

The Town of Fenton Town Board held its regular meeting on Wednesday, August 1, 2018, at 7:00 PM, at the Fenton Town Hall, 44 Park Street, Port Crane, New York.

PRESENT: Town Board Members Gary Holcomb, Deputy Supervisor
Michael Husar, Councilman
Thomas Moss, Councilman
Town Attorney Albert Millus, Jr.
Town Clerk Melodie Bowersox
Deputy Town Clerk Sheryl Seymour

ABSENT: Town Board Members David Hamlin, Supervisor
Richard Pray, Councilman
Highway Superintendent Randy Ritter

OTHERS PRESENT: Planning Board Member John Eldred and approximately 16 Members of the General Public

Mr. Holcomb led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESIDENTS' TIME

Prior to giving Residents the floor, Mr. Holcomb informed the Public that Hulbert Engineering is applying for a project through the County and has been placing flags and stakes in the Hillcrest area. The funds would be awarded through TAP and would not begin for a couple of years.

1001 Chenango Street – Resident Judy Cummings said she was pleased to see work has begun on taking down the building. Resident Tom Tiffany said his understanding was the siding was being removed so that asbestos testing could begin. Mr. Moss said it is the actual asbestos abatement that is being done now. A different company will handle the actual demolition.

August 15th Public Hearing – Resident Jennifer O'Hare asked Atty. Millus how many Public Hearings will be conducted on August 15th. Atty. Millus said there will be two Public Hearings. These Hearings will not particularly affect the Depot property. If the new zoning passes, the next step for the Depot would be a Local Law to rezone the property to Restricted Commercial. Carrier Services would be required to apply for a Special Use Permit.

Residents' Time closed at 7:07 pm

TOTAL BILLS – ABSTRACT 7, 2018 approved during the July 25th, 2018 meeting:

FUND	VOUCHER #s	AMOUNT
General	237 – 379	\$35,881.80
Highway	203 – 232	\$89,181.30
Hillcrest Water	162 – 179	\$10,638.49

Hillcrest Sewer	23 – 24	\$24.64
Porter Hollow Sewer	22 – 23	\$170.00
Port Crane Light District	13 – 14	\$2,130.77
Hillcrest Light District	13 – 14	\$2,310.15
Capital Projects	0	\$0.00
Trust & Agency	9	\$3,730.96
CDBG	28	\$5,600.00

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Holcomb reported that temporary traffic lights have been installed on NYS Route 369 in preparation for a culvert replacement.
- Information has been received for the Town's Equalization Rate. The Town of Fenton rate is 65%, which is the same as in 2017. This rate aids in determining tax burden shifts from Town to Town.
- Mr. Holcomb asked Board Members about their availability for the first Preliminary Budget Meeting on Thursday, September 6th, at noon. Members in attendance confirmed their availability. Budget sheets will be going out to Department Heads next week.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- 1001 Chenango Street – Atty. Millus commented on how long it took for the process to actually begin to take the building down.
- 1142 Chenango Street – An auction has been scheduled for September 12th. A new roof has been put on the property, but there are outstanding citations that have been issued by Code Enforcement Officer John Broughton. After some discussion, the consensus of the Board was to keep these citations open in an effort to keep potential buyers informed of the status of the property, as well as to prevent the need for the Town to start from scratch with a new buyer in the event of continuation of the neglect.
- Local Laws – Two Local Laws are coming up for Public Hearings on August 15th. They are generic laws that do not address any specific property but will allow the Town to have very strict controls.
- Engineering Contract – Atty. Millus anticipates this will be completed by the end of the week.
- Cornell Avenue Turn-Around – Atty. Millus anticipates this will be completed by the end of the week.
- Port Dickinson Weight Limit – Atty. Millus said years ago Port Dickinson established a 5 ton weight limit on all roads in the Village except Chenango Street and NYS Route 7 (Brandywine Highway). It was never enforced until NG Advantage came up. Trucks are being stopped from coming down Chenango Street and coming down the West Service

Road (which was built for trucks). This is forcing the trucks to come into Hillcrest to come down Nowlan Road and cross over the bridge. A FOIL request was sent to Port Dickinson requesting information on how this was established.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

- Monthly Report was read by Melodie Bowersox.
- Total Local Shares for July 2018 were \$ 3,633.00.

TOWN ENGINEER'S REPORT

- There was no formal Engineer's Report. Mr. Husar gave a brief overview of last night's Planning Board meeting regarding the proposed additional cell tower antennas to the Steed Road site.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Grounds –

Mr. Moss reported the following projects have been completed:

- ✓ A new heating/cooling system has been installed on the second floor of the Fenton Free Library.

Pending projects:

- ✓ It is being determined who is responsible for the maintenance/repair of a light pole on the corner of Towpath and Lock Streets.
- ✓ Mr. Moss is requesting a meeting with NYSEG to better understand their process of light replacement, etc.
- ✓ The Crime Lab vault door is being looked into by Mike Pipher.
- ✓ The Crime Lab has some door knobs and locks that need to be changed out. Mike Pipher will be assisting.
- ✓ The wall mounted AC units in the Crime Lab that had some preventative maintenance done by Bryant are not cooling. Bryant will need to take another look at those.
- ✓ A generator maintenance agreement is pending between the Town and the State. Mr. Moss has a call into Better Power to discuss different vendor options.
- ✓ Lighting upgrades for the Town Hall and Tunnel are pending. Mr. Moss researched programs through NYSERDA and Lime Energy and a meeting is scheduled with JW Danforth Consultants to see what they have to offer. Planning Board Member Tom Standard has expressed an interest in getting involved.
- ✓ A quote was received from Sentry Alarms for additional security at the Town Hall. Topics discussed were monitors in the Business Office and the Town Clerk's Office to view cameras and refitting access doors with key fobs.
- ✓ Battery back-up in the building (for the time between when the power goes out and the generator kicks in) for vital PCs is being looked into.
- ✓ Purchasing modems rather than renting them from Spectrum is being considered.
- ✓ Generator troubleshooting is currently manual. Electronic monitoring is being looked into.

Zoning Enforcement – Report was read by Mr. Moss. Mr. Moss is also looking into the status of 310 Ballyhack Road, which was mentioned at last month’s meeting but was not on John’s Monthly Report. Additionally, Mr. Moss requested a meeting with Lee Hartman the next time he is in Town to discuss the perimeter of his property as well as maintenance expectations.

Water and Sewer – Report was read by Mr. Holcomb.

Dog Control – Report was read by Mr. Holcomb.

Building Inspector – Report was read by Mr. Holcomb.

Highway and Solid Waste – Mr. Holcomb reported activity for the month of July included ditch work and shoulder work with the new excavator, a big blacktop job in Hillcrest (which included Cornell Avenue, Hadsell Road, Hadsell Court, Hinds Street and the turn-around on Cornell Avenue), two more driveway pipes and tree trimming. Grater patching will begin next week.

Assessor – Mr. Husar said everything has been quiet in the Assessor’s Office since Grievance Day. Everyone was apparently satisfied with the Grievance Board decisions since there were no petitions filed.

Justice Court – Mr. Husar said there was no monthly Justice Court Report received prior to tonight’s meeting. Mr. Husar noted the Court Clerk’s position will be posted through the Job Service and was broadcasted on WNBF. Applications will be accepted through August 22nd unless the position is filled prior to that date.

Historical Advisory Committee (HAC) – Report was read by Mr. Holcomb.

Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) – There was no CAC Report.

Mr. Husar made a motion to approve all Committee Reports as submitted, seconded by Mr. Moss. **Motion carried.**

VOTE: Ayes 3 Holcomb, Husar, Moss
Nays 0
Absent 2 Hamlin, Pray

MINUTES

Mr. Moss made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 27th, 2018 Work Session and the July 11th, 2018 Town Board Meeting (with a correction under Engineering Contract/New Business per Mr. Husar’s request), seconded by Mr. Husar. **Motion carried.**

VOTE: Ayes 3 Holcomb, Husar, Moss
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OLD BUSINESS

- **Commercial Outdoor Recreation Law/Zoning** – Mr. Holcomb said this is in regard to the venue they want to have up at the top of Depot Hill and Nowlan Roads. Outdoor Recreation is an approved use, but there has been some communication as to what the definition is. Atty. Millus said he will get something forwarded to the Board in Local Law format. Mr. Holcomb asked Atty. Millus if he could try and have something by the next Work Session.
- **CSEA** – Mr. Holcomb said the Agreement was signed last Thursday. The Town is in the process of implementing some of the provisions within the next few weeks. The Agreement is in place for the next 3½ years.
- **Beer Tree Event/August** – The Beer Tree raft event has been rescheduled for August 11th.
- **Traffic Study/Depot Area** – Mr. Husar said the Traffic Study for the Depot area is still being looked into. John Mastronardi has not yet been successful in connecting with his contact he has used in the past for these studies.

NEW BUSINESS

- **News from Children's Home of Wyoming Conference** – George Dermody, C.E.O of the Children's Home, said the 60th Annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Tuesday, August 14th, from 5 PM to 8 PM. The Public is invited to attend. George also announced the upcoming opening of the Sunrise Center for Girls. This is a certified treatment program for 16 year old non-violent offenders to serve eight girls. The Home will be serving eight less boys, so the actual population of the Children's Home will remain the same and there will be an increase in staff. Also announced was that the Children's Home was just reaccredited by the Council on Accreditation, one of the three Accrediting bodies in the Nation which accredits Human Service Programs. George addressed other questions and comments from the Board and Residents in attendance.
- **Public Hearings August 15 @ 7 PM** – The Public Hearings are scheduled for Wednesday, August 15th at 7 PM.
- **August Work Session – August 22nd** – Mr. Holcomb said that the August Work Session has been moved from August 29th to August 22nd due to scheduling conflicts.
- **Sales Tax – 2nd Quarter** – Mr. Holcomb said Sales Tax received for the second Quarter was a little over \$414,000. This amount is more than received last year and covers the shortfall received in the first Quarter.
- **Pending List** – Mr. Holcomb asked the Board to review the current Pending List to update with additions and projects completed. At this point, Board Members asked that 310 Ballyhack Road and storage trailer restrictions be added to the list.
- **Fuel Bids** – Mr. Moss asked about the status of the fuel bid process. Atty. Millus said the bids go out mid-August.
- **Brian Randall's Planning Board Attendance** – Mr. Moss said he feels Brian Randall's lack of attendance at the Planning Board meetings needs to be addressed. Mr. Holcomb said he has a call into him.

At 8:31 PM, Mr. Husar made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Moss.
Motion carried.

Melodie A. Bowersox, Town Clerk/ss