

2-9-2012 – REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Present:

Councilman Cheryl L. Earl
Councilman Daniel L. Miller
Councilman David L. Montgomery
Councilman Douglas J. Morrell
Supervisor Mary L. Hannon

Also Present:

Attorney for the Town Linda Joseph
Highway Superintendent Donald W. Hopkins
Town Clerk Betsy A. Marsh
18 guests

The Sardinia Town Board held its Regular Town Board meeting for February on February 9, 2012 at the Sardinia Community Center. Supervisor Mary Hannon called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence.

Supervisor Hannon introduced County Legislator John Mills, who's District now includes the Town of Sardinia. Legislator Mills stated he has been in the County Legislature for 7 years now, and before that, was a Councilman in the Town of Orchard Park, and has rural roots. He stated that government works best at this, the local level. Mr. Mills stated he is aggressive with roads, bridges, and drainage, which he feels is pretty much all that those in the rural areas of the County get for their tax money. He then informed that Chaffee-Curriers Rd. is slated to be re-paved in 2012. Mr. Mills assured those present that he will be back here many times, and then offered to take questions. The Supervisor and the Board thanked Legislator Mills for coming.

The Town Clerk has submitted the minutes of the January 12, 2012 Organizational Meeting, and the January 12, 2012 Regular Meeting. On a motion by Montgomery, seconded by Morrell, those minutes were approved as written. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Departmental Reports included:

Supervisor Hannon stated that she and Bookkeeper Angela Zona have been working on the End of the Year reports, and that they have printed them out and will make a copy available in the Clerk's office. She stated they have also been working with the Town's auditing firm and Williamson Law Book Company, the writers of the Town's software program. She stated that the auditor will be on hand at the March meeting to report. The Supervisor stated she has received the Town Historian's annual report, and it is on file in the Clerk's office. She stated that she and Councilman Miller, along with Grant Writer Connie Miner, have been working on a grant through Erie County Soil and Water for the repairs to the wash out behind a home on Rt. 39. She stated that, unfortunately, the Town did not get that grant due to lack of information, but Mr. Gaston from Soil & Water feels that a \$6,000.00 grant will be forthcoming from the NYS Performance Funding, and that, along with in-kind services from the Sardinia Highway Dept. in materials and labor, she feels that something can be done. Supervisor Hannon stated she had attended the Association of Erie County Towns and Villages meeting, and the biggest concern for most of those in attendance was the old Rt. 219 bridge closure. She stated there is a resolution calling for emergency repairs and the reopening of that bridge later in the agenda. She stated that she knows the State is working on it, but feels that one more resolution from one more Town can't hurt anybody. She stated that interviews for a Clerk/Typist position for the Code Enforcement department were conducted by her and Councilman Earl, and a resolution to hire the candidate they are recommending is included later in the agenda. The Supervisor stated that the Fire Company secretary has notified that Town resident Todd Catalano is becoming a Fire Company member, and stated that because he is a resident of the Town, the Board does not have to approve his application. She also noted that the points roster update form the Fire Company has still not been received, and when contacted, Danny Heineman stated it had been sent on to Program Administrator Gene Heater. She stated that it needs to be reviewed by the Town, and then be forwarded on to Gene Heater. She stated she would like any help getting this message to the Fire Co. The Supervisor informed that the Town was denied the CDBG grant for handicapped improvements for the Meeting House, but did get the grant for funding of the Rural Transit Van Service. She stated that the Historical Society may move forward on the handicapped accessibility improvements on their own. John Schiener, treasurer of the Fire Company stated that under 1402 of the Not-For Profit Law, if the Town Board does not approve a resident Fireman, the Company has to wait 40 days for them to join. Neither the Supervisor nor the Attorney for the Town was aware of that portion of law, and the Supervisor stated the Town Board had never approved a resident applicant for Company membership, and would have to look into the matter for next month's meeting.

Councilman Morrell stated he had been looking into the streetlighting, has contacted NYSEG, but they have not gotten back to him. He stated that he will keep trying. He stated there is a light on the corner of Pratham and Allen Roads that no one knows who it belongs to. He stated he would continue to look into that. Mr. Morrell stated that the Senior Citizens will be meeting on February 28th, 12:00 noon, at Pizza Hut in Yorkshire.

