

**September 10, 2013**

The regular monthly meeting of the Tyrone Town Board was held on the above date at the Town Meeting Room and was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Conklin at 7:00 pm.

Meeting opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Present: Deputy Supervisor; Town Clerk; Councilpersons: Grimmke, Petris, Allen and Perry; Justice Clerk; Assessor; CEO plus those on sign in sheet.

**A copy of the August 13, 2013 minutes were furnished to Board Members.**

Motion by Allen, second by Grimmke to accept the minutes with a correction requested by Grimmke that she and Cartha Conklin are not forming an association for the Wayne Cemetery, but are working to get matters organized such as paperwork, burial fees, maintenance, etc...

Via email, Diana McIntosh also brought to my attention that she did not mention Don Rowland having a map of the old section at the August meeting. She got a copy of the large map from Don & Diane Campbell, which she gave to Supervisor Jackson, and she returned the original to the Campbell's.

**Deputy Supervisor Conklin read aloud the balances to the Town's Bank accounts.**

**After review of the Financial Reports by Board Members:**

Motion by Allen, second by Petris to accept reports of the checking account for the General Fund. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Petris, second by Grimmke to accept reports of the checking account for the Highway Fund. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Allen, second by Perry to accept reports of the Trust

Account. Carried unanimously.

**After review of the Abstracts by Board Members:**

Motion by Petris, second by Grimmke to approve payment of bills on the General Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Petris, second by Perry to approve payment of bills on the Highway Abstract. Carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

(1) Assessor: Tom Bloodgood of Schuyler County Real Property talked with us about two proposals that the County is looking into as all Town's six year assessor contracts will be ending on September 30, 2013. He has been meeting with Supervisor's county-wide to discuss and get their feedback on these two Coordinated Assessment Programs (CAP).

**CAP #1** Would have Vicki Flynn doing the assessments for Dix, Montour, Orange and Reading. Dan Bizzell would do the assessments for Catherine, Cayuta, Hector and Tyrone. Each would be responsible for their own administrative and appraisal duties.

**CAP #2** Would have Dan Bizzell responsible for all field related, data collection / appraisal duties for all eight townships. Vicki Flynn would be the assessor for all eight townships, but will be primarily responsible for all administrative duties. Dan would be the primary contact for the Town of Tyrone.

The County would like to have resolutions by all of the Town's by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Dan Bizzell introduced himself and spoke of his education and appraisal experience. He states he is familiar with our area and has done numerous independent appraisal in Tyrone.

Cost per parcel will be \$13.33, over the \$13.01 from last year.

It was decided by Deputy Supervisor and the Board that they would not do a resolution at this time so that they could discuss it further and because Supervisor Jackson was not in attendance.

(1) Wayne Cemetery: Pam Grimmke let us know that she and Cartha Conklin have been talking to a lot of people who have been involved, Paul Reiser, Diane Campbell, etc., and their first objective is to try to get immediate paperwork so that if someone wants a plot, their will be fees established.

Getting all of the issues resolved is going to be a long and tedious process but it is a “work in progress” and everyone’s patience is much appreciated.

(2) Lakes Association: Cartha Conklin thanked the Town for giving them permission to put a storage shed at the Town Hall but they have been talking with the Fire Dept. and have decided that a shed at the Fire Hall would be more practical as that is where they hold most of the functions and their supplies would be easily accessible.

Dennis Fagan also added that they have looked into DEC grants for the lakes but there are none at this time.

They are looking into a private company, Lake Savers in Michigan, who have aerated lakes in several states to feed the plants. He is still researching this as he has heard mixed reviews. The current treatments are strictly to keep the milfoil and such from spreading. The zebra mussels in Waneta Lake are eating the native plants and there is no way to kill the mussels.

He also answered a question regarding the lowering of the lakes and said that it is done every three years, so will be done again in 2014.

### **New Business:**

(1) Schuyler County Public Health has reminded us that October is national Bullying Prevention month and would like each Town to pass a resolution that it will recognize October 9<sup>th</sup> as Unity Day and support this by employees wearing orange on that day.

