

**Town of Manheim, Regular Board Meeting, March 24, 2015 at 7:00PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Supervisor John Haughton  
Councilman Larry Austin  
Councilman Frederick Doerr  
Councilman Peter Jaikin  
Councilman Kevin Snell

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Carl Stallman, Michael George,  
Stephanie Beaulieu, Phil Sedlock

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

**A Motion** was made by Councilman Doerr and was seconded by Councilman Jaikin to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015 regular board meeting. Ayes All

Phil Sedlock, UPSEU representative, asked the board to go into executive session to discuss a Memorandum of Agreement to be added to the union contract

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A Motion** was made at 4:04pm by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Snell to enter into executive session to discuss the proposed MOA. Ayes All

**A Motion** was made at 7:11pm by Councilman Doerr and was seconded by Councilman Jaikin to exit executive session.

**A Motion** was made by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Doerr not to sign the Memorandum of Agreement proposed by Phil Sedlock; therefore keeping the 2015-2017 Union Contract as originally written and approved. Ayes All

Supervisor Haughton will notify Mr. Sedlock of the board's decision.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE BOARD** security and policy issues

Justice George said he isn't the only one with a key to the building so the board can't know if he's the one who has left the back door unlocked. He also had no idea who turned off the security cameras even though the monitor and controls are in his office. Stephanie stated that she never said anything about not knowing why the town clerk wouldn't take court fines. It was decided that the monitor and controls for the security system would be removed from the Justice's office and that a lock would be put on the pocket door between the clerk and justice offices. The clerk will slide all court related mail and paperwork under the door from now on.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Carl reported that the sand pile is holding up. He fears the cost of salt will skyrocket again for next year. The town roads are in much better shape than the county ones. He's had some problems with culverts freezing. The snow blower needed a new rear wheel cylinder and the Ford pick-up is going to Brown's Ford to have a recall taken care of.

**OLD BUSINESS**

NYSDOT notified the town that the yield sign on Barker Road will be replaced with a stop sign. This change is the result of a request that the Town sent to them a couple of years ago.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The clerk will be returning the unpaid taxes to the County on April 8<sup>th</sup>; the office will be closed that afternoon. Also there is a Retirement seminar on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00-3:30 which she feels she should attend. **A Motion** was made by Councilman Doerr and was seconded by Councilman Jaikin to have Marie attend the Retirement seminar on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ayes All

St. Johnsville sent their 2016 Fire Contract proposal (with no increase again). A Public Hearing will be held April 14<sup>th</sup> before the town's regular meeting.

S&S Ambulance submitted their 2016 contract; this carries no fee to the town.

**A Motion** was made by Councilman Snell and was seconded by Councilman Doerr to approve the 2016 contract submitted by S&S Ambulance Service, Inc. Ayes All

Supervisor Haughton received information from NYS Homeland Security and Emergency Services on the Intrastate Mutual Aid Program. This is a resource-sharing mechanism created by the state allowing local governments to share resources during a declared local state of emergency without the need to enter into individual intergovernmental agreements prior to or during an event. John spoke with Bob Vandawalker who said that he was going to recommend that the town supervisors register for the program. If in time the town is dissatisfied with the program it can opt-out. **A Motion** was made by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Doerrer authorizing Supervisor Haughton to register the Town of Manheim in the Intrastate Mutual Aid Program. Ayes All

Due to a conflict with his fulltime job Damin Daukontas has resigned as transfer station attendant. Steve Billings of Herkimer County Personal said the town can select from the applicants we have on file for the position. **A Motion** was made by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Snell to hire Randy Tennant as the transfer station attendant. Ayes All

### **Town of Manheim, Regular Board Meeting, March 24, 2015 continued**

Marie met with Paul Johnson, regional marketing representative for NYS Comp Alliance earlier today. He would like to see the town establish a "Safety Committee". The committee would promote a safe working environment for all employees, review workplace injuries, ensuring that hazards are identified and corrected as well as monitor the town's compliance with state and federal workplace safety laws. Supervisor Haughton, Carl and Marie volunteered to serve on the committee, and Bob Boyer will be asked if he would also.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Vincent Rossi, Jr. of Rossi & Rossi sent a letter updating the town on the possibility of the Village of Herkimer taking the County and seven Towns to court again to determine what the discount rate should be as to the money the Village paid for its share of the withdrawal liability for the self-insured trust. They are seeking a 5% discount rate which would be a million dollar refund from the County. He will continue to participate trying to look out for our interests.

**A Motion** was made to adjourn at 8:00 pm by Councilman Doerrer and was seconded by Councilman Austin. Ayes All

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Gressler