

**Regular Town Board Meeting
April 21, 2004**

Call to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present Roll Call:	Councilman Ritchie	Present
	Councilwoman Galipeau	Present
	Councilman Gerlach	Absent
	Councilman Walborn	Present
	Supervisor Kaiser	Present

Approval of Minutes:

March 17, 2004 Regular Board Meeting
Motioned by: Councilman S. William Ritchie
Seconded by: Councilwoman Judy Galipeau
Carried Unanimously

Petitioners to the board:

Barb McCall voiced her concerns regarding the South Seneca Ambulance Corps. Proposed increases. Taxes have gone up and assessments have gone up. These increases are hurting everyone, but especially those on fixed incomes.

Bill Bowen expressed his concerns regarding the ambulance service. He stated the \$25.00 per unit is more than they have ever received and yet it is still not enough. Bill wanted to know if anybody was monitoring this program and where the money is being spent. Bill also asked if the public could receive the correspondences that are included in the board members packets.

Bill Ritchie suggested we send another request for a financial report from the Village of Ovid Fire Dept.

Communications to be filed:

See attached correspondences

Zoning Officer's Report:

Mr. Swarey is attempting to obtain a special use permit. As an agricultural building and therefore it doesn't need to be inspected. However, as a business it does require inspection.

Received a letter from Pat McDonald with reference to our request for the junk vehicles to be removed from her tenants' property. She enclosed a copy of the letter that she sent to her tenant advising them of this.

Lee attended a storm water phase 2 conference.

Junkyards related to automobiles, televisions, metal and appliances are the only items that we can control with zoning, at this point. Trash is another area that needs enforcement. Planning Board can review and come back to the board with their opinions of where this fits in. If we can put a trash law into effect, we need to be sure we have a way to enforce it.

B. George Dickens property has become a safety hazard. We need to address this immediately and include in a letter the deadline to remove his personal items and so we may have these houses burned down before someone is seriously injured.

Planning Board Report:

Minutes were provided at the meeting. Public hearings were held with reference to:

George Rodriguez - a special use permit, which was granted

Country Acres – This is the Stout and Iron Bridge Road sub-division. No action vote. Concerns were raised regarding the size of lots. Another hearing was scheduled. The concern was whether the well water would be available to all of the lots. Mrs. McDonald was to send plans. Planning Board received this paperwork and contract today. This issue will be discussed at their next meeting, which is May 6, 2004.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

See attached report. New brakes and shoes have been installed on the one-ton truck. Leaving decision up to the board regarding the cost and how much they should keep investing into this truck. Dave will schedule a highway committee meeting to review and discuss the decisions regarding the truck.

Dog Control Officer's Report:

There was no action for this month and therefore nothing to report.

Assessor's Report:

Non-available. Bill and Dave attended an assessment meeting and it was discussed that we should consider a monthly meeting for this program.

Water Commissioner's Report:

Jack is away on vacation.

Bookkeeper's Report:

See attached report

Supervisor's Report:

Plans are in the process for the new county jail county researching ways to pay for this. Indian land claim issues are being addressed.

Committees Reports:

Hernon Park: See attached report

Ovid Firehouse: They are looking to start building the new firehouse this fall. The fire dept. is re-evaluating the plans, as the original cost estimate has been lowered. Lee and Erin Smith assisted the fire dept. with their EIS (Environmental Impact Study) application.

Old Business:

Ambulance – per parcel or per resident? We are not sure how this charge is incurred; therefore Dave will check on this and get back to the board with this information. Lee suggested in addition to board members being placed on an emergency services committee, the board might want to consider appointing community members that are familiar with emergency services to this committee. The community members that are familiar with the ambulance and fire programs could review financials and operations and are more familiar with what to look for.

Assessment Program: A resident was concerned that there is no accountability with the assessment program. Dave explained that they are working on this.
Emergency Services Committee: Dave explained to the board his intentions of forming an emergency services committee, which will be made up of all the board members. He asks that the board members attend the ambulance and fire meetings on a rotational basis.

Resolutions:

- 39-04 Authorize a Deadline Letter be Written
Motioned by: Supervisor Kaiser
Seconded by: Councilwoman Galipeau
Carried Unanimously
- 40-04 Authorize Water Dept. Employee to Attend Conference
Motioned by: Councilman Ritchie
Seconded by: Councilman Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously
- 41-04 Verification of Payables
Motioned by: Councilwoman Galipeau
Seconded by: Councilman Walborn, Jr.
Roll Call Vote: Councilman Ritchie Nay
 Councilwoman Galipeau Yea
 Councilman Walborn, Jr. Yea
 Supervisor Kaiser Yea
- 42-04 Authorization to Attend Highway School
Motioned by: Councilman Walborn
Seconded by: Councilman Ritchie
Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk's Report:

Town Clerk's Report: Motioned by: Councilman Ritchie
Seconded by: Councilman Walborn
Carried Unanimously

Executive Session and Returned

Adjourn Meeting:

9:36 p.m. Motioned by: Councilwoman Galipeau
 Seconded by: Councilman Ritchie
 Carried Unanimously

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Angel J. Lawrence, Deputy Town Clerk