**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF DANNEMORA**

**FEBRUARY 25, 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 25th day of February, 2015.

**PRESENT:** William Chase - Supervisor

Kenneth Brassard - Councilman

Joseph LeClair - Councilman

James Barber - Councilman

Mark Siskavich - Highway Superintendent

Kristine Lashway - Supervisor's Secretary/Budget Officer

William Favreau Esq. - Town Attorney

**ABSENT:** David Benjamin - Councilman

Deborah Coryer - Clerk/Tax Collector

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

RESOLUTION 2015-34

**APPROVE TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 28, 2015.**

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

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

Nays - 0

*Resolved that the minutes be approved.*

***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

**Supervisor Chase -** First, he thanked everyone for their participation in the card and collection for Richard Dashnaw on the passing of his mother from 20 town employees.

Water District #1 - There is a frozen water line at 2870 Standish Road. Sharon Harmon is the current owner. She called in a plumber and they did a hot water treatment down the line and it didn't fix the problem so it is past the curb stop and in the Town's hands. Since there are so many problems in the area, we can't get someone to come up until Friday. If they can't thaw it then the lines will have to be dug up.

Building issues - We are finally getting daily water reports from Culligans. This weekend, the water went below level and triggered a requirement for reset, which Bill C. did this morning. He is still investigating why that took place with Culligans and LaPlants.

-Last Friday the fan on the propane boiler was found to be not working. They couldn't find a replacement until Monday so we had to keep the wood boiler going. Bill C, Ken, Kris and Nancy helped out with that and Dick Dashnaw did on Sunday when he was called out to plow. Thanks to everyone who came in.

-Internet - the band width is very limited and we've been experiencing a lot of trouble with speed. The phone and internet all work on the same T1 so everyone using a wireless device causes a drop in service. Bill C changed the password and will not be issuing it out. All smart phones and handheld devices will need to be turned off when in and around the building because just having them on slows down the system. We got a proposal from Westelcom to fix it which will be talked about later.

-Security concepts was here and completed the fuel pump access system. Access cards were issued to everyone who needed one. The highway workers, Lloyd, and Bill C. all have them. He spoke with Dave Whitford about the soffit problem. Dave has a proposal which we will take care of at the next meeting. Bill F. asked if we'd heard from Integrated Rigging and Bill C. said we had but not what we were looking for as a response. So that is still open.

Real Property - The building previously owned by Lyon Sand has been put on our insurance policy at a value of $250,000 and is listed as a cold storage building.

Family Dollar area speed limit decrease, which was requested last month, has been put in motion as Bill C. has sent that letter.

Verizon update - finally got the executed option dated 2/6/15. We should get a $2,000 check soon. Bill F. said they actually sent an executed lease, not just the option, so they should start paying the monthly rent as well as the option payment. A tree survey was also completed. On Friday there is a techno-utility walk. Last Monday their contact person for wireless was here concerning the APA's requirement for a 200-foot radius where there is a no-tree-cut area. This falls onto the Dubrey property on the right. We need to get an easement from Jane and Michael Venne for that. They haven't granted the easement yet but it is in the works. However, if the easement isn't granted, it could hold up the project.

More on Lyon Sand -On Feb 6, received a letter from Scott Hallock. Bill F sent him a letter saying he was relieved of the last three years of taxes and he has no claim to the building any longer.

Butch is in training next week - back in the office on the 12th.

Chazy Lake (Ledgers Water District) update - Received a letter from Diane Lombardi updating the town of where the engineers are in the process. Weather had delayed/stopped work but there is progress being made. There was also a telecon on Monday, with grant money/funding discussed. A public hearing will have to take place in May before the regular meeting. Mailings will go out, and eligible residents will have two months to respond.

**Councilman Benjamin** - absent

**Councilman Brassard** - He talked to the asbestos people at the prison again, and they said they'd have no problem doing a survey for the old town hall on what would be required and they could probably do the job as well. He said that we might need to have Bill C write a letter to make it official.

**Councilman Barber** - He checked on the possibility of getting a sign made as discussed previously. He went through the specifics of what needed to be done and estimated it would cost about $160 or so. They will need to know the design required. Bill C said he could do that.

**Councilman LeClair** - nothing to report.

**Mark Siskavich** - Back up to a full garage. But the 150 pickup will cost about $3,000 to fix. Bill C feels we should replace it with a truck with no frills. More will be discussed on this later.

RESOLUTION 2015-35

**APPROVE BILLS FOR FEBRUARY 2015, AS PRESENTED ON ABSTRACTS AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL-$11733.19; HIGHWAY-$10635.83; LYON MT SEWER-$549.26; LYON MT WATER 1-$19993.82; DANNEMORA SEWER-$130.67; LYON MT LIGHTS-$1305.08; CP-$4028.09; TOTAL - $48375.94.**

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

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

Nays - 0

*Resolved to approve bills.*

The next two items have to do with the New York State road listings. Bill C and Mark have discovered that the State has a road listed called Random Rd, which is not there, and don't have Tamarack Lane on the list - which is a town road. The State said the only way to correct this list is through Town resolution.

