

**TOWN OF HANNIBAL  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2016  
7:00 PM**

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

**Absent:** Councilwoman Virginia Wilbur

**Others Present:** Code Enforcement Officer Wayne Newton; Justice Jack S. Beckwith, Jr.; Planning Board Member Gregg Stupp, Sr.; Planning Board Member Larry Flint; County Legislator Terry Wilbur; Water Department Supervisor Duane Shepard; Reporter for The Valley News; several members of the Town of Granby and many members of the community.

Supervisor Greenleaf called the meeting to order at 7:02pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Gregg Stupp, Sr. opened the meeting with prayer.

**Public Session:**

- A neighbor from Kelly Road questioned whether the situation with the business Affinity had been addressed or resolved. Code Enforcement Officer Wayne Newton replied that the Attorney will be sending a forceful letter and if there is no compliance, the matter will then be addressed in Town Court.
- Code Enforcement Officer Wayne Newton gave a positive report that the recent Blood Drive had gone well and that another will be scheduled for September. He also reported that he had purchased business cards.

**Approval of January Minutes:**

- Supervisor Greenleaf requested a motion be made to approve the January Regular Board Minutes.
- Councilman Rick Shoults made a motion to accept the minutes; Councilman Randy Hendricks seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

**Approval of January Financial Report:**

- Supervisor Greenleaf requested a motion be made to approve the January Financial Report.
- Councilman Randy Hendricks made a motion to accept the January Financial Report; Councilman Rick Shoults seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

**Correspondence and Notifications:**

- A letter was received from the DEC concerning the expansion of W.D. Malone Excavating on Phinney Road. The DEC would be considered the Lead Agent.
- The Tug Hill Commission for Planning and Zoning Boards will be held at Jefferson Community College on March 31, 2016. Deadline to register is March 1, 2016.

**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**

Councilman Randy Hendricks made a motion to accept the above reports; Councilman Gary Thompson seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 [Greenleaf, Hendricks, Shoultz, Thompson]  
Nays: 0

**Old Business:**

- Supervisor Greenleaf requested reports from the committees previously formed.
- Councilman Rick Shoultz informed the board that the committee reviewing the town zoning laws had met on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and that they would be meeting again on February 24<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that they had reviewed volumes of material but there was much more to review.
- Councilman Gary Thompson reported that the State Comptroller's Office stated that the members from the Town of Granby needed to be included on the committee formed to discuss the possible court merge between Hannibal and Granby. Court personnel must also be included.
- Councilman Randy Hendricks reported that the committee reviewing the procurement policy will meet again at the next workshop.
- Supervisor Greenleaf and Councilman Randy Hendricks reported that they will look further into purchasing an Audio System at the next workshop. Approximate cost will be \$2200.
- **Audit of the Supervisor's Records:** Supervisor Greenleaf explained that the Supervisor's Records are not yet ready for review because the data from last year is still not completely entered and the AUD is not complete and accurate.
- **Audit of Justice Court Records:** The Justice Court Financial Records and Monthly Reports for the year-end audit were presented for review on February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Board Workshop. Councilman Rick Shoultz made a motion to approve the audit of the Justice Court Records; Councilman Randy Hendricks seconded the motion.

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

**New Business:** On a motion made by Councilman Rick Shoults, seconded by Councilman Randy Hendricks, the following resolution was proposed:

**Resolution 3-2016**

**Be it resolved to transfer of \$2,677.00 from the Bicentennial Account to the Contractual Account and thereby closing the Bicentennial account.**

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

The board members continued to look through the vouchers submitted for approval for payment of the bills. It was noted by Councilman Randy Hendricks that the transfer of \$775,000.00 for payment of the loan for the Water District does not show on the Abstract. The bookkeeper will be notified of this. Also, a typographical error shows a voucher that is in the amount of \$90.00 as \$900.00 on the Abstract. The Town Clerk will correct.

Supervisor Greenleaf closed the Regular Meeting at 7:30pm to open the Public Hearing on the possible court merge between the Town of Hannibal Court and the Town of Granby Court.

At 8:26pm the Regular Board Meeting was reconvened by Supervisor Greenleaf.

**New Business Continued:**

Ellen Killecut from the Planning Board is resigning. A motion was made by Supervisor Greenleaf to place an advertisement in The Valley News stating there is an opening on the Planning Board. Councilman Gary Thompson seconded the motion.

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

Supervisor Greenleaf opened the floor to the Public for comments.

Supervisor Greenleaf thanked Highway Superintendent George Ritchie and the Highway Department for their efforts taking care of the snow during the recent storms. Highway Superintendent George Ritchie informed the board that the county had a used underbelly that they are willing to let the town try. He also stated that he has two quotes for an underbelly.

