

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 August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

Present:	Fred Wright	Town 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; Stan Dobromil, Town Accountant; Marion Loudon; Sheila Foster; Kent Foster; Chuck McClure; Vicky McClure; Steve Coffman; Barbara Coffman; Lois Kuh; Art Kuh; Jerry Lange; Linda Petro; Steve Weckelman; David Austen, Dundee Observer

1. Approve Minutes for July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012

A motion to approve the Town Board minutes of July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 was made by Olney and seconded by Castner.

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

2. Approve Accounting of July 2012

**Resolution 2012-93** to approve the accounting of July 2012 was made by Crosby and seconded by Castner.

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

0-Noes

3. Approve the Judges Audit for July 2012

**Resolution 2012-94** to approve the Judges audit was made by Crosby and seconded by Christensen.

Calvin Crosby	Aye
Ken Christensen	Aye
Fred Wright	Aye

Nate Olney           Aye  
Bruce Castner        Aye

0-Noes

#### 4. Supervisor's Correspondences

Supervisor Wright stated that he had a correspondence from the Yates County Planning Department.

#### 5. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

Jerry Lange thanked Steve Wheeler and his crew for the work they did on Porters Corners Cemetery.

#### 6. Highway Superintendent's Report (Open Sealed Bid on New Truck)

Wheeler stated that the new mower is at the repair shop. He also stated that the Village of Penn Yan sent a letter to him thanking them for the use of the Highway's Roller which they used at Red Jacket Park.

Supervisor Wright opened the bids for the new truck which are listed below.

Miller Ford	\$40,305.00
Van Bortel	\$40,733.00
Van Bortel	\$71,000.00 (All Included) "Fully Dressed"
Friendly Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep	\$48,619.00

The Board will hold a special meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to review the bids.

#### 7. Code Enforcement Officer's Report

John Griffin gave his monthly report. He stated that there were three area variances this month, which are all on the lake. There were two stop work orders issued.

A motion to accept the Code Enforcement Report was made by Christensen and seconded by Olney.

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

#### 8. Watershed Report

Yates County Soil and Water did 16 inspections last month.

A motion to accept the watershed report was made by Olney and seconded by Christensen.

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

9. Planning Board Report & Fracking Survey Analysis

Lange stated that the Town of Milo is looking into having a noise ordinance. She explained that without one there really isn't anything that the Sheriff's Department can do about noise complaints.

Lange read the fracking survey results. There were 280 surveys returned which is a response rate of 29%. (See Results Attached)

Lange stated that she still suggests having a special meeting on fracking for the Residents of Barrington to express their feelings on this topic. She also pointed out that if the Board would like to hear from everyone they should act soon because many people are not fulltime residence and will be leaving the area soon for the winter.

Wright stated that he thinks that it is important for the community to hear both the pros and cons of fracking. He said that he would like to have informative meetings from both sides.

10. Elected/Appointed Officials Comments/Concerns

Castner stated that he had concerns about the proposed 45% increase in the tolls on the thruway for truck traffic. He believes that the State is "shooting themselves in the foot" because he already sees an increase in truck traffic on other State Roads such as Route 54 and 14. He stated that other Towns and Villages are writing letters to the governor saying that the New York State Authority has over stepped their bounds. Castner is concerned that these changes in traffic will ultimately increase our taxes due to the repairs that will have to be made from all the damages to the roads.

A motion to draft a letter to the Governor regarding the excessive increase in tolls increasing a hardship on counties and townships all through New York State was made by Castner and seconded by Olney.

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

Olney stated that something has to be done with the light on the flagpole outside of the Town Hall. He said that it has gone on long enough and has to be fixed. The Board agreed. Wheeler will take care of it.

11. Public Participation on Agenda Items

Art Kuh stated that the approach of education regarding fracking should have been addressed months ago. He stated that things can't keep being put off.

Steve Coffman had concerns about having a balance presentation for fracking. He pointed out that the gas companies definitely have the ability to present a positive side of fracking. They have the power and money. He recommended having Tony Ingraffea who currently works at Cornell University to come and speak about fracking.

Lois Kuh pointed out that fracking will bring a lot of truck traffic to the area.

Chuck McClure would like to see the survey results be put on the website and in some of the local papers. He also stated it's better to have some of the regulations (road, noise, etc.) than not have them when they are needed. He encouraged the Board to take the steps that they can to protect the Town.

Barb Coffman stated that she finds the sounds of a snowplow comforting, but if that sound went on for twenty four hours a day she would no longer find it comforting. She said that the Town needs to think of the fracking in the terms of not one well and not one pad, but an aggregate and what that would be like.

Sheila Foster stated that if the Board wants to have fracking meetings that they need to set a date soon and put it in the paper. She said that if people want to be heard they need to get to these meetings.

Vicky McClure stated that seasonal people on the lake are leaving so if the Board wants to have them included they need to have a meeting soon. She also stated that she isn't getting any negative vibes from the Board on fracking. Wright stated that they are trying to stay neutral. McClure said that she heard only positive vibes.

Steve Weckelman stated that it's a good idea to have education but over the last four years the public has had a lot of opportunity to become educated. He said that there is information on CBS.com if you type in fracking.

Jerry Lange asked if there was any indication as to what percentage of correspondence came from Mennonites versus non Mennonites. Castner stated that there wasn't much of a response from the Mennonite Community.

Kent Foster stated that he noticed that no matter what side people were on regarding fracking the same word kept coming up, and that is safely. Foster said that even the Governor stated that he wasn't comfortable having it in his own back yard. He believes that everyone needs to focus on the safety of it.

## 12. Pay Highway Bills

**Resolution 2012-95** to pay the highway bills numbered 190 thru 210 in the amount of \$101,091.56 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

13. Pay General Bills

**Resolution 2012-96** to pay the general bills numbered 176 thru 191 in the amount of \$5,613.37 in the amount of \$5,613.37 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

14. Next Town Board Meeting

The next regular Town Board meeting will be on September 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be a special Town Board meeting to go over the truck bids on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

15. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn at 8:19 pm was made by Christensen and seconded by Olney.

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

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Joy L. C. Perry, RMC  
Town Clerk*