

**TOWN OF HECTOR  
REGULAR AUDIT MEETING  
February 12, 2008**

Members Present:

Benjamin R. Dickens, Supervisor  
Jeffrey Mangus, Councilman  
Marie Stevens, Councilwoman  
Michael Bergen, Councilman  
Alvin White, Councilman  
Cliff Yaw, Councilman

Others:

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk  
Janine Bond, Bookkeeper  
Barb & Neil Boyd      Kevin Boyd  
Ralph Ward              Jim Seeley  
Matt & Tracee Starner  
Bill Grove                Kyle Schmidt  
Rob Robinson            Betsy Robinson  
Tom Ruda, Water Superintendent  
Keith Vanderhye        Scott Hannan  
Lee Head                 Marsa Page  
Brenda Collins

Others: Carl Langenfeld, Code Enforcement

Ryan Hallings, Youth Program

Maria Klemperer-Johnson

Andy Page                Marilyn Seeley

Called to order by Supervisor Dickens at 7:00pm.

**RESOLUTION #51** – offered by M. Bergen, seconded by A. White

Resolved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2008 as written. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**RESOLUTION #52** – offered by A. White, seconded by M. Stevens

Resolved to audit and authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills from the following funds: General Vouchers #27 thru #63 - \$8,964.23; Highway Vouchers #12 thru #34 - \$25,320.93; Water District Vouchers #16 thru #24 - \$3,053.31; and Water Project Vouchers #10 thru #18 - \$830,225.80. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Public Comment:** 7:03pm

Rob Robinson – Updike Road – Asked about the future and maintenance. Barb Boyd – appreciate work done in past and on nearby roads – road is rutted, floods, recently could not get out of the way of the school bus.

Ben explained the procedures, traffic counts, number of homes, general condition of road. Sympathize with every one – we currently have several roads in worse condition due to weather. Schuyler County gets \$600,000 per year; Town only gets \$200,000 and we have more miles of roads than the county. DOT has told her that the more miles of roads equals more CHIPS funds. Black Road has 7 homes, Updike has 27. Why oil it in the spring and then dig up in the fall?

Jim Seeley, Grove Road has same issues, must use 4 wheel drive, 14 houses; impassable at times; Town put some stone on and then plowed off with the next snow. Sundays and Holidays – why waste money plowing. Ditch on south section of Black Road needs to be dug out – floods Taber's and Boyd's all of the time. Currently a property owner is cleaning their own ditch. What is the criteria for re-building a road?

The Town Board is going to travel the roads in early April to review their condition. Five year plan is available from the Highway Superintendent. Moved their 5 years ago, put mailbox five feet off road; now it's part of the road – why? Horse pasture was 10 feet off road, now almost in the road. Know there is a road right of way; understand issues Hector has with miles of unpaved roads; can we keep the road where it is supposed to be? As the tree lines grow out the plows keep moving over, keeps taking more of the yard. How can we get Updike Road on the five year plan? Cost analysis pavement vs stone and oil or gravel? Oil/stone – \$45,000 to \$50,000; with base gravel total cost near \$75,000. Dust oil across entire town - \$118,000/year. Barb asked if public could see what tax levy covers – was told to come get a copy of budget.

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Ben suggested they circulate a petition to submit to the Town Board and also to state officials to request help with funding (chips). Discussion of unfunded State mandates – how much do people want to pay in town taxes.

**Ryan Hallings – Cooperative Extension – Reality Check:** Youth Program for teens 13 to 18 years of age – meet in Watkins after school; working on getting one going in Odessa also. Tobacco program presentation. Free community movie night at Glen Theater; fact sheets presented. Presented a resolution of support, asking the Town to support their program. They forward these resolutions to public officials, health department, elected officials, etc. and also to movie producers to try to get them to stop tobacco use in movies. No decision made.

### **Department Reports:**

**Assessment:** Ben reviewed CAP program and \$7.00 per parcel aid. Municipality that breaks cap would have to pay 90% of the reimbursement to the State for aid received. David Reed thinks everyone is trying to force all of the Town's including Cayuta to join the County Assessing program. We are at 95.4% equalization rate currently, State claims our lake properties need to go up 9%; they have allowed that if we are within 5% we will qualify for the \$5.00 per parcel aid. Can opt out of annual program and go to a tri-annual – that changes the amount of aid we can get. Further research and review needs to be done. Discussion of current sales and assessed values. John Whitaker, NYSORPS if willing to come to a public meeting to discuss assessments, sales and equalization rates.

**Water District:** Tom reviewed project status report from Chatfield's. Construction is going along per schedule. Water main is in along most of Mathew's road; weather has been challenging; moving mains to east side of County Road 4 due to utilities on west side; each hydrant will have a section of culvert in the ditch for access; also will move mains to north side of County Road 2 east of Linda Compton's. Storage tanks – trying to drop level in Burdett; have to still feed the tank to keep chlorine levels up; temporary tanks in place and will be hooked up next week; expected that Burdett's tank will be leveled on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Hydrant just south of Shumway Road was hit by a vehicle tonight; barrel was damaged so it will have to be replaced.

**Human Resources:** W2's and 1099 have been sent out. Working on Annual Financial report. Park Committee reviewed manager's position and lifeguards. Discussion regarding part-time Building Inspector position. Gene Polako declined the position of part-time Building Inspector.