Councilman Gary Thompson thanked Code Enforcement Officer Wayne Newton for organizing the past Blood Drive.

Supervisor Greenleaf asked for a motion to pay the Town bills. Councilman Randy Hendricks made a motion to approve the payment of the bills; Councilman Rick Shoults seconded the motion.

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

Supervisor Greenleaf asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Randy Hendricks made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Rick Shoults seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Hafner  
Hannibal Town Clerk

**PUBLIC HEARING ON COURT MERGER BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HANNIBAL  
AND THE TOWN OF GRANBY**

**FEBRUARY 20, 2016  
7:30PM**

Councilman Gary Thompson gave a presentation concerning the possible merge of the Hannibal Town Court with the Granby Town Court. A packet was distributed to the audience before the commencement of the meeting.

Supervisor Greenleaf opened the floor to the Public.

Alicia Hafner, Wiltsieville Road resident, read a letter written by Justice Eugene Hafner disputing some of the information submitted by the board to the Granby Town Board's Workshop in January. A copy of the letter was distributed to the Town Board and is attached.

Linda Warrick, State Route 3 resident, asked the board whether all the members of the board had agreed to merge the two courts. Supervisor Greenleaf responded that the board had agreed to look into the matter not to actually merge at this point in time. Mrs. Warrick then asked who would prepare a study on the advantages/disadvantages of merging and what amount of money was available and who would pay for the study. Supervisor Greenleaf again responded that the board was just looking into the matter.

Code Enforcement Wayne Newton, State Route 104, Hannibal resident, asked whether the building in question to hold the merged Town Court would solely be used for court or would it be used for community functions also. Supervisor Greenleaf again responded that the board was just looking into the matter.

Planning Board Member Gregg Stupp, Sr., Hannibal resident, stated that the town needs more individuals to step up to serve in the community and that sharing services between departments and towns can be very beneficial and cost effective. He also stated that the justices have lived in the community all their lives and it could be difficult for them to be objective when their peers or friends are brought before the court.

Kim Malone, Hannibal resident, asked what the revenue raised by the court is presently. Councilman Randy Hendricks responded that the total amount collected by the court for 2015 was \$88,893.05 with \$35,559.00 returned as the Town's portion.

Melissa Fortier, Granby Board Member, pointed out that the justices of both courts should be approached and included in the process and that their view on the proposal would be very valuable.

Rose, Granby resident, stated that the Granby courtroom is too small to accommodate their own court nights presently and that it does not seem that there would be any real savings accomplished.

Justice Jack Beckwith, Jr., County Route 21, Hannibal resident, stated that the Granby courtroom is too small and that either a new building would need to be built or renovations completed on the current courtroom in order to accommodate both courts. He stated that the Town of Hannibal already has a beautiful room to hold court which does not cost anything extra to operate. He also stated that it would not be feasible or practical to transport the court records back and forth. He then addressed the issue of only employing one justice, instead of two. In this scenario, when a conflict of interest arises, the case would have to be transferred to Oswego County Court instead of transferring it to the other judge. He also responded to Mr. Stupp's concern of administering fair justice to a peer. It was explained that cases are transferred to the other justice when a conflict of interest exists (such as when a friend, family member or business acquaintance is brought before the court.)

Councilman Randy Hendricks, County 21, Hannibal resident, explained that the towns of Shelby and Ridgeway mentioned by Councilman Gary Thompson as an example, were only one mile apart from each other and that this may have been a reason for merging their courts.

Councilman Gary Thompson asked Oswego County Legislator Terry Wilbur to share his thoughts on the idea of shared services. He stated that while shared services between departments and towns could be cost effective, he would need more information to evaluate whether in this scenario it would work. He did believe there may be other avenues to explore to cut costs, such as looking into unfunded mandates.

Charlie Reed, Deputy Highway Superintendent, spoke about the highway departments working together and sharing services being successful.

Carol Darling, State Route 3, Hannibal resident, questioned what would need to be changed in the Dog Laws to help the court collect on any tickets that are issued by the Dog Control Officer.

Kelly LaRock, Hannibal resident, asked where the figures used to show the proposed savings had been derived from. She also stated that expecting one Justice to take on the responsibilities of both positions and only increasing the salary by half was unreasonable. She stated it did not seem worth the small savings proposed.

Michelle Baker, Onionville Road, Hannibal resident, expressed a concern that the board was not working together but instead was being run by one individual member. She stated that the board should be on the same page working together, not allowing the views and agenda of one member to rule over the rest.

Mike Pereira, State Route 3, Hannibal resident, asked that the figures for the court revenue be provided.

Supervisor Greenleaf closed the Public Hearing at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Hafner  
Hannibal Town Clerk