

11-10-2011 – REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Present:

Councilman Cheryl L. Earl
Councilman Daniel L. Miller
Councilman David L. Montgomery
Councilman Norman J. Uhteg
Supervisor Mary L. Hannon

Also Present:

Attorney for the Town Linda Joseph
Highway Superintendent Donald W. Hopkins
Town Clerk Betsy A. Marsh
Approx. 22 guests

The Sardinia Town Board held its Regular Town Board meeting for November 2011 on November 10, 2011 at the Sardinia Town Hall/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.

The Town Clerk has submitted the minutes of the 10/13/2011 Work Session to review the 2012 Budget, the 10/13/2011 Public Hearing on the CDBG grant application, and the 10/13/2011 Regular Town Board meeting. On a motion by Earl, seconded by Miller, those minutes were approved as written. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Departmental Reports included:

Supervisor Hannon congratulated Councilman-Elect Doug Morrell on his election victory and Councilman Montgomery on his re-election. She stated she has completed and submitted the CDBG grant application, it has been reviewed by the Committee and she met with the CDBG committee at the Meeting House and spoke to Mike Alspaugh the supervisor of the program, who, according to Supervisor Hannon, gave off "negative vibes" about the Town's chances of getting the grant, due to the state of the economy. She gave special thanks to Waste Management for the breakfast at the Sr. Citizens flu clinic, and to Councilman Montgomery for being in charge of that event, as well as the rabies clinic. She stated that both events are great services to the community. Supervisor Hannon stated that she will be attending the Big Lots store's grand opening on Friday November 18th.

Councilman Uhteg reported that he had gotten a list of streetlighting outages from Highway Superintendent Hopkins and has submitted them to NYSEG. He stated there is a total of 8 lights out, half of which have been repaired, and he expects the other half to be fixed shortly.

Councilman Montgomery reported on the Rabies Clinic will be held on 10/22 at the Highway Garage, thanking everyone who worked at the clinic, especially veterinarian Nancy Pugh for donating her time and stated that 125 animals were vaccinated. He stated that there was a good turnout for the Senior Flu Clinic held here at the Town Hall on 11/4, with 88 people being vaccinated. He also thanked Waste Management for providing the breakfast. Mr. Montgomery noted that the Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 17th at The Hearth at noon.

Councilman Earl reported that the Youth Board has canceled the November movie night due to poor attendance and the screen that they wanted to rent for the event was a lot more expensive than anticipated. She stated that they are planning a Winter Celebration here in the gym on December 17th from 5 PM until 9 PM, with Santa and Mrs. Claus stopping in at about 6:30 PM. She stated it will cost \$150.00 for Santa and Mrs. Claus, if the Board approves. They will be doing crafts such as making ornaments. She stated that they would also like to hold a town wide Holiday lighting contest, as was done quite a few years ago, and the people from the Rec Dept. would do the judging, starting around 12/16, and would like permission to give gift cards as prizes, \$50.00 for 1st prize, \$25.00 for 2nd prize, and \$15.00 for 3rd prize, for a total of \$90.00, and permission to advertize the contest. Councilman Earl made a motion to approve the purchase of gift cards as prizes for the lighting contest in the above amounts, to total \$90.00 and permission to advertize the contest. Motion seconded by Miller, and carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes. Councilman Earl also made a motion to approve the go ahead for the Winter Celebration, approve the cost of \$150.00 for Santa and Mrs. Claus, and approve the advertising of the event. Motion seconded by Miller, and carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes. Ms. Earl stated that the Rec Dept. has also planned a trip to Colden Tubing Co. on 1/14/2012, and the group tickets are sold in lots of 20 for \$9.00 each, rather than the regular price of \$15.00 each. She stated they would like to buy 2 lots of 20 tickets and sell them to Town residents for half price, or \$4.50 each. They would like permission to buy 40 tickets for a total of \$360.00, and permission to advertize the event. On a motion by Earl, seconded by Montgomery, the Board approved the expenditure of \$360.00 for 40 tickets to Colden Tubing, and approved advertisement of all of the Rec events. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Councilman Miller reported that he has been working with the Planning Board on drafting an application form and checklist for Special Use permits. There currently is no form for that type of permit. He stated that he has heard nothing on a possible grant for work to prevent further erosion on Rt. 39. Mr. Miller stated that the Time Warner franchise agreement expires in 2015 and he has contacted and inquired about their services and asked about expanding the internet services in the Town. He stated that they do not offer deals on the internet service, and they require 25 households per mile to run the service in an area. Mr. Miller stated that there is a fracking meeting next Wednesday and he will be attending, and also reported that the Historical Society held its annual Chinese auction on 10/22, which was very successful.

