

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD
IN EDDYVILLE
MARCH 19, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

**Robert Keis, Town Supervisor
Larry Johnson, Councilman
Robert Schmidt, Councilman**

ALSO PRESENT

Brad Hurley, Highway Superintendent

ABSENT

**Greg Meyer, Councilman
Nancy Meeder, Councilwoman**

MEETING BROUGHT TO ORDER

After all those present said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag Supervisor Keis brought the Regular Town Board Meeting to order.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2018/APPROVED

After Town Clerk read the February 19, 2018 Town Board Meeting Minutes **A MOTION WAS GIVEN BY** Councilman Schmidt seconded by Councilman Johnson no opposed carried to approve the February Meeting Minutes by correcting the account no. for highway equipment to be DA5130.2.

SUPERVISOR'S AND TOWN CLERKS MONTHLY REPORTS/APPROVED

After Supervisor Keis presented his monthly reports and the monthly reports of Town Clerk a **MOTION WAS GIVEN BY** Councilman Johnson seconded by Councilman Schmidt no opposed carried to approve the reports as presented.

RESIDENTS CONCERNS CODE ENFORCEMENT BUILDING PERMITS

Noah Hertzler and Uri Hochstetler were present to discuss with Board members their carpenter jobs that need a Certificate of Liability Insurance Workman's Comp before they can obtain a Building Permit. Noah stated as an Amish Community and their religious beliefs, they do not have insurance they cover all their own expenses and pay for their own health bills. Noah stated that in 2017 he wrote a letter to our Senator Catherine Young regarding the issuing of building permits for the Amish. She wrote a reply dated October 9, 2017 so stating that she introduced Senate Bill 847 which would exempt employers such as Amish from Worker's Compensation coverage, based upon the religious tenets that they oppose acceptance of any insurance benefits. This Bill passed the Senate in June 2017 and has been forwarded to the Assembly. In Senator Catherine Young's letter, she wrote that she would keep Mr. Hertzler updated.

During discussion Uri Hochstetler noted that when working with Town Code Enforcement Officer regarding building codes, he would like to be shown a code book to see what is required.

Noah questioned an Architect's signature and stamp approving building plans, he noted that it can be costly as the minimum amount charged is \$1,000.00.

Noah explained that in areas of their business, such as, to borrow money Church Elders prepare a signed document verifying that the Amish Community is responsible for their own and as an Amish Community they do not sue people. Noah asked, to be in compliance to obtain a building permit, would the Town accept a signed document from their church elders.

Supervisor Keis stated that Gil works with the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, he does not want to put himself or the Town in a liable situation. After discussion Supervisor Keis stated he would like time to contact Town Attorney, and also discuss the issues with Gil Wiswall, Code Enforcement Officer, and to also inquire what other municipalities are doing. Councilman Johnson stated that he would deliver the information to Noah.

OPEN CEMETERY BID PROPOSALS NOTICE IN ELLICOTTVILLE TIMES

Supervisor Keis informed Board members that he was not in receipt of any bids for the cemetery mowing. Board members discussed to inquire if the company who mowed last year would be interested in mowing this year. Councilman Johnson said he would contact the prior lawn mower.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW POSITION NOTICE IN ELLICOTTVILLE TIMES

With regard to the need for a Board of Assessment Review member Supervisor stated that no one contacted him.

HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE NOTICE PUBLISHED IN ELLICOTTVILLE TIMES

With regard to the notice published for a highway laborer Highway Superintendent Hurley stated that he did not receive any applications.

After discussion Board members were in agreement to put another notice in the Ellicottville times.

HEAT SENSORS

With regard to prior discussion regarding heat sensors for the highway garage, Supervisor Keis stated there was no update.

SALT SHED

Concerning prior discussion regarding a salt shed Superintendent Hurley reported that the grant writer is still working on the Grant.

GPI SERVICES

Superintendent Hurley reported that he received a letter of response from GPI a Professional Consulting Services related to BridgeNY Program. This company would assist the Town in preparation with the 2018 Bridge NY application process which has the potential of funding both bridges and culverts. The company would assist the Town application for the Kent Road over Mansfield Creek. Superintendent Hurley obtained a price quote in the amount of \$2,500.00, which would be absorbed in the Grant. The Draft Bridge NY application was submitted to NYSDOT on March 15, 2018. The final Bridge NY application will be submitted on April 13, 2018.

AUDIT SUPERVISOR KEIS 2017 BOOKS OF ACCOUNT/APPROVED

After Board members audited Supervisor Keis 2017 books of account and disbursements **A MOTION WAS GIVEN BY** Councilman Schmidt seconded by Councilman Johnson no opposed carried to approve Supervisor Keis 2017 books of account as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS THREE CHECKING ACCOUNTS/APPROVED

After Board members audited Supervisor Keis three checking accounts **A MOTION WAS GIVEN BY** Councilman Johnson seconded by Councilman Schmidt no opposed carried to acknowledge and approve Supervisor three checking accounts that were in balance as presented.

AUDIT OF BILLS/APPROVED

After Board members audited billing statements **A MOTION WAS GIVEN BY** Councilman Johnson seconded by Councilman Schmidt no opposed carried to approve paying the following:

General Fund Voucher Numbers 48-66 in the amount of \$56,147.98

Highway Fund Voucher Numbers 43-58 in the amount of \$20,989.76

A motion to adjourn was given by Councilman Schmidt at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Jane Horning, Town Clerk