

REGULAR MEETING
April 11, 2007

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The Argyle Town Board met on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at the Municipal Building. Supervisor Henke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Robert Henke, Supervisor
Melvin McWhorter, Councilman
Richard Ayers, Councilman
Richard McClenning, Councilman
Paul Taber, Councilman
Robert Humiston, Highway Superintendent
Gianna L. Cross, Clerk

There were three guests present.

Transfer of Funds:

Motion made by Councilman McClenning and seconded by Councilman McWhorter to make the following transfers.

1. Transfer \$ 230.00 from Garage Contractual Acct. – A5132.4 to Superintendent Contractual Acct – A5010.4

Carried – 5 ayes.

Audit of the Bills:

Motion made by Councilman Taber and seconded by Councilman McWhorter to accept all bills as presented.

Abstract 4 – Vouchers - 155-192	To be paid –	\$ 27,812.65
Prepaid vouchers	Prepaid -	<u>\$ 15,891.90</u>
		\$ 43,704.55

Carried – 5 ayes.

Approval of Minutes of March 14, 2007:

Motion made by Councilman McWhorter and seconded by Councilman Taber to approve the minutes for March 14, 2007.

Carried – 5 ayes.

Town Clerk's Reports:

Motion made by Councilman McWhorter and seconded by Councilman Taber to accept the Town Clerk's Report for March 2007.

Carried – 5 ayes.

Supervisor's Reports:

Motion made by Councilman McWhorter and seconded by Councilman Ayers to accept the Supervisors Reports for March 2007.

Committee Reports:

1. Highway Building/Machinery Ayers/Taber/Sullivan
 - A. Motion made by Councilman Ayers and seconded by Councilman Taber to advertise in The Post Star for tractor bids, bid opening set for April 18, 2007 at 9:00am. Highway Superintendent to provide specifications to Clerk Cross for publishing.

Carried – 5 ayes

2. Insurance McClenning/McWhorter - Nothing to report
A. Clerk Cross has completed information with one company and is in the process of working with two other companies for quotes that are due for the June meeting.
3. Recreation McClenning/Ayers
A. Councilman McClenning or Councilman Ayers did not attend the last meeting, however Supervisor Henke attended and stated that they need to work on the fundraising.
4. Agriculture McWhorter/Taber Nothing to report.
5. Local Compliance/Environmental Ayers/McWhorter
A. Supervisor Henke reported that a new Memorandum of Understanding/General Municipal permit should be received by the next meeting.
6. Finance Committee McClenning/Taber Nothing to report

Correspondence:

Supervisor Henke read the following correspondences.

1. Letter from Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart & Rhodes showing the credit on invoice per last months bill.
2. Letter from NYS Public Entities Safety Group 497
3. Letter from Fitzgerald, Morris, Baker and Firth – re: Accident lawsuit
4. Letter from NYS Municipal Insurance – re: Meeting April 26, 2007, Supervisor Henke will discuss under his report.
5. Letter from Attorney McPhee – re: Jameson property – Superintendent Humiston is working on issue.
6. ASA Meeting – Motion made by Councilman McClenning and seconded by Councilman Taber to authorize Supervisor Henke to attend meeting and pay the \$ 35.00 to attend.

Carried – 5 ayes.

For Information:

Supervisor

Bob Henke

- Supervisor Henke stated that we had received the first sales tax check from the County.
- Supervisor Henke stated that Washington County was still working on the Long-Term Planning Project..
- Supervisor Henke discussed the upcoming meeting scheduled for April 17, 2007 in reference to the Olive Street project at 6:00pm. Clerk Cross to post notice.
- At a recent Public works meeting they purchased a new loader and saved approx. \$ 6,000.00.
- At the recent Government operations meeting Supervisor Henke addressed three different issues about Farming, Homeland Security and National Animal ID act.
- Supervisor Henke read a letter he wrote to Mr. Brian Gilchrist about issues from a recent meeting.
- Supervisor Henke presented information for the NYMIR employee seminar at be held on April 26, 2007 there was no respond for anyone to attend the meeting.
- Supervisor Henke discussed a Finance and Management meeting scheduled for May 9-11, 2007, Supervisor Henke or bookkeeper Karen Lohret attend.
- Supervisor Henke thanked everyone for supporting Highway Superintendent Humiston during his recent loss of his home.

