

REGULAR MEETING

September 13, 2006

The Argyle Town Board met on Wednesday, September 6, 2006, at the Municipal Building. Supervisor Henke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

There was one guest present.

Transfer of Funds:

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

Transfer \$ 200.00 from A1220.4 Supervisor Acct. to A1010.4 Town Board Contractual.

Carried – 5 ayes.

Audit of Bills:

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

Abstract 9 – Vouchers - 504-549 To be paid – \$ 35,958.35

Vouchers 294-300 Prepaid – \$ 8,794.75

\$ 44,753.10

Carried – 5 ayes.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Councilman McClenning and seconded by Councilman Sullivan to approve the minutes for August 9, 2006 & Special meeting on August 28, 2006.

Carried – 5 ayes.

Town Clerk's Reports:

Motion made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Taber to accept the Town Clerk's Report for August 2006.

Carried – 5 ayes.

Supervisor's Reports:

Motion made by Councilman McWhorter and seconded by Councilman McClenning to accept the Supervisors Reports for August 2006.

Carried – 5 ayes.

Committee Reports:

1. Building, Municipal McWhorter/Taber - Nothing to report
2. Highway Building/Machinery McClenning/Taber/Sullivan
 - A. Highway Superintendent Humiston met with Councilman Taber and Councilman Sullivan on September 12th to discuss long term plans for truck/equipment purchases and begin tracking different areas of the highway department to help with future budget planning. Councilman Sullivan developed a tracking sheet that the committee would like Bob Humiston to begin using October 1, 2006. Highway Superintendent Humiston reported they completed four miles of black top that day.
3. Insurance Sullivan/McWhorter - Nothing to report
4. Recreation Sullivan/McClenning - Nothing to report
5. Emergency Services Sullivan/McWhorter
 - A. Supervisor Henke reported a call from Washington County Health Department that they had declared an emergency at Indian Ridge mobile home Park because of issues with the water they were to address the issue, it is our understanding it has been resolved because no additional calls have been received from the County.
6. Agriculture McClenning/Taber - Nothing to report
7. Solid Waste/Environmental Sullivan/McWhorter - Nothing to report
8. Local Regulation Compliance Sullivan/McWhorter - Nothing to report
9. Finance Committee McClenning/Taber - Nothing to report

Correspondence:

Supervisor Henke presented the following correspondences.

1. Letter from NYMIR re: receipt of new claim for Notice of Claim of personal injuries.
2. Letter from Fitzgerald, Morris, Baker, Firth – re: Notice of Claim representatives for NYMIR
3. Letter from Washington County Elections – Requesting assistance from Town Clerks for elections.
4. Letter from Myne Kennels – Thank you note for recent Resolution for Responsible Dog Ownership Day
5. Letter from Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart & Rhodes – re: Monthly bill
6. Letter from Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart & Rhodes – re: Change of street name
7. Thank you letter from Argyle 4th of July parade committee

For Information:

Supervisor

Bob Henke

- Supervisor Henke reviewed the information package he handed out from his County committee meetings, which included information on the county sales tax issue.

Town Clerk

Gianna L. Cross

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

- Mobile home issue lawsuit is being decided on paper and they have not heard back from courts.

- Village water issue they will begin digging work on Monday, September 25th, Gary is in the process of ordering the materials and has scheduled the time with Randy Cuthbert to do the hookup the project should be done in one to two weeks from the start date.
- Phil Marino and he will stop over and look at the roof and give us an update.
- American Legion is looking at establishing a specific temperature degree and will open during hot weather when it reaches that degree.
- Elections went well with a very good turn out of voters.
- Mobile home local law has been completed and sent to the attorney for filing with the Sec. of State
- The final papers for the Intermunicipal agreement with the Village & Town has be executed and delivered to the Attorney.

Town Board

McWhorter, McClenning, Sullivan, Taber

- Nothing to report.

Highway

Bob Humiston

- Addressed issues above under Committee reports, highway committee will meet on Monday, September 18th at 10:00 to go over the budget and discuss the tracking records procedures.

