

Town of DeKalb Board Meeting

At a regular meeting of the Town Board, of the Town of DeKalb, St. Lawrence County, New York, held on the 18th day of January, 2017, at the Town Hall in DeKalb Junction NY, there were present:

John Frary	Supervisor	Harold Lowery	Councilman
Michael Livingston	Councilman	Rae Ann Davis	Councilwoman
Jody Hamilton	Highway Superintendent	Ed Newcombe	Councilman
Bill Chambers	Code Enforcement Officer	Barbara Creazzo	Town Clerk
Charles Nash	Attorney		

Supervisor Frary, opened the meeting at 7:02 PM.

Harold Lowery, moved that the minutes of the meeting of the Town Board, held on the 21st day of December, 2016, as submitted by the Town Clerk, be and hereby approved. Seconded by Michael Livingston, and adopted unanimously.

Members of the community present were:

Larry Denesha, SLC Legislator

Rachel Hunter, Gouverneur Tribune Press

Public Forum:

Larry Denesha

-Henry Leader, of Gouverneur, has been selected to fill the SLC Legislator position, vacated by Travis Dann.

-Kevin Acres, has been selected as the SLC Chairperson for the 2017 Legislative Body. Joseph Lightfoot, has been selected as Vice Chair for 2017.

-Larry Denesha, has been selected to serve on several Boards and or Committees, for the coming year. A few of them are: Adirondack Park Review Board, Cornell Cooperative Extension Board of Directors, Fire Advisory Board, and others.

-Sales Tax receipts for 2016 fall short of the proposed amount budgeted. The first, second and fourth quarters were less than projected; therefore, the total collected was short by \$1,397,640.39.

-Don Chambers, Superintendent of Highways for SLC, has received notification that the bridge spanning the Grasse River, in the town of Russell, has been chosen to receive State funded money from the Bridge New York program. Bridge replacement will begin this coming summer.

-Candidates have been interviewed by the Board of Legislators, for a Risk Management Specialist. They expect to make an offer to one of the candidates within the next month.

-Indigent Defense, the Governor, vetoed the Bill that had been passed unanimously both by the Assembly and Senate during the 2016 session. Due to it having been passed unanimously, our representatives have set a meeting for later this month and they will continue to address this bill.

-DEC personnel have met with the Legislators to discuss the early, versus late doe season in St. Lawrence County. No conclusions have been made at this time.

Financials:

A motion was made by Rae Ann Davis, and seconded by Ed Newcombe, to accept the Justice Clerk Audit as presented. Carried 5 Ayes

A motion was made by Harold Lowery, and seconded by Michael Livingston, to accept the Town Clerk Audit for Water & Sewer accounts as well as the Clerk account as presented. Carried 5 Ayes

A motion was made by Rae Ann Davis, and seconded by Harold Lowery, to allocate \$150.00 to the North Country Life Flight, Inc. Carried 5 Ayes

-Members of the Board reviewed the budget as presented. There were no questions or concerns noted.

Town Clerk Report:

-For the month of December, \$449.80 was collected. NYS Ag & Markets received \$31.00, NY DOH received \$22.50 and the Town coffers received \$381.30.

- For the month of December, \$4,367.85 was collected for the Water District and \$4,794.64 was collected for the Sewer District.
- Tax collecting has begun for 2017.

Supervisor Frary, explained to the Board, why there appears to be an increase with this year's tax cap. The 2017 Budget does not exceed the tax cap; however, because one tax line was combined with another, it appears there was an increase, when there really isn't.

Oath of Office has been administered to the following names and titles:
Charles Nash, Attorney, Wands Law, Deputy Clerk and Deputy Registrar, William (Bill) Chambers, Code Enforcement Officers, John Frary, Officiant.

A motion was made by Rae Ann Davis, and seconded by Harold Lowery, to appoint Joseph Peters, to a 5 year term as a member of Board of Assessment Review. Carried 5 Ayes

Water/Sewer:

Water report for the month of December; a total of 601,500 gallons of water were metered for the month. The daily average was 19,403 gallons. A total of 8 gallons of sodium hypochlorite were used in the treatment of water produced.

- Daily visual inspections of the water plant were conducted.
- Random distribution samples were taken and sent to Converse Laboratories for bacteriological testing. All results were satisfactory.
- There were no chargeable events performed for this billing period.

Sewer report for the month of December; a total of 853,000 gallons of wastewater were treated during the month.

- Daily operations tests and visual inspections of the plant and lift station were performed.
- Weekly and monthly inspections of blowers, pumps, and process equipment were also performed.
- The plant did receive one permit violation, as the incoming flow had too high liquid consistency and too low solid consistency. This is a test that is completed quarterly. A rain storm the day before the test is completed could be a cause for such test results.
- There were no chargeable events performed this billing period.

