

TOWN OF HECTOR
2008 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
January 2, 2008

Members Present:

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

Others:

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk
Beverly Morley, Assessor
Carl Langenfeld, Code Enforcement
Philip Biever, Highway Superintendent
Ralph Ward
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Called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Dickens.

Public Comment:

Ralph Ward complained about the condition of Bergen Road – has cost him a lot of money in repairs to his car due to pot holes, etc. Closed at 7:03pm

Department Reports:

Assessment:

Attorney Halpin has asked what type of dead line we wish to give Mike Coles. Hoping he will show up on Friday for the meeting with the State officials. Ben has talked with the Cayuta Town Supervisor regarding our change for 2009 with contracting with David Briggs. The last date that Beverly needs information from Mike is February 29, 2008. All agreed to have that date in the letter to Mike. Marie asked what was customary for deadlines in the past. We've had no issues with prior contracts with Mike Coles.

Highway:

RESOLUTION #1 – offered by A. White, seconded by J. Mangus

Resolved to authorize the Highway Superintendent to rent equipment and purchase food as may be necessary in emergency situations during 2008. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #2 – offered by A. White, seconded by M. Bergen

Resolved to appoint Philip A. Biever as Highway Superintendent effective January 2, 2008 thru December 31, 2009 at a salary for 2008 as budgeted.

Lengthy discussion regarding condition of roads, not enough funds; issues with personnel; could someone else do a better job; should we bond for road repairs; would more get done if we had more employees; snow removal issues – takes 5 to 6 hours to complete a run; complaints regarding wait, timing, which roads first or last, etc. Statewide average is approximately 3 hours. We do not have enough equipment or anywhere to house more. Town Board will do a driving tour of the roads in April. Ayes 4, Nays 2 (Bergen, Yaw)

RESOLUTION #3 – offered by A. White, seconded by B. Dickens

Resolved to appoint Daniel Thorpe as Deputy Highway Superintendent upon recommendation of the Highway Superintendent effective January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2009. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #4 – offered by A. White, seconded by J. Mangus

Resolved to appoint Janine Bond as Highway Secretary/Payroll Clerk upon recommendation of the Highway Superintendent effective January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008 with salary as budgeted. Ayes 6, Nays 0

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Water District:

RESOLUTION #5 – offered by B. Dickens, seconded by A. White
Resolved to appoint Thomas Ruda as Superintendent of Water and Transmission Foreman effective January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008 with salary as budgeted. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #6 – offered by B. Dickens, seconded by M. Bergen
Resolved to appoint Ed Grow as part-time Water District laborer effective January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008 at an hourly rate of \$12.74 as budgeted. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #7 – offered by B. Dickens, seconded by J. Mangus
Resolved to appoint Ed Wyre as Assistant Superintendent of Water effective immediately thru December 31, 2008 at an hourly rate of \$13.00. Discussion regarding number of hours, amount in budget, etc. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #8 – offered by A. White, seconded by M. Bergen
Resolved to appoint Laurie B. Tuttle as Account Clerk/Water Billing effective January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008 at an hourly pay as budgeted. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #9 – offered by A. White, seconded by B. Dickens
Resolved to appoint Jane M. V. Ike as Water Collection Clerk effective January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008 at a salary as budgeted. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Code Enforcement:

RESOLUTION #10 – offered by B. Dickens, seconded by J. Mangus
Resolved to appoint Charles A. Langenfeld as Code Enforcement Officer effective January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008 at a salary as budgeted. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Smith Park:

Ben has talked with Bruce Pastrick regarding the position of Park Manager for 2008; he is interested contingent on his application for the part-time building inspector position. We will need to review and make decisions before too long.

Recycling:

RESOLUTION #11 – offered by B. Dickens, seconded by M. Bergen
Resolved to appoint Stephen Post as Recycling Laborer/Manager as budgeted effective January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008 at an hourly rate of \$8.31 as budgeted. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #12 – offered by B. Dickens, seconded by M. Bergen
Resolved to appoint Evan Forrest and Harry Goossen as Recycling Laborers at hourly rate of \$7.95 each as budgeted effective January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Supervisor:

RESOLUTION #13 – offered by B. Dickens, seconded by J. Mangus
Resolved to appoint Alvin White as Deputy Town Supervisor effective January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2009. Ayes 5, Abstain 1 (A. White), Nays 0

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Supervisor's Committee Appointments: Made by Supervisor Dickens