Councilman Montgomery reported that the Board had conducted an audit of the Clerk's office and the Tax Collection, and everything was okay. He stated he had attended the Disaster Coordinators Meeting, which was basically reorganization. He stated there is a new County Commissioner, Dan Nevereath, Jr. from Orchard Park, and the Deputy Commissioner is Greg Butcher from Grand Island. He stated that FEMA has now received all bills and paperwork, and money should now be coming back to the fire companies involved in the down-State hurricane. Mr. Montgomery stated that water testing and lighting for the Town Hall will be discussed later in the agenda.

Councilman Earl reported that the Girl Scouts were scheduled to use the sledding hill at the Genesee Rd. Park on Sunday February 19th, but due to the exceptionally warm and snowless winter, they would now like permission to use the gym for sports, instead. On a motion by Earl, seconded by Miller, the Girl Scouts will be allowed to use the gym on Sunday February 19th for sports. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes. She stated that Ben Bainbridge and Tom Warner have both agreed to sit on the Youth Board, and she would like Board approval of their appointments. She stated that Mr. Bainbridge will oversee the men's basketball in the gym, and Mr. Warner is the chess coach. She explained that these activities will now be under the Recreation Dept., and Mr. Warner will be here at the March meeting to offer to give chess lessons, and set up a schedule for April. On a motion by Earl, seconded by Morrell, Ben Bainbridge and Tom Warner were appointed to the Town's Youth Board. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes. Ms. Earl stated that she has letters from the Men's Basketball players and the Chess players asking to be able to continue to use the gym for residents, as both groups have for years. She stated it has been okayed by the Youth Board, and now needs to be approved by the Town Board. On a motion by Earl, seconded by Miller, the Board approved the continued use of the gym for Men's basketball and Chess tournaments. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes. Councilman Earl stated that the Rec Dept. is looking to hold Zumba classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in April, and have found instructors. They want to do three different classes including Adult Zumba, Children's Zumba, and "Zumba Gold" for senior citizens. The Town's cost will be \$150.00 per instructor, per series, for a total of \$450.00, and 10 people per class will be the minimum for signups, under that, the class will be cancelled. The sessions will be free of charge for Town residents only. The Board discussed a maximum, and decided that a maximum of 60 people per class would be set. Signups will go through the end of March. On a motion by Earl, seconded by Montgomery, the Zumba lessons program was approved, carried 5 ayes, 0 noes. Councilman Earl stated that the Winter Rec event planned for March is roller skating at Skateland in Franklinville from 5 to 7 PM on March 10th and is open to all Town residents. She stated that the Youth Board is getting ready to start working on the summer Rec program. Ms. Earl also stated she has spoken to the Girl Scout leader, and the Girl Scouts would like to do some Community Service for the Town since they use the Town Hall regularly, and have stated they would like to stain the split rail fence at the Genesee Rd. Park. Councilman Earl asked the Highway Superintendent if the Peterbilt Highway truck is still under warranty, stating she noticed there had been some repairs necessary. Mr. Hopkins stated that the company says the warranty is off, but he thinks they might have the wrong mileage, and he will look into it. She asked if he has thought about purchasing the extended warranty, and he stated he will look into that, also, if it is available.