Roto-Rooter was called on 01/15/2017 to work on a sewer pipe blockage on Second Street. The line was inspected with a camera and it was determined there is a dip in the line as it crosses under the roadway, and there are roots that are beginning to impinge the line. The blockage was cleared, and this line should be replaced this coming summer.

Assessor's Report: None at this time.

Code Enforcement Report: William Chambers

- A total of 71 permits were issued for 2016. The fee amount collected was \$6,181.88 and the total project cost was \$1,023,319.00.
- Breakdown of permits: 4 houses, 2 mobile homes, 1 camp, 4 barns, 9 sheds, 2 shops, 3 garages, 3 repairs, 12 decks/porches, 3 electrical, 3 accessory structures, 9 roofs, 5 renovations, 5 additions, 3 swimming pools, 2 septic systems, and 1 solar bank.

Highway Report: Jody Hamilton

General update

- Ten complete rounds have been completed since the last Board meeting.
- Seven partial rounds have been completed as well.
- To date, 119 hours of overtime have been accrued, which is in-line with last year for the same time period.
- Two days have been spent cutting brush and will continue to do so as the weather permits.
- Number 3 truck has had the muffler replaced, as well as, the water-pump and injectors. This was all completed by department personnel, eliminating the need for the truck to be sent out for these repairs, which in turn, saved a large sum of money in labor costs.
- During the past year:
 - 29 sites had culverts replaced for a total of 1,150 feet of culverts.
 - 6.2 miles of road was paved.
 - 2.1 mile of road was chipped.

2.6 miles of road was ground.
24,000 gallons of fuel was used.

Department safety

-CPR/First Aid training was completed by all highway members.

Used Vehicle purchase

-The excavator on rubber, that was discussed at the last Board meeting has been purchased for \$65,000.

-For this coming year, would like to begin the process of building a seasonal equipment storage building behind the garage. It can be built in stages as funds are available. Being able to place equipment undercover is always beneficial to the equipment.

Communications:

-The site at Old DeKalb that has been looked at as a possible boat launch site is not available. Supervisor Frary will continue to explore options elsewhere along the river, as a launch site.

-NYS DOT will change the **NO STANDING** signs at the intersection of US Highway 11 and County Route 17 to **NO PARKING** and will move 2 of them to the requested sites.

A resolution by Harold Lowery, and seconded by Rae Ann Davis, to request a speed reduction on County Route 17, approaching the intersection of State Highway 812, to a speed of 30 miles per hour, has been made. All members of the Board present for this resolution voted yes. There were no nays and no absences.

-Supervisor Frary, shared with the Board, the Proposed Resolutions for the 2017 Legislative Program for Association of Towns.

-Received notice from Peter Pagliaro, Principal Examiner Office of the State Comptroller, regarding information that has been placed on the Town's Website that should not be there, as it is regarded as sensitive information. The information inadvertently shared a password and has been removed.

-Per request at the Organizational meeting, Supervisor Frary contacted Mayor Fenlong, of Richville, regarding the \$375 provided for Youth Services, be applied to program expenses rather than property type maintenance. Mayor Fenlong ensures the money will be utilized in the manner requested.

-Received a response from Assemblyman, Ken Blankenbush, stating he too, is in favor of the STAR program reverting back to the original way of dispersing STAR monies. He also states, "There are proposals being put forward for the 2017 legislative session to address state income tax structure, improve oversight of state programs and ensure funding is delivered in a timely manner. Please be assured that I will work with my colleagues in Albany to address these issues."

-Supervisor Frary, reports that the last Dog Control Officer Inspection Report, that was conducted on 12/16/2016 was satisfactory in all categories.

-Local Law Committee, continues to be on hiatus and will resume in the spring.

-St. Henry's update, a roof can be installed over the assessable ramp, to help keep it clear of snow.

-Supervisor Frary, ask the Board, to begin thinking about constructing a pavilion at the park/playground located on Gibbons St. How large should it be and whether there will be a storage area included.

A motion was made by Rae Ann Davis, and seconded by Harold Lowery, to move forward with updating the Town's Website. The Town will continue with Digital Towpath, for this year, but will make the change to Revize Sotfware Systems, when time permits. Carried 5 Ayes

A motion was made by Michael Livingston, and seconded by Harold Lowery, to approve payment of the bills as entered on Abstract # **1-2017** Carried 5 Ayes

A motion was made by Harold Lowery, and seconded by Rae Ann Davis, to adjourn. Carried 5 Ayes

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Barbara A. Creazzo

Town Clerk

Actions

1. Complete Resolution for Life Flight. **Completed 01/24/2017**
2. Complete Oaths of Office as needed and send to appropriate departments. **Completed 01/25/2017**
3. Write Resolution for Speed Reduction on County Route 17 nearing the State Highway 812 intersection. **Completed 01/24/2017**
4. Move forward with new Website.
5. Make a copy of the Proposed Resolutions for the Associations of Towns for Rae Ann. **Completed 01/23/2017**