**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF DANNEMORA**

**MARCH 24, 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 24th day of March, 2015.

**PRESENT:** William Chase - Supervisor

James Barber - Councilman

David Benjamin - Councilman

Kenneth Brassard - Councilman

Mark Siskavich - Highway Superintendent

Kristine Lashway - Supervisor's Secretary/Budget Officer

Deborah Coryer - Clerk/Tax Collector

**ABSENT:** Joseph LeClair - Councilman

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

RESOLUTION 2015-46

**APPROVE TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 25, 2015.**

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

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

Nays - 0

*Resolved that the minutes be approved.*

***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

**Supervisor Chase -** Training: John Stockwell completed his training at water operator school in Peru and we are now setting up training with Lloyd Clukey to conduct the 6 months of OJT required by the County and State. Tomorrow (March 25th) Mike Zurlo will be at the County Supervisor's meeting to go over tax cap submission. He and Martha had planned to go, but neither can no longer attend. He is going to get the recorder down there and hopefully get the meeting recorded. On April 15th, he and Martha are going to attend the Financial Responsibility of Elected Officials seminar. April 15th and 16th, the APA will have a local government conference - Gary Germaine will attend the invasive species block on behalf of the town. There are other blocks that may be of interest so he gave packets to Dave and Ken in case either could attend. He asked Bill LaDuke to possibly attend because he may not be able to make it due to the other meeting on the 15th. He is also signed up to attend Intro to Government Accounting in Watertown in June.

-Email from Jon Beach - Supervisors received which outlined a new schedule for the county bus service to outlying areas. the County is looking for bus drivers. Both Bill C and Ken have both been in contact with the County concerning the service to this area. The email also addressed the Native American's loss in their attempt to have the court case thrown out concerning taxation of acquired land. The next step is to move to a higher court. Beach wrote he sees a resolution in the near future. This could benefit the school systems. He also writes there is talk about some grant opportunities for small towns and he will pass info along as he gets it. Finally, he wrote concerning the cost of EMS services, and a County-wide service is being explored.

-Settlement for trash rack repair has been received - $34,000 has been deposited.

-The new copier has been installed. The old copier has been offered for sale to the Village, but no response from them yet. After discussion, it was decided that Deb would reach out to all the municipalities and fire districts to see if anyone else would be interested in it before putting it out to bid. We will ask for responses prior to the next meeting on April 22nd.

-Family Dollar - it was reported a delivery truck ran outside there overnight. APA regulations state this can only occur between 9 am - 3:30 pm. Bill C hand-delivered a copy of the APA requirements to the assistant manager at Family Dollar. Stop signs have been put up where requested as well.

-Kris took care of some documentation requested by Clinton County this past week.

-Building issues - Simplex-Grinell took care of the fire suppression system issues we were having.

Hogan has been here to work on the heating system. They claim there is nothing wrong with the system, but the temperatures fluctuates more than the set amount.

Internet - hard lines were installed in offices that didn't have them, and a phone line was installed to the fuel access system. This cost a little more than $1200.

-Frozen lines - both water districts (Dannemora and Lyon Mt) have been experiencing frozen water lines. The Town paid out more than $2000 to thaw lines in Lyon Mt and there is still one house that hasn't been able to be thawed. In Dannemora, pipes froze at the corner where the Pizza place is - it has occurred twice. There is still some investigating to do as to whose responsibility it is for repairs. He has been talking to Brock - he will keep everyone updated on that.

-Chateguay Lake Dam - Bill C got an email concerning opening the gates. He responded the gates are open and it is just up to the weather.

-Chazy Lake water district - on hold until weather breaks. Diane Lombardi, DOT, says they continue to work on reports and models in the meantime.

-Verizon - concerning the cell tower, there is an ongoing negotiation with Jane and Michael Venne concerning the easement required on their property. (The APA requires a 200-foot radius where they don't want trees cut. Part of that radius falls on the adjoining property.)

-Woodcutting on Town Property may not occur until next winter because they are behind schedule but we will still receive the tractor trailer load of wood in the near future.

-Bill C says they have been in contact with a CPA firm out of lake Placid for a proposal to do a Town Audit.

-The labor agreement with the highway was finally signed March 19th - this covered 2014-2016.

**Councilman Benjamin** - Everything is doing well at JCEO. The Village also had a lot of frozen pipes. They are still recommending keeping the water running until further notice.

**Councilman Brassard** - There was a fire in the Village the 5th of March. They were able to knock the fire down quickly to save the house. Unfortunately there was one fatality. Dave added that a couple who lives across the road from the structure went above and beyond to help rescue and house the residents until the Red Cross could take them over. The Village will be recognizing them - Josh Fountain and April Bordeau.

**Councilman Barber** - He is concerned about the runoff that will occur when we get the expected rain since the ground is still frozen. He advised Mark to be ready to get out there with the excavator. Bill C thanked Jim for providing a metal box for ore sand slips when the contractors start hauling sand again. Jim also said Adirondack sign shop was up and running again so we need to put something together for the signs needed by the Town. Bill C said he has also talked to Tony Windover about electric sign costs. Jim also said the CCF museum has now been moved down to the Village offices so anyone can now go see the items.