Councilman Miller reported that last week, he attended a public forum on Farmland Protection at the Concord Town Hall. He stated there was a lot of discussion concerning keeping land in farming. He stated that he has been working with a Mr. Roundtree and sent him a copy of our Prime Farmlands Overlay map from the Zoning, which he thought was a great idea, and they will try and incorporate it in with their farmland protection plans. Mr. Miller stated he had attended an Erie County Water Quality meeting on January 25th and that there are mini-grants available and 1 project completed. He also stated there is a WNY Stormwater Coalition Conference on March 20th at the Convention Center. He stated that there will be 5 rain water cisterns installed in Erie County, which will be used for road maintenance projects. He read a list of where those cisterns will be placed. Mr. Miller also stated there are also some municipal projects in the form of weather stations that will monitor the weather to hopefully stop beach closings caused by bacterial growth. He stated that on January 30th, he attended the Southtowns Planning and Development Group meeting and discussed the Farmland Protection plan, which the comment period deadline is tomorrow. He stated that the Town of Eden has put out a brochure on its farmlands protection plan, and Mr. Miller stated he would like to see the Town of Sardinia put out a one-sheet "Farmlands Trail" brochure, listing some of our local producers of maple syrup, honey, local greenhouses, etc. He stated it would be an inexpensive way to advertise these small businesses. Councilman Miller stated that the Historical Society is disappointed that they did not receive the CDBG grant for their handicapped accessible entrance project, but is willing to put it in on their own, and will reach out to the community for help in the way of volunteers and funding. He stated he hasn't heard anything on the \$6,000.00 grant application with Mark Gaston, but hopefully by this Spring, we will know something. Announcements included: a Winter Walk on 2/11 in Springville on the Springville Rail Trail; and on 2/18, FM 103.3, the Shred & Reagan Show will be holding a Sledfest at the Hearth Restaurant to benefit Children's Hospital Telethon. He also stated he has been calling around for prices for handicapped porta-potties for the Parks this summer, and noted that they are not all ADA compliant. The Supervisor stated she would like to see prices before a decision is made as to how many to rent

Highway Superintendent Donald Hopkins reported that, as noted by Councilman Earl, they have had a few breakdowns. He stated that it doesn't seem like there has been a lot of snow, but they've been out a lot plowing and sanding, there have been trees down, and there has been flooding. He stated that there were problems with the Peterbilt, the 1994 International, and a chain broke on the sander, but everything is back up and running. He stated that concerning the roller bid, there has only been 1 response. He explained why he bid the equipment the way he did, and stated the Town would also need to buy a trailer if he had not bid the tow-behind type of roller. The matter was discussed. The Supervisor stated she is not comfortable with only 1 bid. Mr. Hopkins stated that the reason he wanted to bid it early was so he could receive the new equipment by May, and stated he only knows of 1 other dealer of such rollers. Supervisor Hannon stated she would like him to hold onto the 1 bid and re-advertise the equipment for opening at next month's meeting. Mr. Hopkins stated he also put up the snow fence and signs at the sledding hill.

Attorney for the Town Linda Joseph reported that it has been another nice, quiet month. She stated she followed up on the sign ordinance, and as per the Board's instruction, also looked into the road abandonment issue, and found that the statute requires conferring with the County Highway Superintendent. She stated that Superintendent Hopkins will be following up on that, and she will not move forward until feedback is received, to avoid any unnecessary legal expenses. She stated she also followed up on the bonding issue for public officials, looking at the insurance.

Public Comments included:

Johanna Roblee, the Secretary/Treasurer of the Chaffee-Sardinia Youth Baseball League, submitted plans for dug-outs at the baseball diamonds. She stated that the plans were drawn up by Greg Hopkins of Hopkins Construction, who is donating his time and labor to build the Manion Park dug-outs, and they are looking for donations of materials. They would also like to put them here, at the Town Hall diamond, if there is enough money. Ms. Roblee stated they would like to start work on May 1st and be done by the end of June. She also submitted a letter requesting the League's contractual money for 2012, as per the budget, in the amount of \$1,800.00, and stated that the Casey Stengel Little League rules have now changes the bat styles, and they will need to purchase all new bats this year. She stated that the Chaffee-

Sardinia Youth Baseball League is asking the Board for permission to put the dug-outs in the Parks, and expects it will take only a couple of weekends, possibly as early as April, if the weather holds.

There were no further Public Comments.

