

## Meredith Town Board Meeting

June 8, 2010

### In attendance:

Supervisor: Keitha Capouya  
Board Members: Ronald Bailey  
Daniel Birnbaum  
John Janiszewski  
Highway Super: William Jester  
Town Clerk Penny King

Absent: Paul Menke

Others: Kurt Mable of Robert O. Mable Agency, Inc.  
Sharon Moyse, resident

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 8 pm.

### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Sharon Moyse spoke about her dissatisfaction with the condition of the road in front of her house (Irish Hill Road): she says it is either muddy or dusty. Budget constraints, the work actually done to aid her and the fact that the road will not be paved was explained to her. No other action taken.

### INSURANCE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

Kurt Mable presented the insurance quotes for this year. The premium is slightly lower than last year, quoted as \$24,379.56 for the total proposed premium. After some questions and discussion, especially about coverage for older pick-up trucks, the Board passed a Resolution # 68 to accept the bid on a motion by D. Birnbaum, seconded by R. Bailey. The vote was as follows:

K. Capouya aye  
R. Bailey aye  
D. Birnbaum aye  
J. Janiszewski aye

The Board also decided to obtain more quotes from more agents next year.

### HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The retaining wall on Palmer Hill Road is finished. Ditching on roads has begun. Magnesium chloride to reduce dust has been spread on  $\frac{3}{4}$  of our roads. Culverts have been replaced on McDougal and Monkey Run Roads. John Bagley resigned on 5-26-10; Jason Noble was hired to replace John on 6-1-10. The report was accepted unanimously on a motion by D. Birnbaum, seconded by J. Janiszewski.

### MINUTES

The Minutes for May, 2010, were accepted unanimously with corrections on a motion by R. Bailey, seconded by J. Janiszewski.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

May, 2010 Report was accepted unanimously on a motion by D. Birnbaum, seconded by J. Janiszewski.

Semi-annual Report will be voted on at the next meeting as there is a \$10 discrepancy.

The Town Clerk reported that the Assessment Review Board met on May 27<sup>th</sup> and heard three complaints. Their paperwork has to be notarized before we can write letters of explanation and decision to those complainants. It has not been done as yet.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

The May 2010, report was accepted unanimously on a motion by R. Bailey, seconded by D. Birnbaum.

The Highway Report \$200 discrepancy has still not been found. The Supervisor met with the bookkeeper for 4 hours. They will keep looking. The meeting also was about getting regular P&L statements.

GENERAL VOUCHERS: #89 - # 107 were approved unanimously on a motion by R. Bailey, seconded by D. Birnbaum.

HIGHWAY VOUCHERS: #85 - # 102 were approved unanimously on a motion by D. Birnbaum, seconded by R. Bailey.

CORRESPONDENCE:

--Nejla Camponeschi is resigning from the position of Judge for the Town of Meredith as of June 30, 2010. A Legal Notice for a "Permissive Referendum" needs to be published in The Daily Star and the Delaware County Times and posted at the Meridale Post Office. If no protest by petition occurs in 30 days, from the date of posting, then a Resolution may be enacted to reduce the number of judges to one and to hire a law clerk instead of having a second judge. The Board will have Judge Field hire the law clerk and will consult with him on salary. There was a Resolution #69 made by motion stating that: "having noted the resignation of Nejla Camponeschi leaving a vacancy in the Office of Town Justice, and having found that it is in the best interests of the Town to reduce the Number of Justices as provided in 60-a(2) of the Town Law, the resolution which is the subject of the Referendum reduced the number of Town Justices to one, effective upon the adoption thereof."

Voting on Resolution:

K. Capouya	aye
J. Janiszewski	aye
D. Birnbaum	aye
R. Bailey	aye

FUEL BIDS:

Two fuel bids came, were opened and discussed. Since there was a question about whether a "firm differential" is attached to just a "fluctuating bid price" or

to a “firm bid price” as well, the issue was tabled. A special meeting will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2010, at 8 am to make a final decision.

Further, the Board decided it needed another special meeting to complete the agenda, so another meeting is to be set for Monday, June 14, 2010, at 7 pm.

A motion to have two special meetings was made by D. Birnbaum, seconded by J. Janiszewski and approved by all.

R. Bailey then made a motion to adjourn at 11 pm. It was seconded by J. Janiszewski and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Penelope R. King  
Town Clerk