

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Barrington, County of Yates and State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 4424 Bath Road, Penn Yan on the 25th day of January 2012.

Present:	Fred Wright	Supervisor
	Nate Olney	Deputy Supervisor
	Ken Christensen	Assistant Deputy Supervisor
	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, Planning Board Chairperson; Rob Louden; Jerry Lange; Ira Goldman; Kim Hayes; Penny Coon; David Coon; David Ness; Randy Knapp; Danny Knapp

Supervisor Wright called the Town Board Meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Approve Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of December 1, 2011 was made by Olney and seconded by Castner.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of December 28, 2011 was made by Christensen and seconded by Castner.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of January 2, 2012 was made by Olney and seconded by Christensen.

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

2. Approve Monthly Accounting

Resolution 2012-51 to approve the monthly accounting presented at the meeting of December 28th, 2011 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

3. Approve Monthly Justice’s Audit for Dec. 2011

Resolution 2012-52 to approve the Justice’s audit for December 2011 was made by Christensen and seconded by Castner.

Ken Christensen Aye

Bruce Castner Aye

Fred Wright Aye

Nate Olney Aye

Calvin Crosby Aye

0-Noes

4. Supervisor Correspondences

Wright went over his correspondences which are listed as follows:

- a. Contract with Town Historian

Resolution 2012-53 for Supervisor Wright to sign the contract with the Barrington Historical Society for the year 2012 was made by Castner and seconded by Olney.

Bruce Castner Aye

Nate Olney Aye

Fred Wright Aye

Ken Christensen Aye

Calvin Crosby Aye

0-Noes

- b. Office of Community Renewal-Matthew Nelson

- c. Yates County-Dog Control Contract

Resolution 2012-54 to accept the Dog Control contract with Yates County for 2012 was made by Castner and seconded by Olney.

Bruce Castner Aye

Nate Olney Aye

Fred Wright Aye

Ken Christensen Aye

Calvin Crosby Aye

0-Noes

- d. NYS Attorney General-Requested Copy of the Town's Ethics Law/Contacts
- e. Correspondences from banks (Five Star, Lyons)

Wright checked around with different banks for the best interest rate for the Town.

- f. Letter from Charles R. McClure Re: Banning All Fracking Request

5. Public Participation on Non Agenda Items

None

6. Code Enforcement Report

Griffin stated that he has been working on CO's and fire inspections. He stated that he has been having computer problems but will have more information later.

A motion to accept the Code Enforcement report for the month was made by Christensen and seconded by Olney.

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

7. Highway Superintendents Report/Request

Wheeler stated that he would like to put the 284 agreement on hold for awhile because the County hasn't bid out anything yet as far as oil prices.

He also suggested May 19th for the annual clean up day since that is the third Saturday of May right before the holiday.

Wheeler stated that in 2011 they spent \$73,000 in diesel fuel. This is one quarter of the budget to work on roads. \$172,000 was spent paving and oil and stoning.

Steve let the Board know that the Town received \$150,000 from FEMA for road damages.

Christensen stated that they received quotes from three main parts store for parts. He received them without Wheeler being involved and stated that Napa was the cheapest all the way around.

8. Planning Board Report

Lange stated that she sent out the revised waste law and asked the Board if they had any thoughts on it. Wright stated that the amount of water that can be used is extremely low.

He explained how the gas companies can recycle the water and use it over and over again.

Castner stated that the gas companies have made things much safer than it was in the past. Castner explained much of the process. He pointed out that with on the site water recycling there would be a decrease in traffic on town roads.

Castner also pointed out that the chances for drilling in Yates County or Barrington are slim in the foreseeable future. He stated that he liked the way that Sue Lange and Steve Knapp have been working on sharing information with lease holders. He thought this is the way to go.

Lange asked the Board if they wanted her to let the County know that they are withdrawing the law. Wright stated that he doesn't believe that they can come up with something that would satisfy everyone and take care of the people with leases at this stage of the game. Castner stated that they don't need this law on the books. More conversation took place on the proposed waste law.

Christensen stated that he would like to see Lange still work on the law but possibly the standards need to be lowered a bit. Lange stated that it is important that the law should be something that everyone is in favor of.

Lange explained the importance of having a host agreement that would stand along the road agreement once in place. She explained that it helps cover many areas. She stated that laws need to be put in the books soon because it could be too late later when the gas companies decide they do want to drill.

Castner stated that he believes that Chesapeake has a video available showing what they have done and what they are willing to do as far as it goes towards roads. He also said that the Chesapeake rep would be willing to come back for another presentation. He pointed out that he is a PR man so everything will have the best possible spin to it, but he did have a good slide show presentation.