**#16-13 Resolution by Grimmke, second by Petris to recognize Unity Day on October 9<sup>th</sup> in honor of Bullying Prevention month. Carried unanimously.**

(2) Town Clerk: Deborah Tyler furnished the Board with a copy of her monthly report. She also reminded everyone that sporting licenses are only on sale until September 30<sup>th</sup>.

(3) Code Enforcement: Harold Russell reported that he did 4 building permits and he is getting himself organized and more familiar with the area and people. He is enjoying it and hopes that the Town will want to keep him on next year.

(4) Justice Report: Bobbi Sparling furnished the Board with a copy of their monthly report.

She and Justice Kennedy have finished their grant request which includes blacktopping the parking lot, emergency lights and Verizon cell phone enhance for security.

**#17-13 Resolution by Allen, second by Grimmke for the Court to submit this grant request to the State. Carried unanimously.**

(5) Fire Department: Matt Maloney furnished a copy of their monthly report to the Board.

(6) County Legislator: Dennis Fagan reminded everyone that when they do their driver's licenses and vehicle registration directly with Watkins Glen we get to keep 12.7% of the revenue where if it is done by mail or on the internet, the State keeps 100%. It's close by, never has long lines and the staff is very friendly.

Dennis also told us about the rally they held at the Community Center on Monday Sept. 9 about the closing of Monterey Shock. They had about 150-200 people and they are hoping to hold several evening rallies as well. They are also doing a petition drive so if you haven't signed it, please do.

The Legislature is also asking Town's to pass a resolution asking Governor Coumo to rescind his decision to close Monterey Shock next year.

**#18-13 Resolution by Grimmke, second by Allen to pass a resolution requesting Governor Cuomo not close Monterey Shock. Carried unanimously.**

Harold Russell asked Dennis if there was any more word on the State's talk of closing the Fire Academy in Montour Falls. Dennis stated that he had not heard anything more on that for some time.

(7) Highway Superintendent: Paul Ernhout noted that the Town has used Monterey Shock services since they opened.

He reported that Hallock Road has been completed with the help of five other Townships that hauled over 4,000 tons of gravel.

They are now preparing to put in an access road so that they can replace the bridge on Perry Hill Rd. He hopes that won't take much more than a week.

(8) Planning Board: Jack Wilburt said that he has gotten some positive feedback from his tentative Comprehensive Plan and will be starting work on a final Comprehensive Plan.

He also reported that the two Town of Tyrone signs are running late but will hopefully be done next week. Deputy Supervisor Conklin asked that Jack get a copy of the sign design to Supervisor Jackson for he and the Board to view.

Jack also inquired what would have to be done to have a town wide vote in regards to hydrofracking. It was explained that we would have to do a referendum for the vote to appear on the November ballot and that it would have to have been submitted to the County in March of this year.

(9) Environmental Management: Carmine Nicastro spoke to the group about Chronic Wasting Disease which appears in deer and is a risk to people. With hunting season approaching he warns hunters to wear gloves when butchering and to dispose of the bones and organ meat. There have been 800 + moose reported in New York State.

Carmine also mentioned the pro's and con's of hydrofracking and said that there have been studies showing a high risk of Hodgkin's Lymphoma in young people which has shown up in water tests in areas where hydrofracking has been done.

Dennis Fagan also added that he promotes fracking in the Southern Tier but does not for the Finger Lakes area.

### **Other Business:**

(1) A resident inquired as to whether we had a Waneta-Lamoka watershed district. Dennis explained that we have a Waneta-Lamoka Watershed Protection Rehabilitation.

(2) Resident Alan Hurley inquired again as to whether the Town is going to publicize our monthly meetings in the local paper so that people don't forget about it. He was told that it is posted on the Town's website and that the dates have not been changed in many years. He also suggested getting more chairs in the Meeting Room since there have been several meetings where people had to stand.

(3) Historian Paul Reiser gave copies of his quarterly report and discussed some points of interest within the report. Dennis Fagan complimented Paul on a recent article that he wrote about the 1930's "gas boom."

(4) Councilperson Grimmke says that she has spoken with the family of recently deceased former Town Clerk, Helen Baxter, and told them that we would like to place a plaque and picture of Helen in the Town Hall. The family was pleased and we will hopefully have it ready for the Memorial Service that the family hopes to hold sometime in October.

Motion by Allen, second by Petris to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Deborah Tyler  
Town Clerk**