

MEREDITH TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 08, 2009

The regular meeting of the Meredith Town Board was held on Tuesday, December 08, 2009 at the Meredith Town Hall. The following were in attendance:

Supervisor: Keitha Capouya
Council Members: Ronald Bailey
Paul Menke
Daniel Birnbaum
Absent: Roger Hamilton

Highway Superintendent: William Jester

Clerk: Sandra Schmidt

Townspople: 3

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Achim Sliwa, a resident of the Town of Meredith, asked that the Board adopt a property tax exemption for low-income disabled land owners. He said that New York State will reimburse some of the exempted money to the Town. Supervisor Capouya will see what she can find out about the program so the Board can consider it.

Penelope King, newly elected Meredith Town Clerk, expressed her gratitude and appreciation for the help Meredith Town Clerk Sandra Schmidt has given her to insure a smooth transition into her new position. She also thanked Yvonne Osterhout for her assistance.

Jessica Rall from Delaware County Soil and Water answered questions regarding The Stream Corridor Management Plan for the West Branch of the Delaware River. She will also return if the Town of Meredith decides to hold a Public Hearing on the matter.

REGULAR TOWN BUSINESS:

The Highway Superintendent presented his report for the month of November. A motion to accept the report was made by Daniel Birnbaum seconded by Ronald Bailey and approved by the following vote:

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

The Town Clerk presented the minutes for November 10, 2009 Public Hearing. 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	– absent
P. Menke	– aye

The Town Clerk presented the minutes for November 10, 2009 Town Board Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Daniel Birnbaum, seconded by Paul Menke and approved by the following vote:

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

The Town Clerk presented the Town Clerk’s report for the month of November 2009, along with a correction for the August 2009 report, which she discovered in the course of an internal audit. A motion to accept both the November report and the correction for August was made by Daniel Birnbaum, seconded by Paul Menke and approved by the following vote:

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

The Supervisor presented her financial report for the month of November 2009. A motion to accept the report was made by Daniel Birnbaum, seconded by Ronald Bailey and approved by the following vote:

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

VOUCHERS:

Warrant #12 for General Fund vouchers #229- #249 totaling \$10,124.47 was reviewed. A motion for payment of the General vouchers was made by Daniel Birnbaum, seconded by Paul Menke and approved by the following vote:

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

Warrant #12 for Highway Fund vouchers #239 - #254 totaling \$12,332.81 was reviewed. A motion for payment of the Highway vouchers was made by Paul Menke, seconded by Ronald Bailey and approved by the following vote:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Keitha Capouya handed out copies of the following correspondence:

- Meridale Rural Fire District Meeting Minutes for Nov. 3, 2009.
- Notice of Preliminary Decisions of the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) dated December 2, 2009.
- An information sheet and an application form for the Local Technical Assistance Program, managed by the CWC for the benefit of West-of-Hudson Watershed communities.
- A letter from Wayne Marshfield outlining the financial challenges the county is faced with.

Supervisor Keitha Capouya and Town Board discussed the following correspondence:

- The Meredith Historical Society sent a Deed of Gift form to be used by donors who would like their gifts to become part of the Town of Meredith collection. A motion to accept the Deed of Gift form was made by Daniel Birnbaum, seconded by Ronald Bailey and was approved by the following vote:

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

- There has been a complaint about the many cats without homes in Meridale. A neighbor feeds them, although they live outside. A home has been found for the cats, and Supervisor Keitha Capouya will ask if there are one or two the woman who has been feeding them would especially like to keep. Keitha will pay to neuter any that stay in town. .
- Time Warner Cable outlining possible program changes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Capouya distributed copies of the Town of Meredith Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual (A) for Jan. 1 – Dec. 8, 2009, Town of Meredith Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual (DA) for Jan. 1 – Dec. 8, 2009. From those reports, year-end adjustments were made to the 2009 Budget, and the following resolution was made:

RESOLUTION # 57 - 2009

A resolution by motion was made by Ronald Bailey to approve the adjustments made to the General and Highway Budget for 2009. The motion was seconded by Paul Menke and passed by the following vote:

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

A copy of the General and Highway Budget Adjustments for 2009 is attached to the end of these minutes.

Supervisor Capouya also gave out copies of the 2010 adopted Budget in the final form that went to the Board of Supervisors.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town of Meredith Code Officer Diane Lutz had requested a salary for her codes work, and an increase for inspection fees from \$30.00 to \$35.00. The Town Board discussed and approved the inspection fee increase. The following resolution was made:

RESOLUTION # 58 - 2009

A resolution by motion was made by Paul Menke to approve the increase in inspection fees paid to Town of Meredith Code Officer Diane Lutz from \$30.00 to \$35.00. The motion was seconded by Ronald Bailey and passed by the following vote:

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

Supervisor Capouya has to mail the January 2, 2010, Loader payment to Daimler Chrysler in December, before the approval of the warrant in January, so as not to incur late-payment penalties. She asked for Board approval to mail the check in late December, and the following resolution was made:

RESOLUTION # 59 - 2009

A resolution by motion was made by Paul Menke to have Supervisor Capouya make the scheduled payment on the Highway Department's Loader in advance of the January warrant. The motion was seconded by Daniel Birnbaum and passed by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Daniel Birnbaum, seconded by Paul Menke, to adjourn the regular meeting to Executive Session at 7:50pm, for the purpose of reviewing resumes for positions on the Planning Board. Sandra Schmidt and Penelope King were present during the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Ronald Bailey, seconded by Paul Menke, to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the regular Town Meeting at 8:06pm.

A Special Meeting for the purpose of interviewing applicants for the vacant Planning Board positions will be held on December 21, 2009 at 7:00pm, a legal notice will run in the Delaware County Times of this date. The following resolution was made:

RESOLUTION # 60 - 2009

A resolution by motion was made by Daniel Birnbaum to call a Special Meeting for the purpose of interviewing applicants for the vacant Planning Board positions on December 21, 2009 at 7:00pm, and to publish legal notices of this date in the Delaware County Times. The motion was seconded by Paul Menke and passed by the following vote:

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

Ronald Bailey made a motion at 9:15pm to adjourn the meeting, Daniel Birnbaum seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Schmidt
Town Clerk