

Town of Barrington  
Town Board Minutes  
September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Supervisor Wright opened the Town Board meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02pm.

Present:	Fred Wright	Town Supervisor
	Nate Olney	Deputy Supervisor
	Ken Christensen	Councilman
	Bruce Castner	Councilman
	Calvin Crosby	Councilman
	Steve Wheeler	Highway Superintendent
	John Griffin	Code Enforcement Officer
	Joy L. C. Perry	Town Clerk

Also Present: Sue Lange, Stan Dobromil, Jerry Lange, Sally Acomb, Rob Louden, Skip Deneka, Skip Onyan

1. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

Skip Deneka spoke in favor of banning all gas drilling. He said that he was concerned of the affects to the lake and hillsides and encouraged the Town Board to pass laws to prohibit it. He stated that he realized that the Town is concerned about being sued for certain laws due to budgetary reasons. He further stated that he spoke with a knowledgeable attorney about it and a lawsuit may consist of just rescinding the law which wouldn't cost the Town money. Deneka said that he has commitment from several friends and neighbors that would be willing to supply a significant amount of money to reimburse the Town for defending lawsuits like this. This could be used for council who has showed competencies in these areas. He stated that they would do this because they don't want the Town to feel constrained by budgetary concerns. Deneka stated that he wanted to let the Town know this and to take it into account when dealing with gas and laws.

Wright thanked Deneka very much and said that they will take that into consideration as they try to get something in place.

2. Approve Minutes 7-27 & 8-24, 2011

A motion to approve the minutes of July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 was made by Castner and seconded by Olney.

5-Ayes (Castner, Christensen, Crosby, Olney, Wright) 0-Noes

A motion to approve the minutes of August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 was made by Christensen and seconded by Olney.

5-Ayes (Castner, Christensen, Crosby, Olney, Wright) 0-Noes

### 3. Supervisors Correspondence

Supervisor Wright shared his correspondences since the last meeting (listed below).

- a. Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association Inc.
- b. Letter from William Palmer
- c. State of New York Unified Court System

### 4. Energy Efficiency Program

Skip Onyan from NYSEG Energy Efficiency Program explained how he came in and inspected the Town Hall and Highway Department's lighting situation. He stated that they look at what is being spent now on the lighting and what might be saved if things were upgraded to more efficient lighting. He said that between the hall and highway there would be 133 fixture changes. The estimated savings is about \$1,300 a year if the upgrade were to take place.

Onyan explained that NYSEG has certified crews that would come in and do the work for the Town and everything is guaranteed. He stated that the bottom line cost would be \$3,679.51 due to prevailing wage and the cost of the lift.

**Resolution 2011-128** to go with the Small Business Energy Efficiency Program as presented tonight by Skip Onyan in the amount of \$3679.51 was made by Olney and seconded by Crosby.

Nate Olney	Aye
Calvin Crosby	Aye

Fred Wright      Aye  
Ken Christensen      Aye  
Bruce Castner      Aye

0-Noes

5. Yates Planning Board Decision on Steep Slopes & Moratorium

Wright let everyone know that the Yates County Planning Board passed both of the Town's request for a Moratorium and a Steep Slopes Law.

6. Dundee Library Budget Request

Wright stated that the Dundee Library is looking for a 2% increase from the Town for 2012. He said that the Town just can't do it. It will stay the same as last year.

7. Dundee Area Historical Society Budget Request

The Dundee Area Historical Society requested the same amount that they received last year.

8. CHIPS Money

Wright let everyone know that the CHIPS money has come in. He stated that the Town received approximately \$112,000.

9. Penn Yan Fire Contract

Wright reviewed the Penn Yan Fire Contract. He stated that most of it looked pretty good except for two items. He said that the contract requests two separate checks which he stated that he is not going to agree to. He also didn't like section 7 which deals with hold harmless and Indemnity. He will be meeting with three other townships to discuss this.

10. Public Hearings on Fire Contracts (Dundee & Penn Yan)

Wright stated that he would like to have public hearings on all the fire contracts.

**Resolution 2011-129** to set public hearings for the Penn Yan Fire Contract at 7:01pm, Dundee Fire Contract at 7:15pm and the Wayne Fire Dept. at 7:20pm and to have the 2011 and 2012's cost for each department listed in the paper with the public notice was made by Olney and seconded by Christensen.

Nate Olney	Aye
Ken Christensen	Aye
Fred Wright	Aye
Bruce Castner	Aye
Calvin Crosby	Aye

0-Noes

#### 11. Highway Superintendent Report

Wheeler let everyone know that the Town hasn't received any money from FEMA yet but it should be coming any time.

Christensen asked Wheeler how the tank storage building was coming. Wheeler stated that it is coming along well. It only has the electrical and a couple minor adjustments that need to be made.

#### 12. Code Enforcement Report

Griffin stated that he went to Binghamton for three days to help out with all the flooding that occurred. He assessed homes and businesses. Wright asked how many they did. Griffin stated that they did almost all of Vestal.

#### 13. Planning Board Report

Lange discussed the newly proposed waste storage law for the Town. She stated that it covers everything and should be resistant to lawsuits. She also stated that it is tailored for the Town of Barrington based upon the Comprehensive Plan.

Lange pointed out that Yates County sent the Town a resolution that they made asking the State to treat us the same way they are treating the two other watersheds. The County would like the Town to write in support of

the County's resolution. Lange urged the Board to do so. Wright stated that they would.

Christensen stated that he would like to see the Planning Board have the same name placards that the Town Board has.

14. Public Participation on Agenda Items

Christensen pointed out that Wright questioned the budget at the KWIK meeting and saved the town about \$250.

Christensen stated that there hasn't been any grievance filed regarding the "floating home" in the Town of Urbana. He stated that it's not really as important to define what it is compared to the concerns with a sewer system.

**Resolution 2011-130** to accept the Justice Audit report for the month of August, 2011 was made by Olney and seconded by Castner.

Nate Olney	Aye
Bruce Castner	Aye
Fred Wright	Aye
Ken Christensen	Aye
Calvin Crosby	Aye

0-Noes

**Resolution 2011-131** to accept the Town's accounting for the month of August, 2011 was made by Olney and seconded by Christensen.

Nate Olney	Aye
Ken Christensen	Aye
Fred Wright	Aye
Bruce Castner	Aye
Calvin Crosby	Aye

0-Noes

15. Pay General Bills

**Resolution 2011-132** to pay the general bills numbered A193\*11 thru A219\*11 in the amount of \$7,628.19 which have been audited by the Town Board was made by Olney and seconded by Castner.

Nate Olney	Aye
Bruce Castner	Aye
Fred Wright	Aye
Ken Christensen	Aye
Calvin Crosby	Aye

0-Noes

16. Pay Highway Bills

**Resolution 2011-133** to pay the highway bills numbered D213\*11 thru D243\*11 in the amount of \$61,647.11 which have been audited by the Town Board was made by Christensen and seconded by Olney.

Ken Christensen	Aye
Nate Olney	Aye
Fred Wright	Aye
Bruce Castner	Aye
Calvin Crosby	Aye

0-Noes

17. Next Town Board Meeting-Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>

The next Town Board meeting will be October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:00pm.

18. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn at 7:50pm was made by Christensen and seconded by Olney.

5-Ayes (Castner, Christensen, Crosby, Olney, Wright) 0-Noes

Respectfully Submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_ (Joy L. C. Perry, Town Clerk)