

Town of Manheim Regular Board Meeting June 14, 2016 @7:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Carl Stallman, Tom Higgins,
Brian Simpson, Jade Broat,
Wilbur & Nancy Hills, Anne Wavre

Supervisor Haughton called the meeting to order, roll call was taken and the pledge of allegiance recited.

A Motion was made by Councilman Doerrer and was seconded by Councilman Jaikin to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2016 board meeting. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Snell to approve Abstract #6 of 2016 as audited. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Doerrer to approve Payrolls #10, #11 & #12 of 2016 as audited. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Swartz to accept the Supervisor's report for April 2016. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Doerrer and was seconded by Councilman Snell to accept the Clerk's report for May 2016. Ayes All

Privilege of the Board

Tom Higgins from National Grid's interconnection department explained the process a solar energy developer needs to go through to have their project connected to the grid. The developer applies to NG and pays \$350.00 for NG to look over their system and determine if the local equipment has the capacity to accept the electricity that will be produced; if it doesn't further studies are done at the developer's expense.

NG is in favor of renewable energy but is also obligated to make sure the hook up is safe. NG doesn't buy solar energy; it buys the cheapest energy available. Solar farms sell by contract to off takers. Ideally if all goes smoothly between NG and the developer the permitting process takes between 30 and 90 days. Presently there is a backlog in applications and NG plans to put on extra help this summer to deal with it.

Mr. Higgins was gracious enough to speak with Wilbur & Nancy Hills who have been getting conflicting information from the developer interested in leasing their property for a solar farm.

Public Comment Period

Anne Warve asked that the town do something about vehicles speeding on Spencer Road. Supervisor Haughton said the issue was being address tonight under new business.

Superintendent's Report

Carl reported: he will oil & Stone the Fish Rd. tomorrow, the county has finished Murphy Rd. , work is coming right along on the Brockett Rd., he and Councilman Jaikin visited the Rockwood granite quarry last week and discovered it will still be cheaper to deal with Poland Sand & Gravel. He plans to do cold paving later this summer and plans to rollover \$45,000.00 in CHIPS money till next year. This would allow him to do ½ mile of Ritter Rd. this year and 1 ½ miles of the Minor Rd. next year.

Carl discussed the young man he hopes to get board approval to hire: he's 19, from Dolgeville, has completed the heavy equipment operator program at Herkimer BOCES, is a certified forklift operator working on getting his CDL and will graduate from DCS on the 25th. His employment would be a joint venture between Working Solutions that would pay him to work here 16 hours a week and the town. Carl would like to have the town hire him for 24 hours a week. The county is hoping that towns will work with them in offering vocational students from BOCES jobs when they graduate. The county would like to establish internships with towns for these students to help them get a start in their careers.

Old Business

Route 167 property: Supervisor Haughton received a response from DOT on the old sand storage building on rte 167. Sections of the property is owned by the town, the county and DOT. The county would have to pay DOT fair market value for its section, and then the town could buy it from the county at fair market value.

5/26/16 Supervisors Meeting: Supervisor Haughton said that county representatives attended and explained that the county is under no obligation to share their sales tax revenue with the towns.

6/9/16 Land Use Workshop: those that attended felt the first session on solar projects was informative and worth attending. The second session dealt more with towns that don't have zoning ordinances in place.

New Business

Supervisor Haughton went over the process of asking the state to do a speed limit study on Spencer Road. The board needs to pass a resolution to do so and send it to the county. The county then applies to NYSDOT asking them to do a speed limit study of the designated area. The board discussed the issue and Anne Wavre expressed more of her concerns. She's concerned for the children and ARC clients who live along this stretch of road. There have been numerous times when because of their speed drivers have run off the road. She had a dog killed in front of her residence last summer.

Town of Manheim Regular Board Meeting, June 14, 2016 continued

RESOLUTION NO. 31 of 2016
Dated: June 14, 2016

RESOLUTION REQUESTING NYSDOT PERFORM A SPEED STUDY TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT ON SPENCER ROAD BETWEEN THE INTERSECTION OF THE LYON AND CARLSON ROADS EAST TO THE VILLAGE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF DOLGEVILLE

MOTION made by Councilman Peter Jaikin, seconded by Councilman Frederick Doerrer

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Manheim has received complaints of drivers using excessive speed in the area of the town between the intersection of the Lyon and Carlson Roads and the village limits of the Village of Dolgeville; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Manheim discussed these complaints at their board meeting held June 14, 2016 and agreed that excessive speed is a problem in this area

Now Therefore Be It RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Manheim request that NYSDOT perform a speed limit study on Spencer Road between the intersection of Lyon and Carlson Roads and the village limits of the Village of Dolgeville.

Roll Call Vote:

John Haughton, Supervisor		Aye	<u>X</u>	Nay
Councilmember, Frederick Doerrer	Aye	<u>X</u>	Nay	
Councilmember, Peter Jaikin		Aye	<u>X</u>	Nay
Councilmember, Kevin Snell		Aye	<u>X</u>	Nay
Councilmember, Rodney Swartz	Aye	<u>X</u>	Nay	

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my name as clerk on this 14th day of June, 2016.

Marie Gressler, Town Clerk

Correspondence

Esther Austin sent a letter to the board asking they consider taking over the old Daniel Green Bridge and opening it up as a pedestrian walkway. The board decided this would have to be looked into very carefully before any decision could be made.

Executive Session to discuss personal

A Motion by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Doerrer was made to enter into executive session at 8:15pm to discuss personal. Ayes All

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

No action was taken during executive session.

Jacob Randall was interviewed by the board for the part-time laborer position available in conjunction with his county employment thru Working Solutions.

A Motion was made by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Doerrer to hire Jacob Randall to work as a laborer not to exceed 24 hours a week with the Town Board determining the length of his employment. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Councilman Doerrer and was seconded by Councilman Swartz to adjourn at 9:15pm. Ayes All

Respectfully Submitted

Marie Gressler
Town Clerk