The Supervisor stated that the following resolution was for transfers of funds to balance and close out the 2011 Budget year. The following resolution, to be known as Resolution #6 of 2012 was then moved for adoption by Earl, seconded by Miller:

**RESOLUTION #6 - 2012
APPROVAL OF FUND TRANSFER**

WHEREAS, the Town of Sardinia Board approves the following transfer of funds for the 2011 year end:

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TRANSFER TO
A1420.400 Attorney	\$ 1.00	A1110.101 Town Just
""	\$ 130.20	A1110.400 TJ Contr
""	\$ 100.20	A1220.400 Spr Cont
""	\$ 14.17	A1355.100 Assess PS
""	\$ 182.71	A1620.490 Oper of Bldg other
""	\$ 205.70	A1660.470 Copier
""	\$ 128.22	A1670.400 Central Print
""	\$ 121.13	A1990.400 Contingency
""	\$ 452.29	A3510.400 Control of Dogs
""	\$ 719.72	A5182.410 SL – Entire Town
""	\$ 526.55	A6772.410 Meals on Wheels
""	\$1247.59	A7020.100 Rec Admin
""	\$ 121.16	A7110.401 Parks – Util.
""	\$ 103.00	A7180.100 Spec Rec PS
""	\$ 1611.20	A9010.800 State Retirement
""	\$ 1025.82	A9040.800 Workers Comp
""	\$ 831.81	A9050.800 Unemploy Insurance
""	\$ 329.11	A9089.800 Medicare
DA5110.430 HWY Gen Rep	\$.02	DA5110.121 Dep. Spt.
""	\$ 1756.32	DA9040.800 Workers Comp
SL5182.421 SL	\$ 207.51	SL5182.413 SL

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sardinia Town Board approves the above mentioned transfer of funds for **2011** along with any other transfers that are necessary for the year end.

Upon roll call vote: Earl, aye, Miller, aye, Montgomery, aye, Morrell, aye, Hannon, aye. So Resolved.

Supervisor Hannon then asked for a motion to approve payment of the bills. On a motion by Earl, seconded by Morrell, Abstract #2 of 2012, including vouchers #30 through #102, and totaling \$36,808.07, of which \$18,488.06 is General Fund, \$15,474.70 is Highway Fund, \$1,219.95 is Streetlighting Fund and \$1,625.36 is Fire Protection District Fund, were approved for payment. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.

The Supervisor stated that the next resolution is for approval of the findings of the audit of the Town Clerk/Collector's financial records. The following resolution, to be known as Resolution #7 of 2012, was moved for adoption by Montgomery, seconded by Earl:

**RESOLUTION #7 - 2012
APPROVAL OF AUDIT OF TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR**

WHEREAS, the Sardinia Town Board has completed an audit of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector on January 23, 2012 at 10:00 a.m, and

WHEREAS, the Sardinia Town Board has found no apparent errors or problems while completing this audit, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sardinia Town Board accepts the audit of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector that was performed by the Sardinia Town Board on January 23, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Upon roll call vote: Earl, aye, Miller, aye, Montgomery, aye, Morrell, aye, Hannon, aye. So Resolved

Supervisor Hannon stated that the next resolution is to approve the purchase of the Public Employee Dishonesty Crime Bond through NYMIR. The following resolution, to be known as Resolution #8 of 2012, was moved for adoption by Montgomery, seconded by Morrell:

**RESOLUTION #8 - 2012
APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISHONESTY CRIME BOND**

WHEREAS, the Town Board approves the purchase of the Public Employee Dishonesty Crime Bond for the period of 1/01/12 until 1/1/2013 at a cost of \$861.30 from NYMIR who now provides this coverage at this time; and

WHEREAS, this is a requirement of New York State, the Board is obligated to purchase this coverage, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sardinia Town Board approves the purchase of the Public Employee Dishonesty Crime Bond from NYMIR at a cost of \$861.30.

Upon roll call vote: Earl, aye, Miller, aye, Montgomery, aye, Morrell, aye, Hannon, aye. So Resolved

Supervisor Hannon stated that the Assistant Code Enforcement Officer position needs to be created with the Erie County Personnel Department, and the next resolution is for that purpose. On a motion by Earl, seconded by Montgomery, the following resolution, to be known as Resolution #9 of 2012, was moved for adoption, as follows:

**RESOLUTION #9 - 2012
APPROVAL OF CREATION OF ASST. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – PT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Sardinia has previously offered the position as Assistant Code Enforcement Officer – Part-Time, Non-Competitive, to assist the Code Enforcement Officer, and

WHEREAS, the Sardinia Town Board has approved a budget of \$5,000 for this position with a rate of \$12 per hour, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sardinia Town Board hereby approves the position of Assistant Code Enforcement Officer – Part-Time, Non-Competitive at a rate of \$12 per hour with a budget of \$5,000 for the year of 2012 and to have the position available until such time it is abolished.

