

## August Regular Meeting

Minutes of the August Regular Meeting held August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Village Gym. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Stelmashuck at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Stephen Stelmashuck, Supervisor  
Mary Ann Phillips, Councilor  
Robert Frederick, Councilor  
Doug Jordan, Councilor  
Dale Chapman, Councilor  
Kelly Reader, Town Clerk

**Also Present:** Kathy McGaffick, Bookkeeper; Fred Swartz, Deputy Supervisor; Kathy Swartz, Bonnie Frederick, Paul Dayger, Phyllis Dayger, Denise Sigoumey, Assessor; Dorothy Canfield, Nancy Bookheimer, Leonard Romanowski, Sue Romanowski, John Dunham, Assist Fire Chief; Mary LaFlair, Deputy DCO; Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep.; and Judy Weaver.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilor Chapman, seconded by Councilor Phillips to approve the Minutes of the July Meeting with the correction that Minutes should read: Proposed Local Law to Grant a Partial Tax Exemption to Cold War Exemptions. Roll taken... motion carried.

### SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:

**The Supervisor's Report:** The Supervisor's Reports were reviewed by the Board and filed with the clerk

**Revenue and Justice Report:** The Revenue and Justice Reports were reviewed by the Board and filed with the clerk.

### APPROVAL OF BILLS:

**General Fund:** A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor Phillips to approve the claims to the General Fund, those being claims #287-#322 for a total warrant of \$15,008.80. Roll taken...motion carried.

**Highway Fund:** A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor Phillips to approve the claims to the Highway Fund, those being claims #173-#189 for a total warrant of \$26,877.13. Roll taken...motion carried.

### REPORTS:

**Legislator's Report:** Tabled.

**Hwy Sup't Report:** Highway Sup't Dayger reported that the summer mowing is almost completed. Hwy Sup't Dayger stated that he would meet with Supervisor Stelmashuck to get a total amount left for road projects.

**Town Clerk's Report:** Clerk Reader submitted a written Town Clerk's Report and a Dog License Report for July 2009.

**Dog Control Report:** Deputy DCO LaFlair reviewed the written DCO Report. Deputy LaFlair stated that she had contacted AG and Markets regarding conducting an enumeration. The Ag and Market Rep. stated that there is no standard way to conduct an enumeration. Notices should be published when the enumeration begins and also information should be provided regarding rabies clinics. The Ag. and Markets Department stated that they would be glad to set up a meeting to discuss enumerations with the Board.

**Planning Board Report:** Planning Board Chair Scriber reported that the Planning Board has been working on pending Subdivisions. They are also working on completing the updates for the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan will be sent to the Town Board to review the proposed draft. Once approved by the Town Board, a Public Hearing will be scheduled for public comment.

**Fire Chief's Report:** Assistant Fire Chief Dunham gave the Fire Report for July, 2009.

**Correspondence:** Waived.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Union Contact:** Councilor Phillips contacted the Union Rep. to begin negotiations for the new Union Contract. The Union Rep. stated that they are in the process of revamping the insurance booklets and he will contact the Town when that is completed to begin negotiations.

**External Audit-3 years:** A motion was made by Councilor Frederick, seconded by Supervisor Stelmashuck to rescind the motion to go back 3 additional years to conduct a Town Audit. Roll taken...

Councilor Jordan: Nay      Councilor Phillips: Nay      Supervisor Stelmashuck: Aye  
Councilor Frederick: Aye.      Councilor Chapman: Nay  
Motion did not carry.

Nancy Bookheimer asked how the Board was going to explain to the constituents why they are spending additional money to conduct additional audits. She feels that those Board Members that voted to continue with an additional audit should share with the taxpayers what they are looking for.

**Regular Meeting:** A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor Jordan to change the Regular Meeting from September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. and to hold the Joint Meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 if the Village is in agreement regarding the Joint Meeting rescheduling. Roll taken...motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Old Computers:** Paul Baxter stated that there is no remaining use for the old computers. All hard drives have been cleaned off. His recommendation is to dispose of them as environmentally required.

A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor Frederick to dispose of all old computers as suggested by Paul Baxter. Roll taken...motion carried.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Discussion was held regarding the additional audits. It's going to cost an additional \$25,000 to complete the 3 year audit.

Supervisor Stelmashuck state that once the Board meets with the auditor, a meeting will scheduled with the public to address any questions or concerns.

Bill Scriber asked if the Board audited the Town Officials' books. Supervisor Stelmashuck responded that the Town Officials' books have not audited in several years.

Councilor Chapman stated to rationalize the audits, no audit has been done in 12 years.

Len Romanowki stated that it seems it's convenient that it's an Election Year and he felt that the some of the members on the Board are on a witch hunt. He felt that it was not a rational decision to continue with additional audits.

Councilor Jordan stated that \$50,000 has been earmarked for the audit.

Supervisor Stelmashuck steted that the Board has the option to rescind the motion at any time.

Bonnie Frederick stated that the Board should prove to the public that the additional audit is needed. Bonnie feels that the Board should see what the outcome of the first audit is before they commit to spending more money as the money could be used to lower taxes..

**MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor Phillips to enter into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the personal employment history of a particular employee. Roll taken...motion carried. The clerk and bookkeeper were invited to attend.

A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor Chapman to adjourn from Executive Session to the Regular Meeting at 7:40 p.m. Roll taken... motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor Jordan to solicit for a Temporary Code Enforcement Officer. Roll taken ...motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Jordan, seconded by Supervisor Stelmashuck to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Roll taken...motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Reader  
Parish Town Clerk