**RESOLUTION #53** – offered by A. White, seconded by M. Bergen  
Resolved to rescind Resolution #49 dated January 22, 2008 and further resolved to appoint Bruce Pastrick as part-time building inspector effective February 11, 2008 thru December 31, 2008 at an hourly rate of \$13.50; further resolved that upon satisfactory review at four months to authorize a rate increase of 50 cents per hour; and upon satisfactory review at eight months an additional rate increase of 50 cents per hour. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Highway:** Military surplus grader has been delivered; looks good; no bill yet. Weather is eating up materials quickly and deteriorating roads.

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**Code Enforcement**: Discussion of code issues with property in Mecklenburg at the corner of Route 79 and Maple Avenue. Violation notice was sent to owner, nothing has been done except installation of snow fence to keep people away from structure; fence provided by State DOT, installed by Hector Highway Department. Review of section of Local Law that can help with enforcement of removal, resolution will allow Attorney Halpin to proceed in court.

**RESOLUTION #54** – offered by J. Mangus, seconded by A. White

Resolved that the Town of Hector is authorized to commence and pursue any and all actions or proceedings as may be deemed necessary by the Code Enforcement Officer and/or Supervisor and related to the condition of the property located at 6078 State Route 79 and the corner of Maple Avenue in Mecklenburg presently owned by Michael Conover. Discussion of steps taken to date; costs for removal; lien on property for cost; foreclosure by County if taxes are not paid, action in court to force his action into compliance, etc. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Route 228 property – toured with potential buyer that wants to repair house to live in; foundation; electric; and other issues must be addressed.

Bruce is working with Carl on getting expired permits renewed or completed.

**Smith Park**: Discussion of 2008 camping fees and recommendation from the Park Committee. Discussion of request by campers to extend the camping season; will need to raise fees accordingly to cover additional manager's salary.

**RESOLUTION #55** – offered by A. White, seconded by M. Bergen

Resolved to set the 2008 Camping Fees for Smith Park as follows:

Regular per day - \$20.00	Lakefront per day - \$22.00
Regular per week - \$110.00	Lakefront per week - \$120.00
Regular ten weeks - \$700.00	Lakefront ten weeks - \$765.00
Regular season w/o elec. - \$1120.00	Lakefront season w/o elec. - \$1195.00
Regular season w/elec. - \$1320.00	Lakefront season w/elec. - \$1395.00
Over winter camper fee - \$100.00	
2 RV sites per day - \$25.00 each	
Daily Boat Launch - \$4.00	Seasonal Boat Launch - \$35.00
Pavilion Rental per day: Beach - \$40.00	Upper level - \$50.00

Ayes 6, Nays 0

**RESOLUTION #56** – offered by A. White, seconded M. Stevens

Resolved to extend the Camping Season at Smith Park for an additional two weeks through October 15<sup>th</sup> each year. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Comprehensive Plan Committee**: Community Dispute Resolution Committee 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting – March 4, 2008 at 5:15pm at Schuyler County Human Services Building – open to Board and public.

Ag and Farm Land Protection plan – general review of need for Town Plan. Town of Hector will hold public meetings regarding this type of plan and also to gather information on land use thoughts from the public; March 27 in Mecklenburg; April 24 in Burdett; July 10 in Hector. CDRC gave us a quote to help run these meetings - \$1984.00 for one person; to compile information afterwards also, could be up to \$4000 includes two people from their organization. They do a good job keeping on track and controlling the meeting. Comprehensive Plan Committee could compile the information after the meeting. Ben could ask Brian Williams from SCOPED to attend as a mediator also. Can this be funded from grant funds for plan?

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**RESOLUTION #57** – offered by B. Dickens, seconded by M. Bergen

Resolved to contract with Judy Saul, CDRC at a cost of \$1984 to facilitate the three public meetings for the Ag & Farmland Protection Plan and land use information; to be funded from contingency unless the grant funds will cover the expense. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Farm Winery License Renewals:** Letters of renewal were submitted by Rasta Ranch Vineyards and Bloomer Creek Vineyards.

**RESOLUTION #58** – offered by B. Dickens, seconded by J. Mangus

Resolved to authorize Jane Ike to attend the annual Town Clerk's Conference April 27-30, 2008 in Saratoga Springs. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**RESOLUTION #59** – offered by A. White, seconded by J. Mangus

Resolved to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bill up to the amount paid in 2006 for the Summer Swim Program bus transportation to Trumansburg School upon receipt. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Ben reviewed projected costs per parcel for assessment services and options to remain in CAP with Cayuta with a private appraiser or going with the county program.

**Bill Grove – Updike Road** – Town and Highway Department in a tough spot. Five year plan – lots of changes in numbers of houses and traffic; don't want it paved but would like it maintained; drains down the center of the road with weeps out to the sides are used in other Town's to get the water out from under the road. Thanked the Town Board for listening.

**Kyle Schmidt, Black Road** – problems with farmer digging out road ditch and amount of water now flowing causing other problems. Ditch Town cleaned a couple years ago is now filled with silt and needs attention again. Is it legal for someone to dig in the road ditch other than Town?

Adjourned at 9:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk