

Town of Manheim, Public Hearing, 2016 Dolgeville Fire Contract & Regular Board Meeting, October 13, 2015 at 7:00PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Carl Stallman, Attorney Ayers,
Audrey Murray, David Jaquay,
Terry Comstock

Supervisor Haughton called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, roll call was taken and the pledge of allegiance recited.

PUBLIC HEARING on 2016 Dolgeville Fire Contract

A Motion was made by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Doerrer to open the Public Hearing on the 2016 Fire Contract with the Village of Dolgeville. Ayes All

The department has been able to buy a new rescue truck, and is awaiting delivery of a used pumper to update their fleet.

A Motion was made by Councilman Doerrer and was seconded by Councilman Jaikin to approve the 2016 Fire Contract with the Village of Dolgeville in the amount of \$74,682.00. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Snell and was seconded by Councilman Swartz to close the public hearing on the 2016 Dolgeville Fire Contract at 7:12pm. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Snell and was seconded by Councilman Doerrer to accept the minutes of the September 22, 2015 regular board meeting. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Snell to accept the minutes of the workshop held October 6, 2015. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Doerrer and was seconded by Councilman Snell to approve Abstract #10 of 2015 as audited. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Snell to approve payrolls #19 & #20 of 2015 as audited. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Doerrer and was seconded by Councilman Jaikin to approve the Supervisor's report for August 2015. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Doerrer and was seconded by Councilman Snell to approve the Clerk's report for September 2015. Ayes All

Privilege of the Board: Award of contract for Fire District Formation Feasibility Study

At the October 6th workshop the board reviewed all nine proposals and asked Attorney Ayers to contact references listed in the Emergency Services Consulting International's proposal. Attorney Ayers was able to speak with two of the references. They both gave ESCI glowing recommendations. The work was done on time; they held public meetings and kept all parties well informed. Attorney Ayers also spoke with John Lehr of ESCI who said that if awarded the contract they would start immediately and be able to meet the adjusted completion date of January 1, 2016 at the same fee of \$29,806.00.

RESOLUTION #27 of 2015

Resolution for Town to award contract for a Feasibility Study with regard to the proposed creation of a Joint Fire District involving the Town of Manheim, Town of Oppenheim, and the Village of Dolgeville.

Motion made by Councilmember Jaikin, seconded by Councilmember Doerrer

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Manheim has received nine responses to its RFP for a feasibility study to, among other things, determine the advantages and disadvantages of consolidating fire protection services between the Town of Manheim, the Town of Oppenheim and the Village of Dolgeville in connection with establishment of a Joint Fire District; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Manheim has reviewed each of the nine responses to the RFP which were received and held a work shop meeting to discuss and analyze each of the responses; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Manheim has determined that it would be in the best interest of the Town to award a contract to perform the feasibility study to Emergency Services Consulting International (“ESCI”) in accordance with the specifications of the RFP and the scope of work set forth in ESCI’s response to the RFP, **Now Therefore be it Resolved** that the Town of Manheim authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor, John Haughton, negotiate and execute a contract with ESCI to conduct the feasibility study in accordance with the specifications of the RFP and the scope of work set forth in ESCI’s response to the RFP for a not to exceed price of \$29,806.00; and,

Be It Further Resolved that, The Ayers Law Firm, PLLC is authorized to send a Notice of Intent and Proceed to ESCI pending the execution of a formal contract

Roll Call Vote:

John Haughton, Supervisor	Aye
Peter Jaikin, Councilmember	Aye
Frederick Doerr, Councilmember	Aye
Kevin Snell, Councilmember	Aye
Rodney Swartz, Councilmember	Aye

October 13, 2015, continued

Attorney Ayers suggested that the town ask a few town residents as well as a planning board member to serve as a committee during the process. Supervisor Haughton asked Audrey Murray if she would like to be on the committee. She said she would be honored to be on the committee. It was decided to ask planning board member Sharon Baisley if she’d also be on the committee.

Public Comment Period

Audrey asked Dave and Terry how the firemen felt about forming a district. Terry said that the firemen are unpaid employees of the Village and thus operate as the Village instructs them to.

Superintendent’s Report

Carl said that Rick Barnes should be done hauling sand in the two weeks.
The sander that was sent out for repair is back and looks great.
Carl found a couple of discrepancies on the NYSDOT inventory of town roads report.

RESOLUTION #28 of 2015

RESOLUTION FOR TOWN TO RETAIN THE AYERS LAW FIRM, PLLC WITH REGARD TO THE DOT GIS PROJECT

MOTION Made by Councilman Peter Jaikin, seconded by Councilman Frederick Doerr

WHEREAS, the NYS DOT has implemented a new program to gather geospatial information in connection with the Town’s reporting of its Local Highway Inventory which is used to calculate and apportion State CHIPS funding; and,

WHEREAS, the NYS DOT has provided certain geospatial information to the Town Highway Superintendent regarding the Town’s Local Highway Inventory; and,

WHEREAS, the NYS DOT has raised questions regarding the reported length and qualification of certain highways for CHIPS funding; and,

WHEREAS, the NYS DOT requires the Town Highway Superintendent to respond to its inquires regarding the Town’s Local Highway Inventory and its Annual Report to the State DOT; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Manheim has determined that it would be in the best interest of the Town to obtain legal representation in connection with preparing a response to the NYS DOT’s inquires,

Now Therefore, the Town Board of the Town of Manheim authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor, John Haughton, to enter into an agreement with The Ayers Law Firm, PLLC, as set forth in the attached retainer agreement, to represent the Town Highway Superintendent and Town and to assist with preparing a response to the NYS DOT Statewide Road Network Project.

Roll Call Vote:

John Haughton Supervisor	Aye
Peter Jaikin, Councilmember	Aye
Frederick Doerr, Councilmember	Aye
Kevin Snell, Councilmember	Aye

Rodney Swartz, Councilmember Aye

Old Business

Supervisor Haughton reported on the Town Supervisor's meeting held 9/24/15. It dealt with security on town computers; there have been reports of towns having their information hacked and held for ransom. He will have Bill Reynolds do what needs to be done to protect the town computers from hacking.

New Business

The clerk presented the 2016 preliminary budget to the board and explained the minor changes that were made to the tentative budget. She asked the board to set the 2016 Budget Hearing for October 27, 2016 at 7:00pm

A Motion was made by Councilman Snell and was seconded by Councilman Jaikin to hold the Public Hearing on the 2016 Town Budget on October 27, 2015 at 7:00pm. Ayes All

Councilman Snell suggested that if the adjacent property goes on the market the town should consider buying it, tearing down the buildings and enlarging the yard.

Correspondence

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Haughton asked the board for a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

A Motion was made by Councilman Jaikin and seconded by Councilman Doerrer to enter into executive session at 8:22pm to discuss a personnel matter. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Doerrer and was seconded by Councilman Swartz to exit executive session at 8:30pm. Ayes All

No action was taken

A Motion was made to adjourn at 8:32pm pm by Councilman Doerrer and was seconded by Councilman Jaikin. Ayes All

Respectfully Submitted,
Marie Gressler