Personnel – Ben Dickens, Alvin White, Mike Bergen

Grants – Alvin White, Ben Dickens, Jeff Mangus

Dumpster Day – Ben Dickens, Jane Ike, Marie Stevens, Cliff Yaw

Fire Contracts – Ben Dickens, Alvin White, Cliff Yaw

Safety – Ben Dickens, Marie Stevens, Mike Bergen

Comprehensive Plan/Land Use – Alvin White, Jeff Mangus, Marie Stevens

Building Projects – Ben Dickens, Michael Bergen, Jane Ike, Philip Bieber, Carl Langenfeld, and
Cliff Yaw

Town Highway – Ben Dickens, Philip Bieber, Cliff Yaw, Marie Stevens

Town Newsletter – Ben Dickens, Jane Ike, Marie Stevens

Comprehensive Plan/Land Use – Ben has talked with the Town of Catharine regarding partnering together on an Ag and Farm Land Protection Plan for both towns. Danielle is available to meet with some board members from both towns on January 9, 2008 to discuss the grant application to develop a plan for both towns.

Annual Appointments:

RESOLUTION #14 – offered by A. White, seconded by M. Bergen

Resolved to appoint Benjamin R. Dickens as Budget Officer for 2008. Ayes 5, Abstain 1 (B. Dickens), Nays 0

RESOLUTION #15 – offered by A. White, seconded by J. Mangus

Resolved to appoint Janine Bond as Assistant Budget Officer for 2008. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #16 – offered by B. Dickens, seconded by A. White

Resolved to appoint Janine Bond as Bookkeeper, Human Resource Officer and Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor at a salary as budgeted effective January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2007. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #17 – offered by B. Dickens, seconded by M. Bergen

Resolved to appoint Irene VanNederynen as part-time Account Clerk effective January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008 as budgeted. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #18 – offered by J. Mangus, seconded by B. Dickens

Resolved to appoint Kathy VonDracek as Cleaner effective January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008 at an hourly rate of \$11.30 as budgeted. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #19 – offered by M. Bergen, seconded by J. Mangus

Resolved to appoint Sandra Bradford as Town Historian effective January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008 at an annual salary as budgeted. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #20 – offered by A. White, seconded by J. Mangus

Resolved to appoint Jane M. V. Ike as Chief Justice Court Clerk as budgeted effective January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008. Ayes 6, Nays 0

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RESOLUTION #21 – offered by A. White, seconded by M. Bergen

Resolved to appoint Laurie Tuttle and Irene VanNederynen as part-time Assistant Justice Court Clerks at an hourly rate as budgeted effective January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008.

Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #22 – offered by B. Dickens, seconded by J. Mangus

Resolved to appoint Kathryn Henry as the member at large on the Town of Hector and Village of Burdett Consolidated Board of Health for 2008. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #23 – offered by A. White, seconded by J. Mangus

Resolved to appoint Robert L. Halpin as Attorney for the Town effective January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008 at the rate of \$125 per hour.

Discussion – Marie asked if we have considered an Attorney that only handles Town Law? Not sure who would be available locally; suggested Tim Mattison; discussed past experience with him. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Other Business:

RESOLUTION #24 – offered by M. Bergen, seconded by M. Stevens

Resolved to designate Chemung Canal Trust Company as the depository for the Supervisor's, Town Clerk/Tax Collector's and Town Justice's accounts for 2008. Further resolved to authorize the use of Chemung Canal Trust Company, JP Morgan Chase, Tompkins Trust Company Odessa Branch and Community Bank Watkins Glen for other investments as may be needed in 2008. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #25 – offered by B. Dickens, seconded by A. White

Resolved to designate the Watkins Review & Express as the legal paper for the Town for 2008. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #26 – offered by M. Bergen, seconded by J. Mangus

Resolved to authorize the Supervisor to pay all payrolls, contracts, registrations, phone, electric, utilities and postage prior to audit as may be needed in 2008. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #27 – offered by B. Dickens, seconded by A. White

Resolved to set the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm for the Regular Monthly Town Board Meetings in 2008. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #28 – offered by A. White, seconded by M. Stevens

Resolved to set January 22, 2008 at 7:00pm as the Annual Financial Audit Meeting for all Department Heads books and records. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Water Advisory Board Meetings in 2008 will be the last Thursday of the month at VLH Fire House at 7:00pm.

Smith Park Committee will meet the first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm.

GASB34 – do we need to start this process in 2008?

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Discussion regarding meeting schedule and minutes that may now be required to be posted on our web site.

Discussion of holding public meetings at various locations and times for public input into what the property owners would like to see for land use, etc. Ben will work on setting up dates and places. Development in Burdett – still moving forward; should be another presentation.

Other Public Comment:

Ralph Ward asked Board to take a ride on Bergen Road from Newtown Road to Route 79 to see the condition of the road prior to the next meeting. Complaining about the overall condition and would like to see something done to improve the road.

Adjourned at 9:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk