

The regular meeting of the Groveland Town Board was held on Thursday November 11, 2010 at the Town Hall.

Present: James C. Merrick, Supervisor; Burt Lyon, Bill Carman, Craig Phelps, John Driscoll Councilman; Greg Adamson, Highway Superintendent

Absent: None

Other Attendees: Ted Saunders

Supervisor handed out the monthly financial reports.

A motion by Councilman Carman, seconded by Councilman Lyon the audited bills be paid. General Fund vouchers numbered 282-318 for \$7708.49; Highway Fund vouchers numbered 231-255 for \$39,742.59, Cemetery Service Funds voucher number 19 in the amount of \$250. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor asked for a moment of silence for all the fallen and those serving today that have given their lives for our freedom.

A motion by Councilman Lyon and seconded by Councilman Carman to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 2010 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Councilman Phelps and seconded by Councilman Carman to accept the monthly financial reports as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor called the meeting to order @ 8:02 p.m.

Information handed out/or acknowledgements:

- 1) Liv. Co. Board of Supervisors minutes
- 2) No new ZBA/Planning Board recruitments
- 3) Justice grant submitted in the amount of \$26,000 to do updates to the inner office.
- 4) Harold Stewart was in office and reported he will be top coating subdivision the November 12th weekend.

Old/New Business:

HIGHWAY REPORT – Greg reported he had a few complaints of the new cemetery monument that Carl Benware had installed on his plot, 9’3” x 6 ft. The last one known to be installed that large was in 1850’s, which is very rare but wondered if the board feels it should limit size on each plot. Greg did check with Snyder’s who handle several other cemeteries and stated that none of them regulate the sizes. Board agreed that getting into variances is more of a headache for families and that it is not necessary to regulate them at this time.

Greg reported that Dick Bennett stopped to the town and stated that his family would not be utilizing the plots at Lake View Cemetery that were purchased under the Cemetery Association many years ago, and donated them back to the town. It was suggested that we utilize the plots who cannot afford to. After board discussion it was decided that we could not regulate fairly for the disadvantage with only 3 plots.

A motion by Councilman Phelps and seconded by Councilman Driscoll to place the plots back into circulation. Motion carried unanimously.

Willie Wilson of the Highway Department was present and asked to address the board. Supervisor granted. Willie stated he is looking to retire after 33 years working for the town, which would be around April. Willie has about 6 months of sick time and would like to know how the town would disburse the sick time; either pay out or utilize in time off. This way he can determine his plans. The board stated it was a good question and stated they would need 60 days to get a response to Willie in writing.

Supervisor indicated that the letter should also include if and when he intends to retire that we request a written resignation letter of his intended date to resign. Supervisor asked for a board member to work with Greg to get all the information for the board to make a determination. Councilman Driscoll agreed to help.

TED SAUNDERS COUNTY YOUTH RECREATION – was present to give a County Youth Recreation Teen Recognition update. He went over the updated rules and nomination instructions improvements. One change is that if any students age 13 or 14 are nominated the municipality jurisdiction town board members will be asked to comment on candidates. It is a program that has proven to be successful. Nominations are open in January. Many of the recipient winners have gone onto career jobs and have come back to help with the program. Supervisor Merrick congratulated Ted in representing Groveland and his great efforts with the Youth Recreation.

LOCAL LAW 1-2010– DOG LAW & FEES – Town Clerk presented copies of the proposed law and stated that the changes are part of the NYS Ag & Markets changes in the law effective January 1, 2011. Motion made by Councilman Lyon, seconded by Councilman Carman to take home and read through the law and set a public hearing at the next regular meeting on December 9, 2010 @ 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Intermunicipal Cooperative Agreement – was first signed back in 2005 and is being updated to meet the proposed NYS AG & Markets law. The changes are the new Sections of the law and the fees that were filtered through the county including \$3.50 per dog to help divert the costs of the dog shelter. The main change is that we no longer filter the monies to the county except the \$3.50 for the shelter which the county may opt to increase. Town Clerk recommends that when the renewal comes in she has a chance to review it before signing. The changes may affect the current proposed Dog Law.

Enforcement Agreement – Town Clerk stated that enforcement has been administered by the county dog control and has no objection to that, however, it was stated that with preparing updated Dog Laws they want it to be a uniformed code for the county. The Town Clerk objects to the county setting the rules and feels each municipality should be entitled to identify a law that works for them and that if we are paying for such a service it should be enforced to our needs and expectations.

Supervisor stated we can get started with this and make changes once the county does their updates. He is concerned we might not comply with dog control in unity.

LOCAL LAW 2-2010 - OPT OUT OF COORDINATED ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – The proposed law was prepared based on the town board's motion September 9, 2010 wishes to opt out of the CAP based on our Assessor, Bruce Knapp's recommendations.

