

TOWN of HORNELLSVILLE
MINUTES for TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 12, 2014

Present: Supervisor Kenneth Isaman
Deputy Town Clerk Susie Thompson
Board Member Dan Broughton
Board Member Joseph Dick
Board Member Ronald Kennell

Absent: Board Member James Giglio

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Isaman, who led in the pledge to the flag.

MINUTES

Motion made by Kennell and seconded by Isaman to accept the minutes of the July 8th Town Board Meeting.

Roll Call: Kennell, Broughton, Dick, Isaman, all ayes. Carried.

PAY BILLS

General Bills # 230 – 256	\$ 18,549.92
Highway Bills # 131 – 149	\$ 79,554.44

TOTAL BILLS	\$98,104.36
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Motion made by Dick to accept the bills as audited. Seconded by Broughton.

Roll Call: Kennell, Broughton, Dick, Isaman, all ayes. Carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT read by Susie Thompson, Deputy Town Clerk, with fees for the month of July, 2914 of \$ 784.00.

Motion made by Kennell and seconded by Dick to accept the Town Clerk's Report as read.

Roll Call: Kennell, Broughton, Dick, Isaman, all ayes. Carried.

JUSTICE REPORTS

Justice Reports read by Dick with Justice Plank fees at \$ 16,434.50 and Justice Mcmanus with fees of \$ 1561.00 for the month of July, 2014.

Motion made by Isaman, seconded by Kennell to accept the Justice Reports .

Roll Call: Kennell, Broughton, Dick, Isaman, all ayes. Carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT – Shawn Grasby, Codes Officer

The Code Enforcement Report was read by Dan Broughton. Grasby visited 5 locations for a total of 432 miles. Motion made by Kennell and seconded by Isaman to accept Codes Report.

Roll Call: Kennell, Broughton, Dick, Isaman, all ayes. Carried.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

There is no Planning Board Report as they did not meet in July.

BUILDINGS/INSURANCE/FIRE REPORTS

This report was read by Dick. Mr. Dick reported that our Fire District is celebrating their 100th anniversary with a parade and celebratory events this weekend in Arkport. He also reported he will be meeting with Jason Emo this week to discuss the upcoming work on the Fire Dept. building in South Hornell.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Highway Report read by Kennell. Motion made by Dick; seconded by Isaman to accept Highway Report as read.

Roll Call: Kennell, Broughton, Dick, Isaman, all ayes. Carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ BUSINESS RELATIONS - James Giglio

Mr. Giglio out of town on business. Mr. Isaman reported that he and Mr. Kennell met with representatives of Hunt Engineers and Bergmann to receive their proposals for work on raising the K-Mart Plaza area out of the flood plain. Mr. Kennell advised that the board will have to select the firm they want to do the actual work. Mr. Isaman emphasized the need for this project by explaining that Do-It-Best used to pay \$5,000.00 for flood insurance, but the premium rose to \$ 40,000.00 because of a mistake made by FEMA in their calculations on a project for N. Hornell.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT-Kenneth Isaman

Mr Isaman stated it would be necessary to go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss pending litigation. He also reported that the board, over the last few years, has not been able to accomplish what the people elected them to do because of interference from 3 people and for this reason, our town attorney, Pat McAllister will explain a decision we have reached.

Mr. McAllister then said that there is no right for the public to speak at a town board meeting, unless the board is discussing a local law. There is nothing in the Open Meeting Law or in the Town Law that requires a town board to allow the public to speak.

Motion made by Isaman to rescind public speaking at Town Board Meetings at this time and seconded by Kennell.

Roll call: Isaman, Kennell, Broughton, Dick, all ayes. Carried.

Undersheriff Jim Allard was then introduced by Mr. Isaman. The Undersheriff spoke about the Sheriff's Dept.'s new and expanded program to deal with the drug problems in Steuben County. He described how passionate and committed the Sheriff is to combating drug activity throughout the county and some steps they have taken to "beef up" those efforts, including using the "swarm effect," which meant increasing investigators from 3 to 9, sending undercover agents into the schools, increasing the numbers of informants and setting up and encouraging people to access the tip line, so the public has a way to provide information of possible drug activity to law enforcement without feeling intimidated. We have discovered drugs have become the biggest quality of life issue among the public. We have set up a website and the Tip Line # 844 DRUG TIP for the public to give anonymous tips. They ask for input from the public and any info to help us.

Mr. Isaman made the motion to go into Executive Session. Kennell seconded.

At 8:32pm, Mr. Dick made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Broughton seconded.

Roll Call: Broughton, Dick, Kennell, Isaman, all ayes. Carried

At 8:33pm, Mr. Dick made a motion, seconded by Isaman to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Broughton, Dick, Kennell, Isaman, all ayes. Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Thompson, Deputy Town Clerk