

April 8, 2014

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 Supervisor Kosty at 7:00 pm.

Meeting opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

A copy of the March 22, 2014 meeting minutes were furnished to all Board Members.

Motion by Bason, second by Grimmke to accept the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Supervisor Kosty read aloud the balances to the Town's bank accounts.

After review of the Financial Reports by Board Members:

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

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

Motion by Grimmke, second by Allen to accept reports of the Trust Account. Carried unanimously.

After review of the Abstracts by Board Members:

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

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

Supervisor Kosty reminded everyone that with the resignation of Geraldine Petris from the Town Board, they accepted applications and conducted interviews recently. She stated that they received 5 applications and conducted 4 interviews, as one party did not show up. They enjoyed talking with all of the applicants and have chosen an appointee.

#5-14 Resolution by Allen, second by Bason to appoint Donald Desrochers to the Town Board for the remainder of the year 2014. Roll call vote, Pam Grimmke, Chris Bason, Tom Allen and Jean Kosty. Carried unanimously.

Old Business:

(1) Supervisor Kosty read aloud a proposed resolution to approve the agreement with Larsen Engineers for the free Solar Energy Feasibility Study which authorizes her to sign the agreement.

There was much discussion in regards to costs that other Town's have incurred with these studies, the actual long-term savings and our Town's financial situation. Supervisor Kosty expressed that she did not feel it was right to have this company use their time and resources for a project that she does not feel we will be able to afford any time in the foreseeable future.

#6-14 Resolution by Allen, second by Grimmke to bring this issue back to the floor and decide whether to go forward with and approve the agreement with Larsen Engineers.

Roll call vote Tom Allen-nay, Pam Grimmke-nay, Chris Bason-nay and Jean Kosty-nay. Carried unanimously.

(2) The Board once again is tabling the Proposed Keeping of Certain Animals Law until the May 2014 meeting as Helen Dunlap is working on it and hopes to have something to the Board by then. All members agreed.

(3) Agricultural Committee: Chris Bason announced that they would be meeting on April 10th at 7:00 pm. They did have two new members join last month and would like to have a motion from the Board to accept them on the Committee.

Motion by Bason, second by Grimmke to accept Debra Brooks and Jon Sullivan to the Agricultural Advisory Committee. Carried unanimously.

Supervisor Kosty also stated that Don Desrochers seat on the committee will now need to be filled as he would like to focus his attention to his new duties on the Town Board. Chris stated that he may have someone else in mind.

(4) Wayne Cemetery: Pam Grimmke stated that she has recently spoken with the lady in Buffalo and they have reached an impasse as to the ownership of the Cemetery. Supervisor Kosty said that she has spoken to the District Attorney and they have no records.

The State said that we can take this matter up with our Town Attorney and see if they can assist us in locating records or deeds. There was Board discussion regarding the costs that could be incurred with this and the fact that if it is determined that it is not the Town's, we are right back where we were several months ago.

Pam did say that the State does not fund cemeteries so the maintenance would be up to the Town and residents.

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(4-Cont'd) Pam provided a copy of a draft of rules and regulations for the Board to look over and also reminded us that the Cemetery is in need of a new Sexton and it was discussed whether that should be advertised or just by word-of-mouth. Until such time, Diane Campbell is still the person to contact.

(5) Lakes Association: Cartha Conklin stated that they will be having their first meeting of the season on April 19th at 10:00 am in the Meeting Room. There was some discussion about how much the ice and frost has shifted the shorelines.

(6) Assessor: Not present.

New Business:

(1) Town Clerk: Deborah Tyler read aloud her monthly report.

(2) Code Enforcement: Harold Russell read aloud his monthly report. He also said that he is having a hard time locating a list of rental properties in the Town so that he can conduct fire inspections. If we know of someone who is a renter, please let him know.

He also reminded us that there are complaint forms at the Town Hall and if someone has something they would like him to check into, that is the best way to do it.

(3) Justice Clerk: Bobbi Sparling furnished the Board with a copy of their monthly report. She also reported that they are just plain getting any tickets and the Sheriff's Office told her they were short handed.

(4) Supervisor Kosty asked the Board if, as part of the union negotiations, that the Town agreed to pay for Tracfone's for the Highway Dept. until which time they got new radios in their trucks. The Board stated that was just a temporary agreement and they should be getting new radios shortly.

(5) Fire Department: Not present.

(6) County Legislature: Not present.

(7) Highway Superintendent: Not present.

(8) Planning Board: Jack Wilbert announced that he has resigned as Chairperson and that they elected Helen Dunlap as the new Chair and Rory Miller as co-Chair. Helen says she is working on the Puppy Mill Law and should have a draft to us before our next meeting.

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(9) Environmental Management: Carmine Nicastro updated us on some items that they have been following and discussing.

He talked with us about Habitat For Humanity and some of the projects that they are currently working on. Anyone interested in volunteering would be much appreciated and they hope to do several more projects in our area.

Carmine also stressed the need for individuals to keep their properties cleaned up and encouraged everyone to assist a neighbor who may not be able to do so themselves. He said that people are also welcome to contact him if they need help as he has a group of volunteers which will help.

Other Business:

(1) Several local Historical Societies will be holding a Ham Dinner on May 30th at 5:00 pm at the Tyrone Fire Department. Cost is \$16.00.

The guest speaker is Dr. Kirk Jordan and reservations are required by May 25th at (607) 243-7047 or (607)535-9741.

(2) Flyers were available for a Life Planning Seminar which is being held on May 9th at the Human Services Complex in Montour Falls.

(4) Pam Grimmke also said that she would like to have some sort of Memorial Service at the Town Hall over Memorial Day weekend.

An executive session was called by Supervisor Kosty to discuss personnel history.

Motion by Allen, second by Bason to adjourn the open meeting at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Deborah L. Tyler
Town Clerk**