

**TOWN OF WESTERN
BOARD MEETING**

JULY 12, 2010



Present

Town Supervisor	Robin Davis	Town Clerk	Mary J. Centro
Councilman	Leonard Charney	Councilman	Edward Mader
Councilman	Andrew Mierek	Councilman	Veronica Murphy
Highway Superintendent	Thomas Stevens	Attorney	Charles Engelbrecht, Esq.

Visitors

Harlan Moonan (NOCCOG), Cora Donahue



Supervisor Davis called the July 12, 2010 Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES:

A motion is in order and on file that the reading of the minutes of the previous Board meetings be dispensed with.

10-95 Motion: to accept the minutes of the June 2010 Public Hearing, Regular Board Meeting and Special Town Board Meeting.

Made by:	Edward Mader	Second	Leonard Charney
Motion carried:	5 Ayes	0 Nays	
Ayes: Leonard Charney, Edward Mader, Andrew Mierek, Veronica Murphy, Robin Davis			

WARRANT:

A motion is in order and on file that the reading of the itemized warrant be dispensed with and the totals read only.

The Warrant (bills) for the month of July 2010 were presented by the Town Clerk:

General Fund	Vouchers 274 -- 295	\$ 32,602.34
Highway Fund	Vouchers 296 -- 311	\$ 12,767.47
	Total	\$ 45,369.51

The Board questioned the amount on Voucher #295, to Joseph Siegel Construction Company for the cement work on the salt shed building. The amount approved to be paid was \$18,700.00, but the voucher is for \$21,276.00. H/S Stevens explained that the extra amount was for support knees for the walls.

10-96 Motion: to approve the July 2010 Warrant, subject to audit,

Made by:	Andrew Mierek	Second	Edward Mader
Motion carried:	5 Ayes	0 Nays	
Ayes: Leonard Charney, Edward Mader, Andrew Mierek, Veronica Murphy, Robin Davis			

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

The Supervisor’s report for the period ending June 30, 2010 was filed with the Town Clerk. Total fund balances on hand at the end of the period are \$ 704,815.71. Supervisor Davis stated that the current bank statements are in the notebooks on the table and are available for review by

the Board either before or after the Board meeting.

10-97 Motion: to approve the Supervisor's Report, subject to audit.

Made by: Andrew Mierek Second Edward Mader

Motion carried: 4 Ayes 0 Nays

Ayes: Leonard Charney, Edward Mader, Andrew Mierek, Veronica Murphy

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Equipment: Repairs were done to the following trucks:

Truck #30 - replaced front spring package. Truck #16 - replaced rear spring hangers. Truck #3 replaced carrier bearing on drive shaft.

Summer Work:

- ☞ The extreme hot weather could not have come at a better time, the Highway Garage was shut done last week. With the high temperatures, it was a good time for a break.
- ☞ We have finished the salt building foundation. Funding is still need to complete the building.
- ☞ The men have continued the roadside mowing on town and county roads, including the area next to the town park.
- ☞ The men have continued to cut and chip brush along Town roads.
- ☞ On Monday June 28th, we experienced a hard storm that closed portions of Tannery Road. due to the flooding, the department had to work for two days repairing wash outs and clearing debris from the road.
- ☞ On June 24th, the department used three trucks to haul stone for our road stone and oil projects.

New Truck: Our new tandem truck has arrived at Mohawk Valley Freightliner. It has continued its trip to Viking Cives in Harrisville for plow equipment. The single axle truck is due later in the summer.

Tree Removal: After some research H/S Stevens has discovered that Main Street (Westernville) is four rods or 66 feet wide. The tree that is between the road and the sidewalk in front of the Presbyterian Parsonage is in the Town's right of way. The removal of the tree is the Town's responsibility. A short discussion followed.

10-98 Motion: to authorize H/S Stevens to hire a tree service to remove the diseased tree in front of 9213 Main Street, Westernville. Cost not to exceed \$ 900.00.

Made by: Andrew Mierek Second Edward Mader

Motion carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Ayes: Leonard Charney, Edward Mader, Andrew Mierek, Veronica Murphy, Robin Davis

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Services Consolidation: The Highway Superintendent's Association is still meeting with the Oneida County Executive, concerning the issue of the local towns taking over the maintenance of county roads. Talks are trying to find ways to make the maintenance more efficient and economical. Money issues were discussed.

C.H.I.P.S.: the estimated CHIPS funding for this year should be \$ 85,650.00.

10-99 Motion: to accept the Highway Superintendent's report

Made by: Leonard Charney Second Edward Mader

Motion carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
 Ayes: Leonard Charney, Edward Mader, Andrew Mierek, Veronica Murphy, Robin Davis

OLD BUSINESS:

NYS Standard Work Day: Supervisor Davis stated that the Board needs to pass a resolution for a standard work day for the New York State Retirement System. A short discussion followed.

10-100 Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Western hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

<i>Title</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Standard Work Day</i>	<i>Term Begins/Ends</i>	<i>Time Keeping System</i>	<i>Days/ Months</i>
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Elected Officials:

<i>Supervisor</i>	<i>Robin Davis</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>01/01/10 - 12/31/11</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Councilman</i>	<i>Veronica Murphy</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>01/01/08 - 12/31/11</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>10</i>

Made by: Veronica Murphy Second Andrew Mierek
 Resolution carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
 Ayes: Leonard Charney, Ed Mader, Andrew Mierek, Veronica Murphy, Robin Davis

Dog Licenses: Supervisor Davis stated that she had talked with NYS Agriculture & Markets concerning the new dog license regulations. In August or September there will be workshops (sponsored by the State) outlining the new rules and regulations. Starting January 2011, all licensing of dogs will be the responsibility of the townships.

Summer Recreation Program: C/M Murphy reported that there were eight responses to the help wanted ad placed in the Rome newspaper. She interviewed several of the individuals, but went with the original choices and hired Rachel Barbato and Kara Carr to be the program director and assistant. On July 05, 2010, the first trip was to the Ft. Rickey Game Farm with 15 children

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attending between the ages of 8 years to 12 years. Supervisor Davis gave paperwork to C/M Murphy that came from Oneida County Personnel. This paperwork needs to be filled out and returned to Robin, or the director and assistant will not be paid.

Salt Shed Grant: Supervisor Davis is seeking the advice of several other individuals, that have done the paper work for grants from the State, in order to make sure that the grant paperwork is filled out correctly. She will have the paperwork done and submitted, to the State, by the July 31st dead line.

Article 78 Appeal: T/A Engelbrecht reported that the decision from the Judge has been

received. Judge Shaheen ruled in favor of the Town and the ZBA and they acted in a correct and proper manner, in dealing with the Croft appeal.

T/A Engelbrecht also stated that an intent to appeal Judge Shaheen's decision has been filed with Appellate Court by Mr. Pohopek. The intent is only a statement that he intends to appeal, but has nine months to actually file an appeal.

NEW BUSINESS:

Volunteer Dinner: C/M Mader stated that the Board needs to plan the annual volunteer appreciation dinner. The tentative date is Thursday September 16, 2010. He will check the menu and prices at the Buffalo Head, Lake Delta Inn and Yaworski's and report back to the Board.

10-101 Motion: to adjourn the July 12, 2010 Town Board Meeting at 8:25 pm.

Made by: Leonard Charney Second Andrew Mierek

Motion carried 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Ayes: Leonard Charney, Edward Mader, Andrew Mierek, Veronica Davis, Robin Davis

Mary J. Centro
Town Clerk

Next Regular Town Board Meeting

August 09, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