Motion made by Councilman Lyon, seconded by Councilman Carman to take home and read through the law and set a public hearing at the next regular meeting on December 9, 2010 @ 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

LOCAL LAW 3-2010 - RIGHT TO FARM – the proposed law has been reviewed by our Planning Board and is satisfied that it will meet the town’s needs in conjunction with the Farmland Protection Plan.

Motion made by Councilman Lyon, seconded by Councilman Carman to take home and read through the law and set a public hearing at the next regular meeting on December 9, 2010 @ 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RELEVY CONESUS LAKE WATER & SEWER – RESOLUTION #16-2010 – Town Clerk presented 17 tax parcels of unpaid water and/or sewer bills that total \$2,637.30 to be relieved onto the 2011 town and county tax bills.

RESOLVED that the Town Board did meet and passed a motion to accept the list of unpaid Conesus Lake Water and Sewer District water and sewer charges in the amount of \$2,637.30 as presented and give the Town Clerk the authority to submit the list to the County Real Property Services to be relieved. This was passed by a motion by Councilman Phelps, seconded by Councilman Carman. Motion carried unanimously.

GENESEE-FINGER LAKES REGIONAL WATERFRONT PLANNING PROGRAM WORKSHOP – Town Clerk reported she has received an invitation to invite only one representative from the town to attend a meeting 12/3/10 to discuss Genesee-Finger Lakes Historic Waterfront Planning Program. The workshop is prepared for the NYS Department of State with funds provided under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund. Supervisor asked if anyone would be interested in attending. Councilman Lyon stated he would be interested but would like to know the location before fully committing. Town Clerk will contact and let him know of the location.

Communication:

Supervisor received an answer from the Village Mayor on the Geneseo/Groveland Youth Group Program. Our 12-14% with the break down shows with our payment of \$6,000 this year shows we over paid by \$1,600, which will give us a credit for 2011.

Supervisor gave an update on Geneseo Ambulance contract. We are responsible for 6.8% of the overall Geneseo Ambulance calls with 117 calls being responded to for Groveland. They do direct billing for those who have insurance which the insurance companies pay \$400 per call, even with some that do not get billed through insurance there is a \$350,000 surplus within their ambulance funds and is concerned we are paying for 15% and is still looking into the specific numbers. Village wants \$7,520 for 2011 budget and we passed in our budget \$5,000. He has asked the Geneseo Supervisor and for the Village Mayor to meet. Supervisor invited any of the town board members to attend if they were interested.

Town Clerk reported that Martha Ross of Maple Beach Road stopped into the office today to ask for help on how to get the water runoff from the road that goes into her basement; which started when the county improved the road 10 years ago. She had pictures and brought the matter to the assessor’s attention back in March, who then passed it along to Greg, who then forwarded it to the County Highway Superintendent. In September the county did do some ditch improvement but feels the driveway pipe still needs to be replaced. Town Clerk instructed her to write to the

county highway since it was a county highway but to copy the Town Supervisor since she was a town resident.

Supervisor handed out a donation letter from Dansville Library; Councilman Driscoll said he would take care of the raffle tickets.

Councilman Lyon mentioned he attended the Oct. 21st Correctional Facility meeting. It was reported that their numbers are down but not too concerned of closing due to the mental health program that is in place. He also reported that the new water infrastructure system is about 98% completed. He did inquire to the board if the Facility purchases produce within the county and if not he encouraged it. There was no answer at that time.

Councilman Lyon reported that resident Ted Rauber called him to discuss new HRA benefits that are coming down the pike and invited him to attend a meeting. Lyon said he attended and found it to be good information that might help in the next union negotiations.

Supervisor asked Councilman Lyon if the Correctional Facility mentioned anything on the water treatment. Lyon responded yes, they did and it sounds as if they are moving forward with Mt. Morris proposal. Supervisor met with the Correctional Facility a week or two ago along with Senator Young to insist they consider all the benefits to multiple townships including Groveland by choosing the County Water Sewer Authority.

Supervisor reported that the new jail tours brought over 5,000 people through. The ceremony was very impressive.

Councilman Driscoll inquired if no new members for planning and zoning boards what are we going to do? Councilman Lyon suggested we move forward with joining the boards. Supervisor Merrick asked to hold off for another month, stating his newsletter just went out and hoped with advertising within it might still be an option.

Councilman Driscoll asked Greg if he has had time to look into a road & equipment plan. Driscoll stated he had a call on when the seasonal road was to be graded next. Greg stated that grading a road is part of regular maintenance and encouraged the board members to direct calls to him.

Councilman Driscoll inquired if the board members would be interested in having a page on the website with their photos and biographies; he thinks it would be a nice addition. Town Clerk will get a quote from our IT guy to see if too much for her to handle what it would cost to do, besides the professional photographs to be taken.

A motion by Councilman Driscoll and seconded by Councilman Lyon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 9:36 p.m. The next regular meeting is on Thursday December 9, 2010 at the town hall.

Dated November 15, 2010
Town of Groveland

Sandra L. Bean, Town Clerk