Stone

Bob Stone thanked the Board for things moving forward on his complaint of a violation of Local Law # 1 - 1995 in regards to his neighbor's property. A brief discussion ensued regarding where the issue stands.

**REGULAR TOWN BUSINESS:**

The Highway Superintendent presented his report for the month of September. A motion to accept the report was made by Daniel Birnbaum. The motion was seconded by Ron Bailey and passed.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2008 Public Hearing minutes was made by Daniel Birnbaum. The motion was seconded by Ron Bailey and approved.

A motion to table the September 2, 2008 Special meeting minutes, the September 9, 2008 Town Board meeting minutes and the September 15, 2008 Special Meeting minutes was made by Daniel Birnbaum. The motion was seconded by Ron Bailey and passed.

A motion was made by Roger Hamilton to approve the Town Clerks report for September 2008. The motion was seconded by Ron Bailey and approved.

A motion to approve the Supervisor's report for the month of September was made by Daniel Birnbaum. The motion was seconded by Ron Bailey and approved. During the report Keitha noted there was no interest reported for the Good Neighbor Account because there was a problem with the bank, statement. It will be reported next month.

The warrant for the highway vouchers # 180 - # 194, totaling \$ 84,402.05 was reviewed. A motion for payment of the highway vouchers was made by Daniel Birnbaum. The motion was seconded by Roger Hamilton and approved.

The warrant for the general vouchers #182 - #203 totaling \$ 14,261.34 was reviewed. A motion for payment of the General vouchers was made by Ron Bailey. The motion was seconded by Roger Hamilton and approved unanimously.

The Supervisor read a report submitted by the Code Enforcement Officer regarding a violation of Local Law #1 of 1995.

A motion to accept the report was made by Daniel Birnbaum and seconded by Roger Hamilton.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Keitha read a letter from DEP regarding a land acquisition ID # 5782 on Peakes Brook Road. Later she read the letter DEP wrote to go with this project.

2. Keitha read a letter from the Susquehanna River Basin commission regarding an application for approval to use water from the Susquehanna River Basin for consumptive use for gas drilling.

3. Keitha read a letter regarding a multi-county cooperation for ski resorts.

4. Keitha announced the County Stream Corridor management plan for flooding.

5. Keitha announced the County Pharmacy plan.

6. Roger asked about the Ag & Farmland protection grant. Keitha said they have not heard back yet but it was submitted. Roger asked for a copy.

7. Keitha announced she got a letter from the Village of Delhi asking for the Spring Lake property to be reclassified as tax exempt. There was also a previous letter asking if we wanted to lease the property. Keitha would like to send a letter back stating that if the property is leased we would not reclassify it as tax exempt, but if it remains open and the towns agree we would consider reclassifying it as tax exempt. This was discussed and the Board gave their permission for Keitha to send a letter.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Dan asked about the property in Meridale and the property on Turnpike Road. Keitha said nothing has been done about either.

2. Keitha presented the Board with the second half of the EAF that needs to be completed for the Cell Tower Law. The Board proceeded to fill out the second half of the EAF.

**RESOLUTION # 78 - 2008**

A resolution by motion was made by Daniel Birnbaum to approve the second half of the EAF as completed and also the classification of this as a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Ron Bailey and passed by the following vote:

K. Capouya - Aye  
R. Bailey - Aye  
D. Birnbaum - Aye  
R. Hamilton - Nay  
P. Menke – Absent

3. Keitha announced there were changes to the Budget from the last review by the Board. She went over the changes and discussed the Tentative Budget at length with the Board. The following resolution was made:

**RESOLUTION # 79 - 2008**

A resolution by motion was made by Roger Hamilton to approve the tentative budget, now making it the preliminary budget. The motion was seconded by Ron Bailey and passed by the following vote:

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

**RESOLUTION # 80 - 2008**

A resolution by motion was made by Daniel Birnbaum to set a Public Hearing for the Budget on November 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Meredith Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Ron Bailey and passed by the following vote:

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

4. Keitha announced there was a resignation of a Planning Board member and we need to advertise for applications for a new member. The following resolution was made:

**RESOLUTION # 81 - 2008**

A resolution by motion was made by Roger Hamilton to advertise for a Planning Board Secretary. The motion was seconded by Ron Bailey and passed by the following vote:

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

5. The Board discussed the appointment of a member of the Board of Assessment review that has a vacancy. Richard Cooke was appointed as a temporary for this year and is agreeable to the appointment. The Board discussed this appointment and the following resolution was made:

**RESOLUTION # 82 - 2008**

A resolution by motion was made by Ron Bailey to appoint Richard Cooke to the Town of Meredith Assessment Review Board for a term of 5 years beginning September 2008. The motion was seconded by Daniel Birnbaum and passed by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Daniel Birnbaum to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 10:02. The motion was seconded by Roger Hamilton.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy K. Clark  
Town Clerk