Highway Superintendent Donald Hopkins reported that all of the sand and salt for the upcoming winter has been put up. He presented the Board with the 2012 Agreement of Expend Town Highway Funds, which was then signed by all Board members and will be filed in the Town Clerk's office. Mr. Hopkins informed that he and the Highway Dept. have received a letter and a plaque from the NYS DEC for its participation in the insect collection project at the pool. He stated they had to send the contents of the pool skimmer/filter to the DEC this past summer, and fortunately, no invasive species were found. The Highway Superintendent stated he would like to participate in the program again next year.

Attorney for the Town Linda Joseph reported that it was a quiet month. She stated that the most significant issue was the Four Lakes Management tax assessment suit, which was dismissed with prejudice, meaning that the Town avoided the expense of an appraiser at a cost of at least of \$25,000.00, and attorneys' fees.

Under Public Comments:

Senior Citizens President Clint Salmon stated that the Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thursday 11/17, at a cost of \$14.00 per dinner, and they have also asked everyone attending to bring a non-perishable food item, which will then be used to make up Christmas baskets for those in need. He asked the Board to pre-approve payment to The Hearth for the Town's share of the dinner, which is \$9.00 per person. Mr. Salmon stated that the Seniors have been asked to pay \$5.00 toward their dinner, but Waste Management has graciously offered to pick up that cost, and also give corsages to the ladies. Mr. Salmon stated that there are 82 people signed up so far, and at a cost of \$9.00 per person, the Town's share will not exceed \$800.00. On a motion by Montgomery, seconded by Miller, the Board agreed to the pre-payment to The Hearth of the cost of the Thanksgiving dinner, not to exceed \$800.00. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.

John Schiener of Sardinia stated that the Supervisor's report, available on line, shows that the Town has \$3 million on hand and a projection for \$3.3 million this year. He asked the Board to look at the utility and out of Town corporations who have benefit of free taxes totaling \$81,000.00 which could be coming to the Town. He also stated he is concerned about the defined benefit NYS Retirement System and asked if the Town might consider opting out of that program in favor of a 401K type of benefit for the employees.

Under Approval of Bills, Supervisor Hannon stated there are a couple of Budget transfers necessary within the General Fund Budget, and the following resolution, to be known as Resolution #75 of 2011 was moved for adoption by Earl, seconded by Miller:

**RESOLUTION #75 - 2011
APPROVAL OF FUND TRANSFER**

WHEREAS, the Town of Sardinia Board approves the following transfer of funds:

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TRANSFER TO
A1990.400 Contingency	\$ 68.01	A1220.400 – Sup/Contract
A9030.800 Social Security	\$409.11	A9040.800 - Workers Comp
DA9030.800 Social Security	\$355.13	DA9040.800- Workers Comp

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sardinia Town Board approves the above mentioned transfer of funds for 2011.

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

On a motion by Earl, seconded by Montgomery, Abstract #11 of 2011, including vouchers #708 through #775, totaling \$59,954.71, with the General Fund portion of that amount totaling \$15,102.87; the Highway Fund portion totaling \$43,838.74 and the Street lighting District Fund totaling \$1,013.10 was approved for payment. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Supervisor Hannon stated that, concerning the adoption of the 2012 Budget, she would like to increase the Firemen's compensation insurance line, #SF9040.800 by \$1,500.00, stating that the cost of that insurance has gone up by \$1,500; and she stated she would like to add \$2,080.00 to the Meeting House budget line, #7510.410, since the Town will have to contribute 5% if it is awarded a CDBG grant, and she would like to have that money in the budget in that event. The following resolution to adopt the 2012 Town Budget, with those two additions, to be known as Resolution #76 of 2011, was then moved for adoption by Earl, seconded by Montgomery:

**RESOLUTION #76 - 2011
APPROVAL OF 2012 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Sardinia Town Board has reviewed the 2012 Preliminary Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Sardinia Town Board approves the 2012 Budget, with the two changes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sardinia Town Board hereby approves the 2012 Budget for the Town of Sardinia as presented to the Town Board with the noted changes.

Upon roll call vote: Earl, aye, Miller, aye, Montgomery, aye, Uhteg, no, Hannon, aye. So Resolved, 4 ayes, 1 no.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Montgomery, seconded by Earl, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Respectfully Submitted

Betsy Marsh
Town Clerk