Lange asked if the Board would like to do something about a lease workshop. Wright stated that the only thing he could come up with is that if they have something here at the Town hall and they have to pay someone to do it he doesn't believe that tax money is designed for that kind of stuff. He suggested that maybe they could have one at the Barrington Church unless they could get donations to come up with the \$300 then it would be easier to explain it to the State of New York. Christensen stated that the lady doing the workshop isn't the Town Lawyer. Castner stated that he believes there would be a lot of interest in one of these workshops.

Lange stated that there is a free training on March 26th at the Yates County Office Building. This is a three hour credit training. Wright suggested that all the Board Members attend.

9. Possible Ag. Committee Appointee & Appointed David English as Town Legal Rep.

Wright stated that they might have someone interested in the Ag Committee opening. He also stated that he signed the contract with David English as the Town Attorney.

10. Watershed Report

None

11. Public Participation on Agenda Items

Steve Knapp stated that he doesn't know why the Ag meeting with the Chesapeake Rep wasn't announced better so more people could have come. He believed that it should have been better publicized. Wright stated that he agree 100%.

Knapp recommended that the Planning Board be able to start a survey getting data for lease holders. He believed that they could raise money to fund this.

Ira Goldman stated that he had concerns with the flow back of waste water from drilling. He believed that there should be a limited amount that may be stored above ground. Castner stated that when the water is taken out by the gas company it is being treated and in theory it is clean. He stated that what mostly comes out of the water is salt. Goldman stated that there should be a rule on the books that puts that process in law. Jerry Lange stated that just because the water is treated and they use it again doesn't mean that it can't still be hazardous.

Randy Knapp had a couple questions. He asked the Board if the reason the Town is not opposing any type of drilling is because there was a general consensus taken that people didn't oppose drilling. Wright pointed out the percentage of people that have gas leases. Castner stated that they don't want a wall put up that is going to put these people in jeopardy.

Knapp stated that he has two incredible videos and a great advertisement that has been on TV over the last couple of months. The first one is a wonderful video on how much we have done to make the processing and extracting of coal cleaner and how much cleaner we burn coal now. They have beautiful scenery and wonderful music and produced the American Coal Foundation. He said that he also has a beautiful video on just how bounced back the area in Alaska is that the Exxon oil spill took out has come back and the wildlife is coming back and everything is great. This video was produced by Exxon Mobil. He shared another video example. He stated that these companies do a great job promoting their product. That is what they are there to do. He stated that they are a business and that they are there to make money. He pointed out the "other side of the coin". He questioned the time spent looking at the downside of these new "improved" processes of fracking. He stated that maybe there has never been a leak. He wondered if there was a downside to the modern technology that they are using that anyone is aware of or have we all just heard Chesapeake's side.

Knapp stated that he doesn't believe that making it easier to get fuel is the answer. Using less fuel is the answer to not having a problem with fuel, but we can't solve that problem tonight. He said that he doesn't think that having a waste water law that is very strict and enforceable and very meticulous is a problem for people who are above board and doing the right things all along. He stated that pulling the proposed law back is not a good thing. He said the wording is wonderful and what it stands for is amazing for the Town.

Knapp stressed the importance of knowing the downside of the drilling.

Nancy Rembaum shared a story about a lady who had a bad experience with the gas company. She stated that she had the gas drilling pad located six hundred feet from her front door. The gas company didn't clean up after themselves and eventually no matter what the gas company did the well still leaks.

Steve Knapp stated that on friendsofbarrington.com-fracking there is a lot of information available for people that may be interested in learning more.

Rob Loudon stated that to add to what Rembaum was explaining there are 16,000 storage wells in Texas and most of these are leaking. He pointed out that this is a very serious problem.

12. Any Elected/Appointed Officials Have any Comments or Concerns

Christensen let everyone know that KWIK is still working on the issue with the "Boat House".

13. Pay General Bills

Resolution 2012-55 to pay the general bills numbered 1 through 25 in the amount of \$57,816.27 which have been audited by the Town Board was made by Christensen and seconded by Castner.

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

0-Noes

14. Pay Highway Bills

Resolution 2012-56 to pay the highway bills numbered 1 through 15 in the amount of \$25,915.53 which have been audited by the Town Board 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 SF Abstract-Dundee Fire Contract

Resolution 2012-57 to pay the Dundee Fire Contract of abstract SF numbered SF1 in the amount of \$81,748 which was 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. Next Meeting

The next Town Board meeting will be February 22nd, 2012.

17. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn at 8:32pm 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