

Town of Manheim, Regular Board Meeting, January 12, 2016 at 7:00PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Supervisor John Haughton
Councilman Frederick Doerrer
Councilman Peter Jaikin
Councilman Kevin Snell
Councilman Rodney Swartz

OTHERS PRESENT

Carl Stallman

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm., immediately following the 2016 Organizational Meeting.

A Motion was made by Councilman Doerrer and was seconded by Councilman Snell to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2015 board meeting. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Doerrer to approve Abstract #13 of 2015 as audited. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Doerrer and was seconded by Councilman Jaikin to approve Abstract #1 of 2016 as audited. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Doerrer to approve payrolls #25 & 26 of 2015 and payroll #1 of 2016 as audited. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Doerrer and was seconded by Councilman Snell to accept the supervisor report for November 2015. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Swartz to accept the clerks report for December 2015. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Swartz and was seconded by Councilman Jaikin to accept the clerks' Annual report for 2015. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Snell to accept the Codes Officers Annual report for 2015. Ayes All

Public Comment Period

None

Superintendent's Report

Board members reviewed and adopted the following resolution to be sent to our state representatives.

**RESOLUTION # 20 of 2016
Resolution in Support of Increased Highway Aid to Upstate New York**

Introduced by Councilman Jaikin, Seconded by Councilman Snell

Whereas, a reliable transportation infrastructure is vital for the safety of New York's traveling public and its economy; and

Whereas, 85 percent of New York's roads and bridges are maintained by local governments; and

Whereas, despite well-timed and targeted preventative maintenance treatments, the age and condition of many of our locally-owned transportation assets means that they are beyond preservation and in need of much more costly rehabilitation and reconstruction; and

Whereas, estimates by the State Comptroller, DOT and independent studies show a large portion of road mileage is deteriorating and many bridges in the state are rated structurally deficient and functionally obsolete; and

Whereas, the State Comptroller estimates that there will be \$89 billion in unmet local infrastructure over the next 20 years; and

Whereas, the New York Association of Town Superintendents of Highways commissioned its own fifteen year analysis that indicates an annual funding gap of \$1.3 billion for the local system (excluding NYC) alone; and

Whereas, funding for our local system has been far short of what is needed and we've fallen further and further behind in maintaining the vast and aging transportation infrastructure over this long period with severe consequences for conditions ratings; and

Whereas, the New York State Consolidated Local Street and Highway Program (CHIPS) provides essential funding for every municipality in the state and is part of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) capital program; and

Whereas, in the early 1990's the Governor and Legislature created the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund (DHBTF) to pay for the NYSDOT capitol program and the Dedicated Mass Transit Trust Fund (DMTTF) to assist with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and other transit systems' capitol programs; and

Whereas, when the DHBTF was created, it was agreed that the NYSDOT and MTA five-year capitol programs would be similar in size and would be negotiated concurrently; and

Whereas, through 2005-09, both five-year capitol programs were similar in size and adopted within months of each other;

Whereas, in 2010 the Executive and Legislature broke traditional parity and enacted a five-year capitol program for the MTA but not the DOT;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Manheim calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to make additional state funding and resources available at levels that accurately reflect the critical needs of local roads and bridges; and increase CHIPS funding in the 2016-17 state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Manheim calls upon the Governor, and members of the State Legislature to fully fund and submit a new NYSDOT five-year transportation capitol plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Manheim calls upon the Governor and members of the State Legislature to recognize the equality of roads, bridges and transit by restoring funding equality between the MTA and NYSDOT five-year programs and by voting on the plans simultaneously.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	Nay
Supervisor John Haughton	X	
Councilman Frederick Doerrer		X
Councilman Peter Jaikin	X	
Councilman Kevin Snell	X	
Councilman Rodney Swartz	X	

In other matters it's been quiet so the sand pile is holding up and we haven't had to buy diesel since last November.

January 12, 2016 Board Meeting Continued

Superintendent Stallman and Councilman Swartz met with Daniel Kentile from the NYSDOT and signed a shared services agreement for 2016. During the conversation Councilman Swartz had an opportunity to ask about the unused salt shed at the corner of St Rte 167 and Loomis Street. Mr. Kentile said that the State is giving unused properties to local municipalities. Supervisor Haughton read a letter he wrote asking the state to consider turning the property over to the town to use as a site for fire department substation.

A Motion was made by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Snell authorizing the Supervisor to send the letter to the DOT. Ayes All

Old Business

Fire District: Everyone thought the 1/11/16 meeting went really well. Mr. Green put on a very informative power point presentation. All those who attended have a much better understanding of the problems facing volunteer fire companies (not just the DFD). The committee and town boards will meet 7:00pm, January 27th at the firehouse.

Front Door Enclosure: nothing yet: Councilman Jaikin will contact someone he knows and Supervisor Haughton will contact NEP glass for quotes.

New Business

Board members received copies of the Dolgeville Fire Department 2015 Annual report. NYC training information and proposed resolutions were shared with the board members.

A Motion was made to adjourn at 8:30 pm by Councilman Doerrer and was seconded by Councilman Snell. Ayes All

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Gressler