

**Regular Town Board Meeting  
September 17, 2003**

**Call to order at 7:30 p.m.**

**Present Roll Call:** Councilman Ritchie  
Councilman Kaiser  
Councilman Gerlach  
Councilman Walborn  
Supervisor Zajac

**Public Hearing: Reducing Sewer Rates**

Ray explained to the board members and to the public that because of working with the Town of Varick and the County Water/Sewer District we have been able to hold costs and save the taxpayers money. Ray opened the floor for public and board member comments and there was no questions or discussion. Therefore, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Motioned by: Councilman Robert Duke Gerlach  
Seconded by: Councilman S. William Ritchie  
Carried Unanimously

**Public Hearing: Combining the Willard and Willard Extension as one District**

Ray explained the cost savings of combining these districts and then he opened the floor for any questions. No questions were asked and no comments were made.

Motion to close the public hearing:

Motioned by: Councilman S. William Ritchie  
Seconded by: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Carried Unanimously

**Approval of Minutes:**

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Motioned by: Councilman Robert Duke Gerlach  
Seconded by: Councilman Ralph Walborn  
Carried Unanimously

**Communications to be Filed:**

See attached report.

**Code Enforcement Officer's Report:**

See attached report. Lee advised the board there is no time limit on temporary signs at this time.

**Planning Board Report:**

Minutes were provided at the meeting. Walt explained the changes, which are being proposed and distributed a copy to all the board members for their review. He explained the recommendations need to be reviewed by the County Planning Board and then they will send their comments back to us. In the meantime, we will need to request permission to advertise for a Public Hearing to accept the amendments. The Planning Board had a petitioner to the board at their last meeting, which was Pat McDonald. She explained what her intentions are and now the board needs to decide the question of whether this is a small or large subdivision.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:**

See attached report. Jim explained they are looking to do some work on the Dunlap Road. They have been working with other towns to aid them in completing work that needs to be done. The other towns have also assisted us early on in the year. Sandbags are available at the Town Highway and also at the County Highway.

**Dog Control Officer's Report:**

Report provided at meeting

**Assessor's Report:**

Spoke with Anne Morgan regarding budget. She is waiting for figures from Brayton Foster.

**Water Commissioner's Report:**

Jack will be returning from vacation on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003.

**Bookkeeper's Report:**

Report provided at meeting

**Supervisor's Report:**

Previously discussed throughout the meeting.

**Committees Reports:**

Duke advised the board and public of the ongoing fundraisers the Hernon Park has. Also mentioned the next meeting will be held on September 24, 2003 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Old Business:**

Tentative Budget: Tax base has increased which has helped with the increase cost of health insurance up 20%, retirement, which has doubled, workman's compensation is also up, just to mention a few. Ray does not recommend pumping the mortgage tax to more revenue. He feels that we should hold the line with the figure that is in there as a precaution because eventually the rates will go back up and people won't be mortgaging their homes as frequently as they are now. A workshop was scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003 @ 9:30 a.m. Ray made a point of informing the public that these workshops are open to the public.

Smoking Ban Waivers: A meeting was held today with Seneca County Public Health Committee. Steve Getman did an admirable job of presenting the facts so the people would understand they couldn't do a blanket waiver. Waivers will be looked at on an individual basis. They will look at volume losses and percentages. County Health Committee will act on waivers; each will have a hearing based on each individual case. They will also set the timeframes allowed with the waiver. This county is not closing the door on waivers, as three counties already have said no waivers. For example, Kodak has received a waiver because they were able to prove it would cost them too much to allow all their employees to go outside on break; too much time away from the equipment.

**Resolutions:**

- 63-03 Verification of Payables  
Motioned by: Councilman Ritchie  
Seconded by: Councilman Kaiserr  
Carried Unanimously
- 64-03 Bingo License #552 for the RVFD  
Motioned by: Councilman Walborn  
Seconded by: Councilman Gerlach  
Carried Unanimously
- 65-03 Budget Appropriation Transfers  
Motioned by: Councilman Gerlach  
Seconded by: Councilman Ritchie  
Carried Unanimously
- 66-03 Authorization to Advertise for a Public Hearing  
Motioned by: Councilman Kaiser  
Seconded by: Councilman Gerlach  
Carried Unanimously
- 67-03 Adopt 2004 Preliminary Budget  
Motioned by: Councilman Gerlach  
Seconded by: Councilman Kaiser  
Carried Unanimously
- 68-03 Authorize Zoning Officer to Attend Conference  
Motioned by: Councilman Ritchie  
Seconded by: Councilman Gerlach  
Carried Unanimously

**Town Clerk's Report:**

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

**Adjourn Meeting:**

- 10:20 p.m. Motioned by: Councilman Kaiser  
Seconded by: Councilman Gerlach  
Carried Unanimously

**September 18, 2003**

Angel J. Lawrence, Deputy Town Clerk