

Work Session

January 9, 2012

6:30 p.m.

Present: Sup. S. Reiter; Council Members A. Bax, E. Palmer & M. Marra; Deputy Sup. G. Catlin; Attorneys M. Dowd & M. Davis; Eng. R. Smith; Ad./Op. J. Ritter; Highway Supt. D. Janese; Police Chief C. Salada; Bldg. Insp. T. Masters; Finance Officer M. Johnson; Rec. Dir. M. Dashineau & Town Clerk C. Brandon. Absent: Councilman R. Winkley. Also Present: 1 press and 9 residents.

AGENDA:

Reiter: Addition of the final transfers.

Bax MOVED for the addition to the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Marra and carried 4-0.

ABSTRACT:

Palmer MOVED to approve the Regular Abstract of Claims # 1 to # 133 and recommend payment in the amount of \$550,416.97 plus a Post Audit of \$4,655.00. Also approval for the following Vouchers: Mark C. Davis \$1700.00; Michael Dowd \$4000.00; Karl Frankovitch \$105.00; Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP \$1775.00 and 46 ice rink workers (per attached) \$4617.21. Seconded by Marra and carried 4-0.

REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL CONTRACTORS:

Masters: I have given the Town Board and Town Attorney my alterations with the document which is being reviewed. I am looking for directions. Hopefully, we will have something by the work session.

CONTRACT W/TROY BANKS RE: UTILITY AUDITS:

Johnson: We took the clause out regarding the continuation of the savings. The believe is that with one of our vendors we can get a better savings (i.e. Broadview) and with Verizon it would be less. We will be doing more research on it.

ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS:

1. Designation of Voting Delegate/Alternate

Bax MOVED that Councilman E. Palmer & Town Clerk C. Brandon be designated as the Voting Delegate/Alternate for the Town of Lewiston. Seconded by Marra and carried 4-0.

2. Resolutions 1-14.

Marra MOVED that the Town of Lewiston adopted the recommendations by the Association of Towns for Resolutions 1-14. Seconded by Bax and carried 4-0.

WPCC Notice of Retirement:

Bax: I have a letter from Les Myers that he is retiring effective January 17, 2012 from the WPCC.

Bax MOVED to accept the letter of resignation of Les Myers from the WPCC with regret. Seconded by Marra and carried 4-0.

Dowd: I have information with respect to the WPCC for the Board. We have a proposed notice of public hearing regarding the bond work of the Sanborn Extension. I would like the Board to authorize the Clerk to file the Notice of Public Hearing with everything ready by the end of January. This will give us the opportunity to be on the agenda by the February 13th work session.

Bax MOVED to hold a Public Hearing on February 13, 2012 at 5:45 p.m. to approve the bond for Sanborn Sewer Extension Project, Annover/Elm Water, PRV Pits and WPCC Upgrades. Seconded by Marra and carried 4-0.

TOWN JUSTICE DEPT;

Justice Sheeran has asked that the Board approve Ronda Koban-Sortore be permitted to carry over her 2 weeks vacation time into 2012.

Bax MOVED for Ronda Koban-Sortore be permitted to carry over her 2 week vacation to be taken by June 30, 2012. Seconded by Palmer and carried 4-0.

TOWN CLERK REQUEST:

The Clerk has asked that DCO David Sherriff be permitted to carry over 1 personal day to be taken by March 31, 2012.

Marra MOVED that DCO David Sherriff be permitted to carry over 1 personal day to be taken by March 31, 2012. Seconded by Palmer and carried 4-0.

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

Reiter stated that he has the final budget transfers presented by Finance Officer M. Johnson. They are on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

Marra MOVED to approve the final budget transfers for 2011 as presented by the Finance Office. Seconded by Palmer and carried 4-0.

1573 SWANN ROAD:

Masters: Cintex Contracting was awarded the contract to demolish the house at 1573 Swann Road by the Town Board. This was done with the exception of the foundation. Gerald Zimmer has since purchased the property and would like to build a house there in the spring.

Reiter asked if it is possible if someone in our engineering firm could determine that the foundation is structurally sound.

Masters said he does not have a problem with the concrete based that the fire was not that extensive because the fire did not go below the floor joists.

Reiter: I would ask that our Town Engineer provide documentation that it is okay. Also, that the owner will pay the costs involved.

Masters: Mr. Zimmer called because the contract has been altered and I told him it would be pointless to bill the Town to take the house down and put it on the taxes. We are not going to pay to take the house down. The arrangement is that he going to get the property and take it off of the original owner.

HIGHWAY DEPT.

Janese: I have given you information regarding overtime that you can review. With regard to Midland Paving, there was some concern over a voucher that was around \$59,000. I did not pay it because Midland came in \$10,000 over their estimate. I refused to sign off on it. The other Highway Superintendents in Niagara County had exactly the same experience, exactly the same dollar amount and unfortunately a couple of them paid the bill. I met with the new rep from Midland and we got a new bill today and I sign the voucher. We are trying to be very careful with overtime this year. We still wound up with \$64,000 for last year. By comparison going back the previous three years plus 2011 which I think is a fair way to do it. The three year average prior to 2011 just for snow removal was about \$76,000 and that was going with only a handful of days....7 pay periods of the year which corresponds with the snow season. Unfortunately, last year with the winter that we had, there were only a handful of days that we didn't have to plow or salt the roads. We ended up spending \$117,000 in that same period which put us \$41,000 above the average. The other costs that we had which I did not for see (which I don't think we could of) was our April windstorm. During that period again, these are the same period, 10 and 11, it costs us about \$5600. We were only \$50,000 which took another \$14,700 over. The other thing about the \$160,000 number is that before this drainage was always reported separate. Now we combined the departments that are in that number. I basically took these weather related things in drainage out of there. If we had had an average winter and no wind storm or overtime costs then last year would have been about \$95,000. This is just an explanation to the Board basically to let you know what happen last year with this money. Thank you.

Marra MOVED to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Seconded by Palmer and carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted and Transcribed by:

Carol J. Brandon, Town Clerk

