

Meredith Town Board Meeting

May 11, 2010

In attendance:

Supervisor:	Keitha Capouya
Board members:	Ronald Bailey
	Daniel Birnbaum
	John Janiszewski
	Paul Menke
Highway Superin.:	William Jester
Town Clerk:	Penny King

Townspople: eleven

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:21 pm

Privilege of the floor:

A letter signed by 37 residents (along with photographs) was presented to the Board regarding a number of complaints about a neighbor. They want action and have been frustrated by the fact that none of their concerns have been successfully addressed. They detailed the problems and asked that the Board take action. (In November, 2009, the Code Officer sent him a letter and he appeared before the judge but apparently nothing has been resolved.) After the Board agreed to the need for action, the Supervisor promised to contact our Code Officer, our local judge, the DEC, and the Dept. of Health to address the violations attributed to the resident in question.

Ed Roche, a resident of Elk Creek Road, came to complain of the heavy trucks that have been using the road as a shortcut causing noise, creating a hazard as the road is too narrow for another vehicle to be on the other lane and possibly undermining the culverts under the road. After questions and discussion, Keitha explained that local government has no control over speed limits, but that the Town is working on writing the Road Preservation Law and that other options will be researched.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Graveling where needed and dust control has begun. Ditching is being done. A major washout on Palmer Hill Road is repaired. Six bad culverts and three driveway pipes have been replaced. Bad pavement on Sutherland Road has been removed and replaced. The report was accepted on a motion by P. Menke, seconded by D. Birnbaum and carried unanimously.

MINUTES:

The minutes from the April 13, 2010, Town Board Meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by P. Menke, seconded by J. Janiszewski.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

The April Monthly Report was accepted unanimously on a motion by R. Bailey, seconded by D. Birnbaum.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

The entire April Monthly Report was accepted unanimously on a motion by P. Menke, seconded by R. Bailey. The \$200 discrepancy in the March, 2010, Highway Fund has still not been found. The Supervisor has instructed the bookkeeper to find it.

GENERAL VOUCHERS # 73 - #88 and
HIGHWAY VOUCHERS # 64 - # 83:

These were all accepted unanimously, after two corrections, on a motion by D. Birnbaum with a second by R. Bailey.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Time Warner letters were announced; no action required.
- The JNS Towers Lease Agreement with EMS was distributed and discussed briefly; no action required.
- A letter from the Delaware County Fair Board of Directors was read. It asked for a donation of \$500.00 from each town to help rebuild the 4-H horse barn, destroyed in a fire last November. The issue was discussed and a motion was passed unanimously if the Supervisor could find the money in the budget the Board authorizes the full amount to be donated. The motion was made by P. Menke and seconded by J. Janiszewski.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Farmland Protection Plan grant was discussed. A committee of K. Capouya, P. Menke and J. Janiszewski will work on the issue.
- A draft of the Driveway Permit Regulation was discussed and a few corrections to the document were made. It was decided that when the document is complete and accepted, it will be sent out along with Building Permits when appropriate. K. Capouya will check with the town attorney as the whether it needs to be in the form of a law.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Planning Board Secretary has resigned though she is willing to stay on until a replacement is hired. Ads have been placed in the local papers and shopper. Michele Lechanteur is willing to do the job and comes highly recommended.

- Fuel bids: Resolution # 67 was passed to send out bids. The motion made by D. Birnbaum and seconded by P. Menke.

Vote:	K. Capouya	aye
	R. Bailey	aye
	D. Birnbaum	aye
	J. Janiszewski	aye
	P. Menke	aye

- Summer hours for the meetings of the Town Board were set as follows: from June through September -- 7:30 pm rather than 7 pm. A motion to that effect was made by R. Bailey, seconded by J. Janiszewski and passed unanimously.
- An alternate representative to Stream Water Management will be chosen in June.
- Assessor Tentative Roll, open book days and grievance dates have been set and legal notices placed in newspapers. Each Board Member was given an information sheet; no action taken.
- Town Insurance policies will be reviewed with Kurt Mable during the June meeting.
- The annual Swim Program was discussed. It was suggested to charge a small fee next year as a spur to attending all lessons as, in the past, some children came to a few and then dropped out. No action was taken.
- the Star Exemption was reduced for 2010 School Taxes; no action taken.
- A Notice of Preliminary Decisions of the Catskill Watershed Corp. were distributed; no action required or taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:33 pm to discuss an issue about an appointed position on a motion by D. Birnbaum, seconded by R. Bailey and approved by all. The Board closed the Executive Session at 9:58 pm on a motion from P. Menke, seconded by R. Bailey and approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn at 10:05 pm was made by D. Birnbaum, seconded by R. Bailey and approved by all.