**Councilman LeClair** - absent

**Mark Siskavich** - They are down to two tandems - one has been in the shop for two weeks and they haven't looked at it yet. He doesn't expect it back any time soon - late summer is his guess. Fortunately the problem is covered by the warranty (EGR valve). He ordered some culverts today and they will be replacing a lot of culverts this summer.

Bill C asked about surplus equipment - putting the 550 with plow and sander, and the F-150 both out to bid. Then purchasing another small truck for general use. Mark said other superintendents have said it is cheaper to go out to bid for the new truck than to look at state contract. This will be discussed later.

Gary Germaine asked about the sand removal schedule and asked if the Wilfred King Road could be done sooner. Mark asked Bill C what he wanted mark to do about the sand he takes off the road - can he give it to people who ask for it? Bill said they could give it to people in the vicinity of where they are cleaning the sand. Art Whitbeck asked for 5 loads for the dam.

Before approving Bills, Bill C wanted to point out that on the bills for Hogan they start charging their hourly rate ($80) from when they leave the shop. It is the industry standard. He just wanted everyone to be aware that the cost in these bills include that.

RESOLUTION 2015-47

**APPROVE BILLS FOR MARCH 2015, AS PRESENTED ON ABSTRACTS AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL-$15,102.02; HIGHWAY-$10,395.15; LYON MT SEWER-$959.95; LYON MT WATER 1-$3,884.50; DANNEMORA SEWER-$677.03; LYON MT LIGHTS-$1,171.68; TOTAL - $32,275.33.**

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

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

Nays - 0

*Resolved to approve bills.*

RESOLUTION 2015-48

**APPROVE FIRST NIAGARA MUNICIPAL DEPOSIT RESOLUTION ADDING MARTHA SWEENEY AS AN AUTHORIZED SIGNER.**

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

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

Nays - 0

*Resolved to approve adding Martha as signer.*

RESOLUTION 2015-49

**APPROVE WESTELCOM QUOTE FOR T1 LINE, TO INCREASE THE TOTAL MONTHLY COST TO $504.95**

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

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

Nays - 0

*Resolved to approve quote.*

RESOLUTION 2015-50

**APPROVE QUOTE OF $494 FROM TWINSTATE FOR CONFIGURING THE ADDITIONAL T1 .**

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

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

Nays - 0

*Resolved to approve quote.*

RESOLUTION 2015-51

**APPROVE TWINSTATE GENERAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT QUOTE OF $600 ANNUAL.**

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

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

Nays - 0

*Resolved to approve quote.*

Bill C brought up the surplus equipment issue. They want to put the 2000 550 truck with plow and sander out to bid again as well as the 2005 F150. Mark will give Deb all the information on the trucks so she can place the legal ad in the Press Republican.

RESOLUTION 2015-52

**APPROVE DESIGNATING THE 2005 F-150 CURRENTLY IN THE HIGHWAY INVENTORY AS SURPLUS.**

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

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

Nays - 0

*Resolved to make the F-150 surplus.*

RESOLUTION 2015-53

**APPROVE PLACING A LEGAL AD FOR BIDS ON THE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT: 2000 F550 WITH SANDER AND PLOW AND 2005 F150.**

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

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

Nays - 0

*Resolved to approve placing ad for surplus equipment.*

A discussion took place about when to request bids on getting a new general purpose truck, and it was tabled until next month.

***OLD BUSINESS***

Former Lyon Sand Building - This building now belongs to the Town. Bill C asked Mark to take the men up to the building to assess what needs to be done to it to make it usable for our purposes and report back to the board at the next meeting.

***NEW BUSINESS***

Proposal for Aquatic Plant Assessment of Chazy Lake - The money is already committed and available to pay for the study later this year, based on their earlier request to move last year's unused money to this year and what was put in the budget for 2015. Total cost will be $3500.

Proposal from AES for soffit repair and installation of snow guard. Engineering costs for the construction oversight from AES is $5,494.

RESOLUTION 2015-54

**APPROVE PROPOSAL FROM AES FOR ENGINEERING OVERSIGHT ON SOFFIT REPLACEMENT AND SNOW GAURD INSTALLATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,494.**

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

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

Nays - 0

*Resolved to approve proposal.*

***PUBLIC COMMENTS***

Ron Bushey voiced complaints about the septic system to his house and the back up last year. He asked for rules and regulation on the sewer system. He wanted to know why the problem that occurred last week at another person's house was taken care of immediately and his wasn't. Bill C said it couldn't be taken care of immediately at his house because of the weather (tanks couldn't be pumped out when weather is below 32 degrees.) Dave asked if we needed to talk to Lloyd again but Bill C said Lloyd had already told him everything that occurred. After continued discussion, Ron Bushey left still not satisfied.

Martha also spoke up about the electric sign at the Village offices to clarify that the sign is being purchased by a grant for the Library.

The next regular meeting is April 22nd at 6 pm.

With no further business on a motion of Supervisor Chase, and a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Coryer

Town Clerk/Tax Collector