RESOLUTION 2015-36

**APPROVE REMOVING RANDOM WAY FROM THE NY STATE LIST OF DANNEMORA TOWN ROADS.**

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

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

Nays - 0

*Resolved that Random Way be removed from list.*

RESOLUTION 2015-37

**APPROVE ADDING TAMARACK LANE (2 SECTIONS) TO THE NY STATE LIST OF DANNEMORA TOWN ROADS.**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes - 5 Barber, Benjamin, Brassard, LeClair, Chase

Nays - 0

*Resolved to add Tamarack Lane to the list.*

Bill C said Chuck Mason (Mason Claim Service) got back with us on the damage to the trash racks. $34,500 will be given to the Town in the insurance settlement. Actual cost was around $36,000 so the cost to the town will be minimal. Once the board approves, Bill C will sign.

RESOLUTION 2015-38

**APPROVE TO ACCEPT MASON CLAIM SERVICE INC OFFER OF SETTLEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $34,000 FOR DAMAGE TO TRASH RACKS (CHAZY LAKE DAM).**

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

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

Nays - 0

*Resolved that the settlement be accepted.*

Nancy (Building Custodian) has to go out for six weeks for foot surgery. Bill C. has asked that the board approve Jennifer Guerin as the backup for her, whenever that occurs, for $10 per hour.

RESOLUTION 2015-39

**APPROVE HIRING JENNIFER GUERIN AT $10 PER HOUR AS BACKUP FOR NANCY STOCKWELL DURING HER ABSENCE FOR FOOT SURGERY.**

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

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

Nays - 0

*Resolved to approve Jenn as backup.*

Bill C. has asked for a motion to approve John Stockwell to be sent to Water Operator School next week being held in Peru at the cost of $450. We also need to determine an hourly rate to pay him. It is from 8 am to 4 pm for five days.

RESOLUTION 2015-40

**APPROVE FUNDING WATER OPERATOR SCHOOL FOR JOHN STOCKWELL. PAYMENTS TO INCLUDE: $450 FOR THE CLASS, MILEAGE, AND $12 PER HOUR DURING CLASS TIME.**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes - 3 Barber, LeClair, Chase

Nays - 1 Brassard

*Resolved to approve school and associated costs.*

RESOLUTION 2015-41

**APPROVE CHANGING THE REGULAR MARCH MEETING TO THE 24TH FROM THE 25TH.**

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

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

Nays - 0

*Resolved to approve meeting change.*

***OLD BUSINESS***

Chazy Lake Drawdown - Bill F drew up a proposal for the drawdown policy. Bill C has some apprehension about going every three years because of concerns about fishing and well water availability at a home on LaPoint Road he has been made aware of. Hunt also said the damage to the trash racks could have been exacerbated by the water being low. Also there are the dry hydrants to consider. He realizes no one from the group is here to argue it, but there are concerns about this happening every three years.

Bill F made some changes to what the committee proposed, but the ones he wants to point out specifically are in the procedural section. The original from the committee had verbiage which said the Town will take steps to return the lake to normal in April. Bill F changed it to say the Town would put the gates at the normal settings at that time - since the Town can't guarantee how much water will be in the lake. He also changed where they had put that the Town would take full responsibility for anything that happens as a result of the drawdown. he changed that to the Town will not assume responsibility for anything that happens. Bill C then followed up with concerns and said he didn't feel the policy should be put in place until we see what the effects of last year's drawdown has on fishing. He also thinks the dry hydrant situation should be taken care of before another drawdown. After more discussion, the board agreed to table the policy.

They returned to discussing the truck and whether to buy a new one, look at used equipment, or repair it. Bill F said you can get some quotes on state contract without going out to bid. There was also discussion as to whether it goes under highway or general fund. Bill C. said they'd put the bid together then talk about whether to go out to bid in the March meeting.

***NEW BUSINESS***

Twinstate has proposed a maintenance agreement for the phone system at $647.61. Bill F will review the agreement prior to the March meeting. Bill C will also call Twinstate and express the concerns that it is too high.

Westelcom has provided quotes for improving our internet speed - two prices: $1507.40 or $1002.45. However, there are still a lot of unanswered questions on that so that will also be tabled until next month.

There is a quote from Lockrows for a different copier because our current one is getting old and it is getting harder to get parts, etc.

RESOLUTION 2015-42

**APPROVE PURCHASE OF A NEW COPIER - SHARP MX-M314N FOR $4175.76 WITH ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PLAN OF $225.**

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

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

Nays - 0

*Resolved to approve purchase*

RESOLUTION 2015-43

**APPROVE ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A PARTICULAR PERSON.**

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

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

Nays - 0

*Resolved to enter executive session.*

RESOLUTION 2015-44

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

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

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

Nays - 0

*Resolved to close exec. session.*

RESOLUTION 2015-45

**APPROVE, PURSUANT TO CIVIL SERVICE LAW 73, TO TERMINATE TOWN OF DANNEMORA EMPLOYEE, DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, BASED ON NON-RETURN TO WORK FOR A PERIOD GREATER THAN 365 DAYS.**

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

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

Nays - 0

*Resolved to terminate employee.*

The next regular meeting is March 24th at 6 pm.

With no further business on a motion of Supervisor Chase, and a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Coryer

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

*Note: Due to the absence of the Town Clerk, these minutes were transcribed solely from the recording and notes taken by the supervisor's secretary.*