Upon roll call vote: Earl, aye, Miller, aye, Montgomery, aye, Morrell, aye, Hannon, aye. So Resolved.

The Supervisor stated that the next resolution is to fill the open position of Clerk/Typist, PT. On a motion by Montgomery, seconded by Earl, the following resolution, to be known as Resolution #10 of 2012, was moved for adoption, as follows:

**RESOLUTION #10 - 2012
APPROVAL OF OPEN POSITIONS**

WHEREAS, the following individuals are approved for their respective positions and rates indicated:

Carla Fuller - Clerk Typist – PT - \$12.14 per hour

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sardinia Town Board approves the above noted individuals for the positions listed at the rate noted.

Upon roll call vote: Earl, aye, Miller, aye, Montgomery, aye, Morrell, aye, Hannon, aye. So Resolved.

The Supervisor stated that the next resolution is to approve attendance at an accounting workshop in Springville for both herself and her Bookkeeper, Angela Zona. The following resolution, to be known as Resolution #11 of 2012, was moved for adoption on a motion by Earl, seconded by Morrell:

**RESOLUTION #11 - 2012
APPROVAL OF TRAINING FOR SUPERVISOR AND BOOKKEEPER**

WHEREAS, the NYS Government Finance Officers' Association, Inc. are hosting a financial workshop in the Village of Springville during the days of February 15 and 16, 2012, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sardinia recognizes the importance of officials and employees to maintain a high level of training in their respective duties, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Mary Hannon and Bookkeeper Angela Zona respectfully request to attend this workshop; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sardinia Town Board authorizes the attendance of Supervisor Mary Hannon and Bookkeeper Angela Zona to attend the NYS Government Finance Officers' Association, Inc. financial workshop to be held in the Village of Springville Hall on February 15 and February 16, 2012.

Upon roll call vote: Earl, aye, Miller, aye, Montgomery, aye, Morrell, aye, Hannon, aye. So Resolved.

Supervisor Hannon stated that the next resolution is for authorization of the Code Enforcement Officer to attend training. The following resolution, to be known as Resolution #12 Of 2012, was then moved for adoption on a motion by Earl,

seconded by Miller:

**RESOLUTION #12 - 2012
APPROVAL OF CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO ATTEND TRAINING**

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes Building Officials Educational Conference will take place from March 12 through March 15, 2012 in Henrietta, New York, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sardinia recognizes the importance of officials and employees to maintain a high level of training in their respective duties, and

WHEREAS, Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Zielonka has requested permission to attend this conference, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sardinia Town Board hereby authorizes the attendance of Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Zielonka at the Finger Lakes Building Officials Educational Conference from March 12 through March 15 in Henrietta, New York.

Upon roll call vote: Earl, aye, Miller, aye, Montgomery, aye, Morrell, aye, Hannon, aye. So Resolved.

The Supervisor stated that the next resolution is to authorize the Town Clerk's Attendance at the NYSTCA annual Conference. The following resolution, to be known as Resolution #13 of 2012, was then moved for adoption by Morrell, seconded by Montgomery:

**RESOLUTION #13 - 2012
APPROVAL OF TOWN CLERK TO ATTEND CONFERENCE**

WHEREAS, the NYS Town Clerks Association is hosting their annual conference in Saratoga, New York from April 22 through April 25, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sardinia recognizes the importance of officials and employees to maintain a high level of training in their respective duties, and

WHEREAS, Town Clerk Betsy Marsh has requested permission to attend this conference; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sardinia Town Board hereby authorizes the attendance of Town Clerk Betsy Marsh at the NYS Town Clerks Association conference in Saratoga, New York from April 22 through April 25, 2012.