Justice

Bob Buck

- Received financial monthly report for August 2006.

Bookkeeper

Karen Lohret

- Nothing to report.

Assessor

Nancy Strong

- Received eleven small claims to date, which ten hearings have been completed and one is still outstanding and was scheduled for the end of the month but was canceled with a date to be determined for the claim to be heard. Motion made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman McClenning to pay Assessor Nancy Strong a per diem rate to complete the one outstanding small claims hearing on behalf of our Town after her resignation date of October 1, 2006.

Carried – 5 ayes.

Dog/Animal Control

Ed Holland

- No reports have been received for July 2006 or August 2006 has been received.

Planning Board

Joe Maille

- Minutes from July 5, 2006, August 2, 2006 and September 6, 2006 have been received in the new format.

Historian

Susan Brennan

- Nothing to report.

Youth Commission

Karen Lohret

- Nothing to report.

Floor Open:

Guest Steve Davies stated how it was great to see the Town Board take actions to develop a long and short-term plan for the highway department.

Old Business:

1. Sole Assessor position – Seven applicants had applied and were interviewed, two returned for a second interview.

Motion made by Councilman McClenning and seconded by Councilman McWhorter to adopt Resolution 48-06 and appoint Michael Baker as Sole Assessor with term to begin October 1, 2006 and expire September 30, 2007. The Sole Assessor salary is \$ 25,000 per year plus mileage, required two offices periods during the five day work week with at least one during the town hall office hours, one Saturday per month, the board has request that Monday not be a scheduled workday, hours are to be established and kept consistent.

Roll Call: Supervisor Henke – aye
Councilman McWhorter - aye
Councilman McClenning – aye
Councilman Sullivan - aye
Councilman Taber – aye

Carried – 5 ayes

Supervisor Henke to write thank you letters to the other candidates.

2. Changes to building permits to include deed/sub-division restrictions – Has not been completed.
3. Furniture for Assessor/Supervisor office – Reviewing a couple of options.
4. Highway department well capping – Has not been completed, Highway Superintendent Humiston stated he will schedule work to be completed within the next week.
5. Gasoline supplier for highway department – Highway Superintendent Humiston just had filled and should not need until the new fuel bids are received.
6. NYS Dept. of Labor issues at highway department – Highway Superintendent Humiston had completed most of the issues the day of the review and is working on completing the MSDS book with the assistance of the State.
7. As requested by the Board, Supervisor Henke met with Carl Lufkin regarding his request for Village water for his property adjacent to the fire company. Supervisor Henke reported Mr. Lufkin provided some excellent background information on the issue. Although the initial issue is primarily one for the Village to determine whether or not they wish to extend water lines, Supervisor Henke recommended the Town Board revisit the matter under old business after January.

New Business:

1. Budget – Motion made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman McWhorter to set Special meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at 6:00pm to pay monthly vouchers.
Carried – 5 ayes.
2. Town Board meeting – Motion made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Taber to set Regular Town Board meeting for Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at 7:00pm and preliminary budget public hearing for Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at 7:05pm

Carried – 5 ayes.

3. Special mobile home permit – Clerk Cross stated she received an application for special permit for a parent of the owner to place a mobile home on their property, however this would fall under the old mobile home local law 1 of 2003 due to the new local law 2 of 2006 has not been recorded with the Secretary of State. Clerk Cross was to contact the applicant and explain the difference in the local laws and will give an update of permit at next board meeting.
4. Board of Assessment Review - Motion made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Taber to advertise position, letter of interest to be received by October 12, 2006. Letter has been received from Robert Besancency, Jr. the current Chairman for the Board of Review this letter will be accepted as letter of interest for the position.

Carried – 5 ayes.

5. Planning Board position – Chairman Maille has requested to add another board member to the planning board and the clerk would no longer vote. Councilman Sullivan explained that we keep the same structure due to past practice and issues from the Planning Board in the past and the difficulty in finding people to fill the vacant positions. The Board agreed to keep the structure the same at this time.

Floor Open:

No additional comments.

Motion made by Councilman McWhorter to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gianna L. Cross
Town Clerk