

Town Board Minutes
August 10, 2010

The regular August meeting of the Town Board held at 56 Geneva St. Dresden, was called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor Flynn.

Present: Supervisor Patrick Flynn, Council members; Burge W. Morris, Colby Petersen, Linda K. Francisco Absent, John Martini

Others, George Thompson, John Ghidiu, Tom & Ann McGuigan, Dick & Pege Brow, Mary Lilyea, Elizabeth O'Reilly, Dave Granzin, LouJane Johns, Suzamie Farnsworth, Barry Hayes, Ward Lampman

Mr. Flynn led the Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Flynn presented the abstracts of vouchers for review and approval

Motion by Mr. Morris 2nd Mr. Petersen the bills on the General A & B funds in the amount of 5,161.78 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Petersen, 2nd Mr. Morris that the bills on the Highway DA & DB accounts in the amount of \$ 32,767.91 be paid carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Petersen 2nd Mr. Morris, that the bills on the Watershed SD account in the amount of \$ 586.82 be paid carried by all.

Mr. Flynn introduced a resolution revising the Town Employment Policy to add a cell phone policy. This policy would ban all cell phone use and cell phone texting while operating a Town owned, rented or loaned vehicles and equipment.

Motion by Mr. Morris, 2nd Mr. Petersen to add the Cell Phone Policy to the present Town Employment Policy, carried by all.

Dave Granzin, appeared to report progress of the town website development committee. This committee was formed to review options and cost for managing the new 100 page zoning code and existing town laws. He gave board members a report of three options identified. 1. Stay with current paper system of General Code, 2. Supplement paper with online code from General Code. 3. Develop town owned website with town code available 24/7. He presented a cost analysis of these three options, current proposals from General Code and two outside vendors.

Recommendation: allocate funds to develop a website that will include publication and updating of the towns code & zoning ordinance.

Motion by Mr. Morris, 2nd Mr. Petersen accepting the recommendation of the Website development committee allocating funds to develop website and authorize the committee to seek presentation and contracts from providers, carried by all.

Highway report was presented to board.

Watershed report presented to board.

Motion by Mr. Petersen, 2nd Mr. Morris to accept July 13 minutes with minor spelling correction. Carried by all.

Suzamie Farnsworth appeared before the board with a design for planting on the right of way between her property and the Town Public Beach on Arrowhead. She would like to plant a buffer between the Town beach property and her property. She had a landscaper at the site to design a vegetative barrier for this area. She stated this would help with any erosion problems. She would like to plant on both sides of right of way

A concern from a resident that if Ms. Farnsworth plants on the Towns right away and maintains the vegetation, would there be a time in the future she might try to claim the area from the town for time and effort spent there. Ms. Farnsworth stated that was not her intention.

Mr. Flynn stated that last months meeting the board requested a planting plan for her property not on the Towns.

Ms. Farnsworth had met with Councilman Petersen and Hwy Supt. Mashewske to review the area after last months meeting. They spoke about hydro-seeding a bare area under trees. If trees needed to be removed on the town property, this would be the towns decision only.

Mr. Flynn stated that the Town will be responsible for the town property and the right of way. Ms. Farnsworth can plant on the line of the right of way on her property only.

Ms. Farnsworth asked if there is a concern with the erosion, Mr. Flynn stated the hydro seeding would help. Mr. Petersen suggest the town lawyer check the right of way question of existence with the 2nd neighbor.

She stated her lawyers were fairly certain the right of way was assigned to her property alone not a valid right of way of Mr. Lampman's property.

Barry Hayes appeared before the board, he would like to know why the private contractor grinding trees at AES Greenidge is not required to have a permit to operate. He stated that they are not operating at the present time.

Elizabeth O'Reilly contacted AES Plant manager Doug Roll about the sound. She stated that he said the topography of her house makes the noise louder due to the location houses around her.

A resident asked if there is a noise ordinance, reply yes for loudness disturbance not decibels.

A resident asked where trees are coming from, Mr. Hayes stated all over. He has contacted DEC about insects and noise issues. A reference to ash borers and termites was discussed.

Richard Brow stated that using wood chips mixed in coal to burn hotter and faster has not been proven. As for the insects, He referred to gypsy moth problem in the area years ago, what insects are being brought in with the trees now? He has concerns over the possibility of garbage being moved by the railroad.

Ms. O'Reilly feels that citizens activism protest these issues to get action.

Asked if noise decibels have been measured during grinding operation, answered no.

Mr. Brow suggested a board member check out how much money AES is making and raise taxes accordingly.

Thomas McGuigan stated that the board should take action on this noise problem.

A resident asked the board to review policy's in place for noise and hold everything accountable to get something done. AES can list specifications on the grinding contract and set hours.

Asked what the procedure is for a noise complaint, Mr. Flynn replied call sheriff.

Ms. O'Reilly suggest call Doug Roll.

A resident suggest the Town Board contact Doug Roll regarding this noise problem and insect issue. Ask him what can be done to resolve it. Mr Flynn replied the board could ask Mr. Roll to attend a meeting.

Eileen Moreland stated that the parent company of AES controls Greenidge, not the plant manager.

John Ghidiu stated that in 2011 the fly ash permit for AES comes due, the Town Zoning board has to review and approve the application, the town does have leverage.

Mr. Brow urged the board to limit the time or length of the permit. He referred to the difficulty encountered creating watershed regulations for Seneca Lake.

Mr. Hayes asked if private contractors are required to obtained permits to operate in the town.

Mr. Flynn stated the town issues building permits, special use permits.

Mr. Hayes stated Doug Roll told him that he cannot control the contractors hours.

Mr. Petersen asked if zero tolerance is what the residents are seeking. What would the residents request, minimum diameter chipping, smaller trees for grinding or specific hours of operation throughout the day, what can the board go to AES with as a suggestion or request.

A resident feels noise ordinance should be followed. A list of residents that are being disturbed by this operation should be presented to AES then options explored.

LouJane Johns stated this is coming into Village but is initiated in the Town.

Mr. Mc Guigan suggest the Board approach the plant to see how the noise can be eliminated to see what their position is.

Mr. Flynn introduced the Zoning Revision draft and made a motion to set a public hearing, for September 14, 2011 at 7:30 PM 2nd Colby carried by all.

There being no further business before the board, a motion by Mr. Flynn 2nd Mr. Morris to adjourn at 9:05pm.

End of Summer Picnic September 11, 2010, Village of Dresden Square 1-5
Diamondback Rattlers 1-3 Finger Lakes Chorus 3-5 Picnic free

Minutes recorded on cassette.
Respectfully submitted

Betty M. Daggett