

MEREDITH TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 11, 2008

The regular meeting of the Meredith Town Board was held on Tuesday November 11, 2008 at the Meredith Town Hall. The following were in attendance:

Supervisor: Keitha Capouya

Council Members: Ronald Bailey
Daniel Birnbaum
Paul Menke

Absent: Roger Hamilton

Highway Superintendent: William Jester

Clerk: Betsy K. Clark

Townspeople:

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m. Keitha commemorated Veteran's Day with a reading from the Star Spangled Banner.

REGULAR TOWN BUSINESS:

The Highway Superintendent presented his report for the month of October. A motion to accept the report was made by Paul Menke. The motion was seconded by Daniel Birnbaum and passed.

During the Highway Superintendents report Bill Jester asked the Board if his tractor pulling club could use the track behind the Town Garage for a tractor pull during the Dairy Fest. He said the club was fully insured. This was discussed and the following motion was made.

A motion was made by Paul Menke to allow the track for tractor pulls to be used during the Dairy Fest in June and the Town is to be provided a copy of the insurance. Ron Bailey seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2008 Special Meeting minutes was made by Daniel Birnbaum. The motion was seconded by Paul Menke and approved.

A motion to approve the September 9, 2008 Town Board Meeting minutes, as amended, was made by Ron Bailey. The motion was seconded by Daniel Birnbaum and passed.

A motion to approve the September 15, 2008 Special Meeting minutes as amended was made by Ron Bailey. The motion was seconded by Daniel Birbaum and passed.

A motion to approve the October 1, 2008 Special Meeting minutes as amended was made by Paul Menke. The motion was seconded by Ron Bailey and passed.

A motion to approve the October 14, 2008 Public Hearing minutes was made by Daniel Birbaum. The motion was seconded by Ron Bailey and passed.

A motion to approve the October 14, 2008 Town Board Meeting minutes, as amended, was made by Ron Bailey. The motion was seconded by Daniel Birbaum and passed.

A motion was made by Ron Bailey to approve the Town Clerk's report for October 2008 as corrected. The motion was seconded by Daniel Birnbaum and approved.

A motion to approve the Supervisor's report for the month of October was made by Daniel Birnbaum. The motion was seconded by Ron Bailey and approved.

The warrant for the general vouchers #204 - #239 totaling \$ 16,109.20 was reviewed. A motion for payment of the General vouchers as amended was made by Daniel Birnbaum. The motion was seconded by Ron Bailey and approved unanimously.

The warrant for the highway vouchers # 195 - # 209, totaling \$ 30,977.93 was reviewed. A motion for payment of the highway vouchers was made by Paul Menke. The motion was seconded by Daniel Birnbaum and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Keitha asked if everyone was ready to vote on proposed Local Law #3 – 2008 “Town of Meredith Telecommunication Tower and Facilities Law”. Keitha also said if this is approved tonight she will send a letter to the Delaware Country Planning Board regarding their objections and our vote. The Board was ready and the following resolution was made:

RESOLUTION # 83 – 2008

A resolution by motion was made by Paul Menke to adopt into law proposed local law # 3 – 2008 “Town of Meredith Telecommunications and Facilities Law” and file it with the Department of State. The motion was seconded by Daniel Birnbaum and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

2. The Budget for 2009 was discussed. One amendment was made for the purchase of the loader. Some funds for the Highway Funds were adjusted from one account to another to accommodate the purchase of a new loader. These changes had no effect on the Budget total. There will be a change in the amount for Highway and General but the percentage increase will stay the same. The vote on the Budget for 2009 was made:

RESOLUTION # 84 – 2008

A motion was made by Ron Bailey to approve the Town Budget for 2009 with the adjustments to the Preliminary Budget. The motion was seconded by Daniel Birnbaum and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter was received for the DEC that a resident has applied for a permit to remove gravel from a section of the Ouleout that was deposited from the flood.
2. A letter was received a letter from the State Comptroller about pensions.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A call was received from a resident about a swimming pool permit. The Town has none but it was discussed we should. The Town will look into permits and costs.
2. The Cold War Veterans Exemption and preparation for a local law was discussed.
3. Robert Swantak asked about the Board of Supervisors meeting on the Budget and what happened.

A motion was made by Daniel Birnbaum to adjourn the Town Board to Executive Session regarding acquisition of real property 8:31. The motion was seconded by Paul Menke.

A motion was made by Paul Menke to adjourn executive session to the regular Board meeting and also adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 8:50. The motion was seconded by Dan Birnbaum.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy K. Clark
Town Clerk

