

**TOWN OF HANNIBAL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2016
7:00 PM**

Present: Supervisor Ronald Greenleaf
Councilman Randy Hendricks
Councilman Richard Shoults
Councilman Gary Thompson
Councilwoman Virginia Wilbur
Town Clerk Denise Hafner
Highway Supervisor George Ritchie

Others Present: Code Enforcement Officer Wayne Newton, Water Department Supervisor Duane Shepard; Justice Jack S. Beckwith, Jr.; Justice Eugene Hafner; Dog Control Office Theresa Penfield; County Legislator Terry Wilbur; County Legislator Sorbello; George & Carol Darling; Dan & Anne Mahaney; Gregg Stupp, Sr.; Larry & Cindy Flint; Bob & Kelly LaRock; Mike Pereira; Ellen Killicutt; Tim Harmon; Bob Dilts; Kim Malone; Peggy Shepard; Jack Polk; Doug Bower; Reporter for The Valley News; and several other members of the community.

Supervisor Ronald Greenleaf called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by an opening prayer led by Gregg Stupp, Sr.

Public Session:

- Jack Polk, Hannibal Free Library President, presented an overview of the health of the library. The library continues to be an important and vital part of the community with 2,076 active patrons and a monthly circulation of 2,600 items. Unfortunately, the revenue generated by the library is inadequate to meet the expenses. The library will be asking the taxpayers to vote in May of 2017 to approve an increase of the library tax to \$70,000 to help meet the library expenses.
- Reagan Olson raised some concerns over a permit issued for the fireworks display scheduled. She questioned whether proper proof was provided that the pyro technician holds a valid license and is insured. Code Enforcement Officer Wayne Newton responded that there had been a discrepancy with the application which has now been corrected and addressed. In the future, the applicant will be asked to provide this proof at the time of application. There was also a concern over having a fireworks display while the county had issued a drought warning. It was pointed out that the drought warning is currently lifted and is not an issue at this time.
- Oswego County Legislator Terry Wilbur informed the board that the land bank had recently received approximately \$200,000 in grants and that the county should be receiving some Tobacco Bonds in September which could be used to improve the infrastructure. A thank you was also extended to Highway Superintendent Ritchie and the Town for hosting the Rabies Clinic at the Town Garage and for helping it to be a success.
- Oswego County Legislator Morris Sorbello introduced himself and reported that there are businesses and industries that have expanded creating additional jobs in the area. He informed the board that 70% of the jobs in this country are from small businesses which are expanding. The problems in our area are centered around the infrastructure, water and sewer. Councilman Thompson asked whether there was Federal assistance to help to obtain a sewer system in our area. Legislator Sorbello explained that the administration does have money available, however, there is a lot of competition to receive that money.
- Eugene Hafner questioned why a private contractor was used to install a culvert recently when the Town could be sharing services with the county. Supervisor Greenleaf responded that it isn't required that the Town share

services and that it may be cheaper to hire a private contractor verses using the county's resources. There was also a question whether there was a contract in place between the Town and the City of Fulton to share services. Highway Superintendent Ritchie replied that there was a signed contract with the City of Fulton and that the City of Fulton will provide services to the Town in exchange for the Town allowing them to use the Town's equipment to clean Lake Neatahwanta.

- Another question raised was why the trash cannot be picked up from the Town Hall as it had been in the past. It was pointed out that if services can be shared between the Town and the City of Fulton and with the Village to clean up the damn on Mill Street, why aren't services being shared between the Town and the Highway Department? Highway Superintendent Ritchie stated that the State Comptroller's Office advises that the Highway Department cannot use Highway workers to pick up trash from the Town Building.
- Eugene Hafner also asked whether GPS devices had been installed on the Town trucks and if so, why. Highway Superintendent Ritchie replied that he was using the devices for maintenance purposes and that the number of miles can be tracked along with oil changes and the number of hours the trucks are used in the winter. He can also set it up to track when inspections are due and how much fuel was used.
- The Board was asked by Eugene Hafner to consider passing a resolution to allow the Highway workers who are also volunteer firefighters to be allowed to respond to emergencies while they are on Town time. Councilman Thompson responded that they are volunteers and the Town should not have to pay them when they respond to a fire as a volunteer. Eugene Hafner stated that he would just like the Board to consider it and that if his house were on fire, he would certainly want the firefighters, especially the chiefs, to be able to respond and help to extinguish it.
- Ellen Killicutt reprimanded the Board for the confrontational attitude that is displayed when members of the community raise questions of them. She recommended that maybe a few of the Board members should take classes to help them to behave and respond more professionally and without attitudes. She further stated that even if a Town Official feels that they are being questioned repeatedly, they still should respond professionally and with respect.

Approval of the July Minutes:

Supervisor Ron Greenleaf requested a motion be made to approve the July Regular Board Minutes.

- Councilwoman Virginia Wilbur made a motion to accept the minutes; Councilman Rick Shoults seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 [Wilbur, Hendricks, Shoults, Thompson, Greenleaf]

Nays: 0

Approval of the Financial Report:

No Financial Report.

Correspondence and Notifications:

Supervisor Greenleaf stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals received a letter of interest from Carol Darling to serve as an alternate member. ZBA members Lowell Newvine and Diane Miano discussed it with the Zoning Board and they would gladly welcome her as a member. Supervisor Greenleaf made a motion to appoint Carol Darling to the Zoning Board of Appeals; Councilwoman Virginia Wilbur seconded.

Ayes: 4 [Wilbur, Hendricks, Shoults, Thompson, Greenleaf]
Nays: 0

Supervisor Greenleaf asked Councilwoman Virginia Wilbur to read the following correspondence:

- A letter was read from NYMIR denying a claim submitted by Eugene Hafner about several Rose of Sharon bushes that were mowed over by Highway Superintendent George Ritchie.