Upon roll call vote: Earl, aye, Miller, aye, Montgomery, aye, Morrell, aye, Hannon, aye. So Resolved.

Supervisor Hannon stated that the next resolution is to compensate the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals for their attendance at the State required training sessions. Currently, they have done the training on their own time, with no compensation. The following resolution, to be known as Resolution #14 of 2012, was then moved for adoption on a motion by Earl, seconded by Miller:

**RESOLUTION #14 - 2012
APPROVAL OF TRAINING COMPENSATION FOR PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, the Sardinia Town Board has passed a new law requiring members of the Planning Board and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals to possess 4-hours of training per year; and

WHEREAS, the Sardinia Town Board recognizes the time and effort this requirement places on the members of these two boards, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sardinia Town Board authorizes the payment equal to one meeting to each member of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals who completes a 4-hour training requirement per year.

Upon roll call vote: Earl, aye, Miller, aye, Montgomery, aye, Morrell, aye, Hannon, aye. So Resolved.

Supervisor Hannon stated that the next resolution is in support of the repair and re-opening of the Old Rt. 219 bridge over the Cattaraugus between the Towns of Concorde and Ashford. She stated that the State DOT has stated they are going to expedite the repairs, but feels that one more Town going on record to do so can't hurt. The following resolution, to be known as Resolution #15 of 2012, was then moved for adoption on a motion by Montgomery, seconded by Morrell:

**RESOLUTION #15 - 2012
IN SUPPORT OF THE REPAIR AND RE-OPENING OF
SOUTH CASCADE/MILLER ROAD BRIDGE SPANNING THE**

CATTARAUGUS CREEK

WHEREAS, the State of New York Department of Transportation has recently opted to close the South Cascade/Miller Road Bridge, a structure that spans for a minimum of four weeks in order to conduct an in-depth safety evaluation; and

WHEREAS, this extremely valuable bridge provided an access for approximately 3000 vehicles each day, and

WHEREAS, these vehicles bring significant dollars to the various businesses in Springville and Concord – the loss of which will certainly lead to a number of closures and bankruptcies, and

WHEREAS, this financial loss will be felt throughout Erie County due to reduced sales tax revenue, and

WHEREAS, this bridge closure also denies access to all emergency vehicles, pedestrians, snowmobiles, and farm equipment thus significantly affecting this region's agriculture, tourism, and safety since no viable alternate routes are available; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, while the Town of Sardinia recognizes the need for safe infrastructures, the closing of the South Cascade/Miller Road bridge across the Cattaraugus Creek has created extreme hardship for Springville and Concord, as well as Erie County, including the Town of Sardinia, a neighboring community. The Town of Sardinia, therefore, implores the New York State Department of Transportation to complete emergency repairs as soon as humanly feasible so that this bridge may be reopened to car and light truck traffic at a minimum, and to commence with a more comprehensive rehabilitation, one that will create the least disruption of traffic;

FURTHER, MAY IT BE RESOLVED, Town Clerk Betsy Marsh send a copy of this resolution to Senator Patrick Gallivan and Cathy Young, Assemblyman Kevin Smardz and Joseph Giglio, NYS DOT Regional Director Darrel F. Kaminski, County Legislator John Mills, Legislative Chairwoman Betty Jean Grant, and Town of Ashford Supervisor Chris Gerwitz.

Upon roll call vote: Earl, aye, Miller, aye, Montgomery, aye, Morrell, aye, Hannon, aye. So Resolved.

The Supervisor stated that the next resolution is for authorization to execute the Little League contract. The following resolution, to be known as Resolution #16 of 2012, was then moved for adoption by Earl, seconded by Montgomery:

RESOLUTION #16- 2012 APPROVAL OF CHAFFEE-SARDINIA LITTLE LEAGUE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Chaffee-Sardinia Little League has again requested to enter into contract with the Town of Sardinia to provide services to the Town in regards to a little league team, and

WHEREAS, the Town has been satisfied with the services provided by Chaffee-Sardinia Little League, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Supervisor is authorized to execute into a contract with the Chaffee-Sardinia Little League in the amount of \$1800.00, pending receipt of the financial report of the League for the year 2011.

