

## Board Meeting 9/03/2020

**Call to Order @** \_\_\_\_ 4:30PM \_\_\_\_\_

**Roll Call:**

**Present:**

Supervisor Richard Lucia  
Councilman Eric Butler  
Councilman Edward Byrnes  
Councilman Jeffrey Collura  
Councilman Joshua Halliday  
Town Clerk Brenda Peris  
Highway Superintendent Shawn Eggleston  
EMS Coordinator Matt Fogarty  
Building/Code Enforcement Secretary Courtney Perkins

**Absent:**

Building/Code Enforcement Officer Brooks

**Public Attending:** Susan Shamulka  
Mike Shamulka  
Graham Champagne

**Prayer:** Given by Supervisor Lucia

**Financial Transfers:**

No Transfers Needed

**Resolution# 216**

Approval of Meeting minutes for Aug. 13 and Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>:

Motion by Councilman Collura and Seconded by Councilman Byrnes to approve August 13 and August 27, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes 5  
Nays 0  
Absent 0

Motion Passed

**NYMIR Annual Report:**

Insurance company annual report in mailboxes for the board.

**Extend Water Bills:**

The water system was left a mess and is taking time to fix. Can the water bills due date be extended by 30 days from the date they will be mailed out?

**Resolution#217**

A Motion by Councilman Halliday and seconded by Councilman Byrnes to extended due date to 30 days from mailing date.

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Passed

**Overtime Lists:**

List of overtime given to all board members

**BOOKKEEPER:**

Payroll for the week of Thanksgiving and Christmas need to be moved to Wednesday due to the Holidays.

**Resolution#218**

A motion by Councilman Halliday and Seconded by Councilman Butler to move payroll from Thursday to Wednesday for payroll the weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Passed

**EMS:**

EMS Coordinator Matt Fogarty looking to get approval to hard bill through Multi-med anyone who receives payment directly from their Insurance Company but does not forward that payment to the Emergency Squad for services rendered.

**Resolution# 219**

A motion by Councilman Collura and Seconded by Councilman Halliday to approve a hard bill for anyone receiving a payment directly from their Insurance Company and does not forward that payment to the Emergency Squad for services rendered.

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Passed

**Rail Contract EXT.**

Supervisor Lucia discussed the contract with the railroad which was allowing cars to be removed from the tracks. They would like to extend the contract to October 15.

**Resolution #220**

A motion by Councilman Butler and Seconded by Councilman Byrnes to extend the Contract to October 15, 2020 to allow cars to be removed from the railroad.

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Passed

Regarding the railway, the tracks are flooding due to the beaver dams. This happened previously and the dam was removed.

**Resolution#221**

A motion by Councilman Butler and a seconded by Councilman Byrnes to have the dam removed so long as the cost remains the same as the previous time.

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Passed

**County Fire Advisory Board Report (Graham):**

Graham explained that the advisory board consists of mostly Fire Chiefs. They discuss issues within their individual departments. There are several sub-committees within this board. Meeting on 8/31/2020 the following was presented/discussed:

Radio Communication Issues

Dispatch Issues

Fire Department Issues

Training Grant currently on pause should be reinstated sometime in November/December 2020.

Safety Center in Ballston Spa allowing Visitors from Fire or EMS to Visit 9/22/2020

IAR System-allows other to know who is responding in an emergency, where hydrants are, maps

Mobile home parks, campgrounds, etc. It is currently in the testing stage.

HAZMAT Situation---Communication issues caused lack of response. Board wants to follow up so that this can be prevented from happening in the future

Foam Trailer are used for fires where water does not work

Recoupment and retaining fire fighters and ways to do so

Going forward Graham would like to know how the board would want him to report this information.

**Public:**

Susan Shamulka & Mike Shamulka spoke regarding the Cell Tower near her home. She is opposed to it being placed near her home. She feels stuck between a rock & a hard place. She attended the planning board meetings and asked questions during the public time. The AT&T Representative at that meeting told her there was not too many homes in the area. She is concerned about the value of her property. Susan came to the Town Board for some guidance. What are her options?

Graham Champagne also spoke regarding the Cell Tower. He thanked the board for trying to help. Explained it is frustrating and shouldn't work the way it does. He is also concerned about the value of his property. He spoke with the assessor who does not have any knowledge of how the tower may affect the value. Not opposed to the tower as the area does need one but believes there are other places available that are not in a residential area. He suggested that the Town Board look at process as to how the request are handled. Currently there is only 5 days for the public to respond.

Councilman Byrnes asked if anyone had talked to owners of the property---they had but did not get much of a response.

Councilman Collura State & Federal Government are pushing hard to have cell towers put around the country

Mike Shamulka thanked the board, asked what our official newspaper for notices? A response from Supervisor Lucia was the Post Star is the official newspaper and in addition the town also uses the "Pennsaver". Mr. Shamulka also ask if the Town currently has any laws/regulations regarding the cell towers.

There are no laws/regulations to stop cell towers @ this time however the board is working on them for any future requests.

Councilman Collura suggested any non-specific use require a variance.

**Town Board:**

**Butler:**

\$200,000.00 Grant for water believes it was intended to pay back the Bond. Kate & Tom will follow up to give the details.

**Byrnes:**

Nothing to report

**Collura:**

Grant Money for the Water District--- use towards bond. Has it been brought to the attorney? Supervisor Lucia is working on this.

Election---Are we prepared for any civil unrest due to the November Presidential Election? Could Supervisor Lucia discuss at the next County Board Meeting. Looking for advice on how to prepare.

**Halliday:**

Nothing to report

**Town Clerk:**

Thanked Matt Fogarty for his help

**Highway Super:**

Cameras have been placed at the Highway department building. 6 doors need to be replaced. Shawn received 2 estimates—1 Curtis Lumber \$800.00 with no hardware and 1 Home Depot \$1100.00 with all hardware. Shawn is also Looking into getting a maintenance plan for the garage doors of the Highway building. He will get a quote and specifics.

**Resolution#222**

A Motion by Councilman Collura and Seconded by Councilman Butler to purchase 6 doors from the Home Depot for the Highway Department Building

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Passed

**Code Enforcement:**

Can the CDBG Grant Holders can stay in their home until the new place is built.

Adjourn to an executive session on personnel with no decision

**Resolution #223**

A Motion by Councilman Collura and Seconded by Councilman Butler to go to executive session on personnel with no decision

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Passed

Next meeting will be Thursday September 10, 2020 @ 6:00PM

Respectfully Submitted

Town Clerk

Brenda Peris