Town Clerk

Gianna L. Cross

Clerk Cross gave the Town Board an update on the following items:

- Clean up day has been set for June 2, 2007 – flyers will be posted and advertised in local papers.
- The new Local compliance checklist has been added to the Building permits.
- Clerk Cross issued a mobile home permit to Bob & Esther Humiston during the construction of their new home that was recently destroyed by a fire.
- Clerk Cross has received copies of Motions and Responses from Attorney Barber in reference to the pending mobile home lawsuit.

- Clerk Cross received notice from Mr. Bruce McWhorter about snow shoveling next year and stated he could not continue due to other obligations.

Town Board

McWhorter, Ayers, McClenning, Taber

- Nothing to report.

Highway

Bob Humiston

- Superintendent Humiston explained that they are working on cleaning out culverts and getting ready for the next season. He thanked everyone for their support and thanked Clerk Cross for all her support and setting up bank accounts and posting the flyers.

Justice

Bob Buck

- Financial monthly report for March 2007. Court Clerk Cross stated the audit on April 10, 2007 went well per Judge Buck.

Bookkeeper

Karen Lohret/Supervisor Henke

- Received month end report for March 2007.

Assessor

Mike Baker/Councilman Taber

- Councilman Taber explained that Mike Baker stated he returned 274 calls and held 145 informal meetings. The tentative roll will be filed on time with the Clerk Cross on May 1, 2007. Councilman Taber stated his concern about the Assessor budget line and will continue to watch it.

Dog/Animal Control

Ed Holland/Councilman McWhorter

- Received month end report for March 2007, no fees were requested. Supervisor Henke still needs to write a letter about his new insurance issue.

Planning Board

Joe Maille/Councilman McClenning

- Received minutes from February 7, 2007 meeting. Chairman Maille is looking for the training CD, new maps were ordered for the board.

Historian

Susan Brennan/Supervisor Henke

- Nothing to report.

Youth Commission

Shelley McKernon/Councilman McClenning

- Minutes received from March 5, 2007 meeting and financial reports for March 2007. Supervisor Henke attended the last meeting and stated he would like Councilman McClenning and/or Councilman Ayers to attend.

Floor Open: Guest Steve Davie acknowledged all the support the community provided to Highway Superintendent Humiston.

Old Business:

1. Policy Handbook – Tabled to the next meeting.
2. Supervisor Henke to write letter to Dog Control officer Edward Holland – re: Insurance
3. Purchasing Plan for Highway department – A five year plan has been created.
4. Public Employer Workplace Violence – Supervisor Henke reported that he and the County are still working on this.

New Business:

1. Mowing bids – The board approved Town & County Fencing to do mowing at the old landfill. Councilman McWhorter will advise Stan Sialunski that he was awarded the contract. Clerk Cross advertised the position for the Board of Assessment review and one application was received.

Floor Open:

No additional comments.

Motion made by Councilman McWhorter and seconded by Councilman McClenning to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing insurance of a particular person or persons. Board went into Executive Session at 8:42pm.

Carried – 5 ayes.

Motion made by Councilman McClenning and seconded by Councilman McWhorter to leave Executive session and return to Regular board meeting at 9:50pm.

Carried – 5 ayes.

Motion made by Supervisor Henke and a unanimous second by Councilman to have the Town continue to pay the full amount of the single health insurance rate for our highway employee that recently went on disability retirement after 24 plus years of service. The Town Board will continue to pay single rate coverage there is no spousal benefits included.

Carried – 5 ayes.

Motion made by Councilman McWhorter to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gianna L. Cross
Town Clerk