Department Reports:

Written reports for the following departments were provided to and reviewed by all board members.

- **Town Clerk Report**
- **Highway Department Report**
- **Code Enforcement Report**
- **Assessment Report - No Report**
- **Dog Control Report**
- **Planning Board Report – No report**
- **Zoning Board of Appeals Report - No Report**
- **Water Department Report**

Councilwoman Virginia Wilbur made a motion to accept the above reports; Councilman Rick Shoults seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 [Wilbur, Hendricks, Shoults, Thompson, Greenleaf]
Nays: 0

Old Business:

- Supervisor Ron Greenleaf requested reports from the committees previously formed. The following reports were presented:
- Councilman Rick Shoults informed the board that the committee reviewing the town zoning laws is still continuing to review the materials. The next meeting is scheduled for August 29th at 6:30pm.
- No report from the committee on alternate energy options. Supervisor Greenleaf asked Councilman Gary Thompson to contact Josh Bomgren and to assist in reviewing the options. Bob Dilts offered to give a report on a seminar he attended.

New Business:

- A. Supervisor Ron Greenleaf informed the Board that to purchase a new mobile radio system for the Highway Department would cost approximately \$16,000 and he felt that the Town could afford to pay for half the system in November and the remaining half next year. He also stated that it would pay for itself in three years. Councilman Gary Thompson stated that the Federal government would force the Town to become compliant and it would be better to become compliant now rather than when forced in the future. Councilman Randy Hendricks made a motion to table the decision and discuss further at the September Workshop; Councilman Rick Shoults seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 [Wilbur, Hendricks, Shoults, Thompson, Greenleaf]
Nays: 0

- B. Councilman Gary Thompson provided a possible logo for the Town in three different color backgrounds of a farmer on a tractor. He explained that the Town of Hannibal was founded on agriculture and that this logo would represent the Town well and could be displayed in the center of the back wall. Jack Beckwith, Jr. explained that the Court Seal on the wall presently was purchased by the Court with the JCAP Grant and that the Board had approved the purchase of the seal. A discussion ensued and suggestions were made by the public to possibly ask the Art Department of the School to hold a contest designing possible logos for the Town. It was also suggested that a mural could be painted on the wall. It was also suggested having both a mural on the wall and a seal to be used on the Town stationary. The Board agreed to discuss further.
- C. Councilman Gary Thompson gave a presentation on ways to cut the overtime costs of the Highway Department during the winter schedule. He provided the Board with a 2005 study done by the State Comptroller's Office regarding alternate work schedules which Councilman Thompson said would save taxpayer money, increase morale and job satisfaction through the reduction of overtime hours. Councilman Rick Shoults explained that the overtime is necessary during the winter months for the Highway Department to keep the roads plowed and safe for the Town's citizens. Councilman Gary Thompson responded that using an alternate work schedule would allow better services by staggering employees all hours of the night. Councilwoman Virginia Wilbur addressed the issue of insufficient manpower to accommodate such a plan. It was decided that the Board would review the plan and discuss at a future workshop.
- D. Councilman Randy Hendricks questioned Water Department Supervisor Duane Shepard whether the Town would be reimbursed for the expenses used to repair a fire hydrant by W. D. Malone. It was explained that two fire hydrants had been damaged by two separate car accidents and that the repairs would be covered by the Insurance Company and the Town would be reimbursed.

Supervisor Greenleaf stated that the Board needed to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter with the Union. Councilman Gary Thompson made a motion for the Board to adjourn the Regular Meeting to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter with the Union; Councilman Rick Shoults seconded.

Ayes: 4 [Wilbur, Hendricks, Shoults, Thompson, Greenleaf]

Nays: 0

At 8:09 pm, the Regular Board Meeting was closed to go into Executive Session.

Supervisor Ron Greenleaf asked that a motion be made to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting. Councilman Randy Hendricks made a motion that the Regular Board Meeting reconvene; Councilman Gary Thompson seconded.

Ayes: 4 [Wilbur, Hendricks, Shoults, Thompson, Greenleaf]

Nays: 0

At 8:26 pm, the Executive Session closed and the Regular Board Meeting reconvened.

Other Business:

- Planning Board member Kelly LaRock asked that the Board members attend a Planning Board meeting to see how the meetings are run and listen to the public concerns. She stated that there are complaints about the way code enforcement is handled. She provided the Board with a copy of New York State Zoning Enforcement and pointed out that zoning is only as good as it is enforced. Supervisor Greenleaf responded that he would like to attend a meeting and will try to schedule it.
- Larry Flint encouraged the Board to review Section 1750 of the Hannibal Zoning Laws outlining Violations and Penalties and provided copies of page 52.

- A discussion continued about zoning laws and their enforcement. Councilman Gary Thompson asked whether the Planning Board held any office hours, especially to assist people with any applications. Bob Dilts, Planning Board President, stated that he would be willing to speak with anyone to answer any questions and that his phone number is listed in the phone book and that the Town Clerk also has it.

Approval to Pay Town Bills:

Supervisor Ron Greenleaf asked that a motion be made to approve the payment of the Town Bills.

Councilwoman Virginia Wilbur made a motion to approve the payment of the Town bills; Councilman Rick Shoults seconded.

Ayes: 4 [Wilbur, Hendricks, Shoults, Thompson, Greenleaf]
Nays: 0

Supervisor Ron Greenleaf asked that a motion be made to adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Virginia Wilbur to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Rick Shoults seconded.

Ayes: 4 [Wilbur, Hendricks, Shoults, Thompson, Greenleaf]
Nays: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Hafner

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