Upon roll call vote: Earl, aye, Miller, aye, Montgomery, aye, Morrell, aye, Hannon, aye. So Resolved.

Stating that she felt the installation of dug-outs was a good thing, and an added safety measure for the players, the Supervisor asked for a motion to allow installation of the dug-outs by the Youth Baseball League. On a motion by Earl, seconded by Montgomery, the Board gave the Chaffee-Sardinia Youth Baseball League permission to install dug-outs at the baseball diamonds in the Town. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.

The Board then discussed installation of better lighting on the Town Hall, specifically the back and ends of the building. The Justice Court has met with Councilman Montgomery informed that they have JCAP grant money left, in the amount of \$1,600.00, and would like to see it used for increased lighting. Mr. Montgomery stated that our Buildings Caretaker would do the electrical work, upgrade to a 220 service, and install 450 watt bulbs instead of the 150 watt ones that are currently in place. The feeling is that because of height of the lights on the building, this would help. He stated that the total estimated cost would be about \$2,300.00. On a motion by Earl, seconded by Morrell, the Board agreed to go ahead with the lighting upgrades, with a total cost not to exceed \$2,500.00 for wiring and fixtures. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.

The septic system at the Town Hall was also discussed. There have been some problems lately with water backing up into the bathroom on the lowest floor. The Supervisor stated that the problem needs to be addressed. The age and location of the current system, and what would be necessary in order to replace it was discussed. It was felt that an engineer would need to be hired to design a new system and leech lines, and those plans would need County Health Dept. approval. The Supervisor reminded that there is an Environmental Fund, and funds in the Engineering line of the budget. It was also decided that the Town would contact the Health Dept. On a motion by Earl, seconded by Montgomery, the Town Supervisor will look for a low priced engineer, and Highway Superintendent Hopkins was asked to contact the Erie County Health Dept. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes. The findings will be brought back to the March meeting, and hopefully can then be put out to bid for a contractor.

Councilman Montgomery discussed the water testing program. He stated he has contacted 4 testing labs, and only Test America has sent a quote, which was \$13,120.00, based on 100 wells. He stated that the other companies have told him they won't bid because they don't have their own labs. He stated there are only two laboratories, Test America, and the Erie County Health Dept. He then contacted Erie County Health Dept., who informed that they could provide test sample bottles, and the Town could collect the samples and then take them to the lab. Mr. Montgomery stated they can only test 15 per day. He stated this would cost approximately \$5,000.00 for the Town to do it themselves. He also stated that the County Health Dept. will speak to the property owner and explain the results if there is a problem, where Test America would not. The Supervisor stated there is the advertisement and a waiver form from last year that can be used. After discussion, the Board felt it should be opened up to 100 wells, anywhere in Town, and that it would be most cost effective to have the County Health Dept. do the testing. Councilman Earl felt that no one who had their water tested last year should be able to have it tested again this year unless they had a problem. Board members agreed. On a motion by Morrell, seconded by Montgomery, the Board voted to go with the Town collecting the samples and transporting to the County Health Dept. lab for testing, and authorized advertisement of the well testing program. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.

On a motion by Earl, seconded by Miller, the Board moved into Executive Session at 7:42 PM to discuss contract negotiations with the Highway Employees Association. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.

The Board came back into Regular Session at 8:02 PM, on a motion by Earl, seconded by Montgomery, and carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes, with the Supervisor reporting that the Board has agreed on a 3 year contract that will give the Highway employees a 5% raise in 2012, a 4% raise in 2013, and a 4% raise in 2014, will pay for 80% of their health insurance, the Town will provide them with disability insurance, and new employees will be treated the same as in the past. She stated that the Attorney for the Town will be drafting the new contract, and the Board will hold a Special Emergency meeting at 10 AM on Friday, February 17, 2012, to review and execute the contract. The Clerk reminded that there will not be time to advertise the meeting and will notify the press as well as post signs for the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Earl, seconded by Montgomery, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk