**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF DANNEMORA**

**APRIL 22, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Dannemora, County of Clinton, in the State of New York was held at the Town of Dannemora Municipal Building, Chazy Lake, Town of Dannemora, 6:00 pm on the 22nd day of April, 2015.

**PRESENT:** William Chase - Supervisor

James Barber - Councilman

David Benjamin - Councilman

Joseph LeClair - Councilman

Mark Siskavich - Highway Superintendent

Kristine Lashway - Supervisor's Secretary/Budget Officer

William Favreau Esq - Attorney

Deborah Coryer - Clerk/Tax Collector

**ABSENT:** Kenneth Brassard - Councilman

Supervisor Chase (Bill C) called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

RESOLUTION 2015-55

**APPROVE TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 24, 2015.**

On a motion of Councilman LeClair, seconded by Councilman Benjamin, this resolution was

ADOPTED: Ayes - 4 Barber, Benjamin, LeClair, Chase

Nays - 0

*Resolved that the minutes be approved.*

***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

**Supervisor Chase -** He had a meeting with Al Rascoe, Clinton County Highway Superintendent, to discuss our contract to plow County roads for the next three years. The County is proposing to keep the same rate for the next contract. There is also discussion about picking up extra mileage, depending on a response from Saranac. The Board will have to decide, if the opportunity arises, whether the town wants to take on the extra mileage for compensation. This won't have to be decided until this summer.

-The additional T1 line is scheduled to go in May 1st.

-Insurance renewal for the Town is set for June 21st. Bill C asked the rest of the board if they thought we should be going out for bids - to be discussed in new business.

-The Board also needs to discuss grievances from CSEA in executive session at the end of the meeting.

Building issues - Simplex Grinell was here the 30th of March for their quarterly inspection. Culligans was here yesterday - apparently the well pump is acting up. The pressure was low enough to shut off. That will all be looked into. It is still under warranty.

-The final building issue is the soffits, which will also be discussed later.

The Chazy lake (Ledger) Water District - Surveying has resumed. Also, environmental specialists will be here to flag the wetlands. Everything will be done mid to late May. Clinton Correctional Facility, the Town, and DOT are working on a schedule to meet to discuss location for the sub-station (re-chlorination building). Next month we were supposed to have a public meeting about the funding for lateral connections assistance, but Bill C wants to schedule that for June in case there are things that have to be done prior to that. He got an email from Diane Lombardi concerning the survey crews etc. as well.

Verizon - what needs to be talked about will also be done in executive session.

**Councilman Benjamin** - Nothing to report, but he did bring up an issue with a lack of local EMT response, which Mark will check into.

**Councilman Brassard** - absent

**Councilman Barber** - He inspected the buildings on the town property in Lyon Mt (the mining buildings and the metal building). The metal building is structurally sound, but it has been stripped, needs doors and windows. He said any money that would be spent up there should be weighed against the possibility of vandalism because everything that could be destroyed or taken was. Security systems would have to be installed. The old mine buildings are treacherous and they are an attraction for vandals. Bill C. said we should look into demolishing them. Mark said there is a lot of metal in there that should be worth a lot. A discussion took place concerning hiring a company to come in to break down the building and paying the town for the materials (metal, etc). Bill F. said the County did something similar on the air base and got paid for it. Bill C also pointed out that with those buildings gone, it would probably decrease the trespassing there so it is something to look into. Jim also suggested shutting the gate there. He said there is a big dumping problem up there - garbage as well as brush.

Bill C also brought up ore sand draw will be starting May 4th. There will be just four trucks and they will be putting the slips in the box. He will need to get with Frank Tortino on the pre-payment of half due before they start hauling.

**Councilman LeClair** - nothing to report

**Mark Siskavich** - Wilfred King Road, Dubrey Road, and Boat Launch Road have all been swept. He also wants to do a town-to-town transfer of the old pelican to Beekmantown. He says it is only good for parts, and they have a similar one that they can use it for. Bill C said it will be brought up in resolutions.

Deb brought up that there were no responses on the sale of the old copier from the other towns, so wanted to know if the board wanted her to put it in the paper as surplus, as discussed at the last meeting. That will be added to resolutions as well.

***OLD BUSINESS***

Ore Sand Policy - Bill C feels it needs to be updated, based on what we are being paid for sand and feels they should eliminate the two free loads. The Board discussed various scenarios of how many people actually ask for it, how much per load, what would constitute a load, how would you control it, etc. Kris suggested Bill C rewrite the policy and bring it to the rest of the board next month and all agreed. Bill C requested board members email any inputs to him.

AES Soffits - the Town received the contract from AES in regards to this project, Bill F is reviewing it and the Bill C can sign it. The contract is for $5,500 to get this underway.

IRC Settlement - A letter was received from Dave Whitford recommending settling with IRC for $9,394.14. The release of liens was received and the Town compromised on the liquidation damages.

RESOLUTION 2015-56

**APPROVE TO PAY IRC $9,394.14 AS PAYMENT IN FULL, PER AES RECOMMENDATION AND ATTORNEY REVIEW, ACCOMPANIED BY A LETTER INDICATING PAYMENT IN FULL.**

On a motion of Councilman Benjamin, seconded by Councilman Barber, this resolution was

ADOPTED: Ayes - 4 Barber, Benjamin, LeClair, Chase

Nays - 0

*Resolved to approve payment.*

*NEW BUSINESS*

Quotes for Insurance - Bill C has been approached by another insurance company wanting to bid on the Town's insurance. Everyone agreed it was a good practice to at least check around for the best value. Bill C said he would make phone calls in that regard.

Excess Equipment on Town property in Lyon Mt - Bill C said there was someone interested in buying the dryer/screener/etc left behind by Lyon Sand. Jim recommended we surplus it and hold it in reserve. Bill F questioned whether it was personal property or real property. Kris felt there was a resolution about the abandoned property there. Questions about ownership arose and this will have to be resolved. Then they could go out to bid. This will be looked into.

RESOLUTION 2015-57

**APPROVE BILLS FOR APRIL 2015, AS PRESENTED ON ABSTRACTS AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL-$5,271.07; HIGHWAY-$26,813.29; LYON MT SEWER-$1,157.51; LYON MT WATER 1-$884.34; DANNEMORA SEWER-$76.96; DANNEMORA WATER-$30; LYON MT LIGHTS-$1,140.62; TOTAL - $35,373.79.**

On a motion of Councilman LeClair, seconded by Councilman Benjamin, this resolution was

ADOPTED: Ayes - 4 Barber, Benjamin, LeClair, Chase

Nays - 0

*Resolved to approve bills.*

RESOLUTION 2015-58

**APPROVE FIRST NIAGARA'S COLLATERAL AGENT FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF NY THIRD PARTY CUSTODIAL AGREEMENT.**

On a motion of Supervisor Chase, seconded by Councilman LeClair, this resolution was

ADOPTED: Ayes - 4 Barber, Benjamin, LeClair, Chase

Nays - 0

*Resolved to approve signing agreement.*

RESOLUTION 2015-59

**APPROVE TOWN-TO-TOWN TRANSFER OF OLD PELICAN FROM HIGHWAY DEPT TO BEEKMANTOWN.**

On a motion of Councilman LeClair, seconded by Councilman Barber, this resolution was

ADOPTED: Ayes - 4 Barber, Benjamin, LeClair, Chase

Nays - 0

*Resolved to approve transfer.*

RESOLUTION 2015-60

**APPROVE ADVERTISING OLD COPIER AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND REQUESTING BIDS.**

On a motion of Supervisor Chase, seconded by Councilman Benjamin, this resolution was

ADOPTED: Ayes - 4 Barber, Benjamin, LeClair, Chase

Nays - 0

*Resolved to approve bidding out copier.*

RESOLUTION 2015-61

**APPROVE ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR MATTERS RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNDER THE TAYLOR LAW.**

On a motion of Councilman LeClair, seconded by Supervisor Chase, this resolution was

ADOPTED: Ayes - 4 Barber, Benjamin, LeClair, Chase

Nays - 0

*Resolved to enter executive session.*

RESOLUTION 2015-62

**APPROVE CLOSING EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING.**

On a motion of Councilman LeClair, seconded by Councilman Benjamin, this resolution was

ADOPTED: Ayes - 4 Barber, Benjamin, LeClair, Chase

Nays - 0

*Resolved to return to regular meeting.*

No action taken in executive session.

The next regular meeting is May 27 at 6 pm.

With no further business on a motion of Supervisor Chase, and a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Coryer

Town Clerk/Tax Collector