

Ashippun Town Board Meeting
February 9, 2012

Chairman Steven Panozzo called the monthly Town of Ashippun board meeting to order on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ashippun Town Hall. Pledge to the flag was given.

Clerk Schlieve verified that meeting notices were properly given and posted at the Town Hall, the Recycling Center, the Ashippun Post Office, faxed to WTTN radio, emailed to the Watertown Daily Times newspaper and on the official website of the Town of Ashippun. Clerk Schlieve noted a change on the agenda under 5.B. Special Davy Creek meeting, January 19, 2012, not January 1, as printed. Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Bremer seconded to adopt the agenda as amended. All in favor and motion carried. Roll call was taken with Chairman Steven Panozzo, Supervisor James Meyer, Supervisor William Bremer, and Clerk/Treasurer Vickie Schlieve as being present.

Approval of Town Board meeting minutes from the town board meeting on January 12, 2011 and the Davy Creek meeting on January 19, 2012. Supervisor Meyer moved and Chairman Panozzo seconded to approve the meeting minutes as listed. All in favor and motion carried.

Public Input: Jim Schlieve asked how many residents were in attendance from the Willow Creek subdivision and pointed out that someone from that subdivision should be in attendance to address the flooding issue that appears on the agenda for this meeting. He is opposed to this proposed work by the town.

Ernie Borchardt explained that bids for the communication tower on Cleveland Road will go out in March. Jim Jungbluth reported that the fire number sign has arrived for that location.

Police Report – Chief Bill Linzenmeyer reported on the month’s activities. The radar traffic trailer will be put to use when the weather improves. Part of the \$8300 cost was covered by a grant. The remainder came from the new squad account. He will bring it to a future meeting to show the town board. It was suggested that they set up the trailer on Highway O in the 35 mph area.

Fire Department Report – Chief Deonne Eske reported that there were 17 EMS calls and 3 fire calls in January. The new 3,000 gallon tanker truck will be delivered on Monday. An open house will be held for the new truck.

Clerk Schlieve read the Treasurer’s report for January. Each town board member received the list of bills to be paid under New Business before the meeting.

Building Inspector – Chairman Panozzo read the list of inspections for the month of January made by Mike Sindorf.

Highway Department Report – The new lawn mower was delivered. They are working on the new radios. Brushing on Norwegian Road and other roads continues. Tom Jordens asked about the new liquid salt system.

Parks, Recreation & Visionary committee report – The playground equipment has been ordered with installation possibly in April. The Hyland Park area will need to be prepped. Volunteers to help with the installation are needed.

Town chairman/supervisors reports – Winterfest at Harnischfeger Park is Saturday from 8am to 4pm.

Planning Commission minutes of the February 2, 2012 meeting. The meeting was cancelled and no report was given.

Unfinished Business: Informational update on Davy Creek project. Action will take place under New Business. Tom Jordens doesn’t want to see tax dollars expended on private property.

New Business: Discussion and possible approval of January Treasurer’s Report. Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Meyer seconded to approve the treasurer’s report. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion and possible approval of February bills to be paid. Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Meyer seconded to approve the February bills to be paid. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion and possible approval of new Operator’s Licenses through June 30, 2012 for Leslie A. Harris for RS Roadhouse 67 LLC. The Clerk reported that Leslie A. Harris called to state that she could

not attend the meeting and that her background check was clear. Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Meyer seconded to approve the Operator's License as listed. All in favor and motion carried. She will receive her license upon payment.

Discussion and possible approval of the 2012 & 2013 Ambulance Service Agreement with the Stone Bank Volunteer Fire Department. The changes to the proposed contract were made since last month's meeting. The town's attorney did check the document. Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Bremer seconded to approve the 2012 & 2013 Ambulance Service Agreement with the Stone Bank Volunteer Fire Department. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion and possible approval to upgrade to narrow band radios for the town fleet and the tornado sirens. Dan VanderMolen explained the process and the work he has done. Vendors have been contacted. The FCC license needs to be renewed. The turnover to the new narrow band will occur later than expected. After inspection of the sirens, it was recommended that a maintenance plan needs to be in place. Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Bremer seconded to upgrade to narrow band radios for the town fleet and the tornado sirens at a cost not to exceed \$9,000. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion and possible approval to raise David Schwartz's wage for highway work from \$12.95 to \$17.00. This is being proposed in order to bring his wage up to the same range as other highway workers. Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Meyer seconded to raise David Schwartz's wage to \$17.00 for snowplowing. This motion was withdrawn, the second was withdrawn and all were in favor of the withdrawal. The following motion was made: Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Meyer seconded to raise David Schwartz's wage from \$12.95 to \$17.00 per hour for snowplowing and his snow shoveling assignment on the town sidewalks. All in favor and motion carried. This wage does not include his work at the Recycling Center.

Discussion and possible approval of Resolution #2012-002 supporting the Rock River Trail initiative. Clerk Schlieve read Resolution #2012-002. Supervisor Meyer moved and Chairman Panozzo seconded to hold this item over to the March meeting upon further direction by the town's attorney. All in favor and motion carried to hold over till next month.

Discussion and possible approval of engineering expenses for Willow Creek subdivision flooding issue. Supervisor Meyer moved and Supervisor Bremer seconded to remove this item from the agenda. Two ayes (Meyer and Bremer) and one abstention (Panozzo). Motion carried.

Discussion on resolution to change the annual meeting to the third Tuesday in April beginning in 2013. Due to the changes in the election laws, the terms of the local officials need to be extended one week. This item will be discussed in the upcoming months.

Discussion and possible approval of Davy Creek engineering expense to get final cost estimate(s) of performing Davy Creek project. Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Meyer seconded to approve Davy Creek engineering expense not to exceed \$1,960. Supervisor Bremer wants to find out what the actual cost will be for the work on the creek and he wants to see only budgeted funds expended on the project. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion only on purchasing roadside mower tractor. Supervisor Bremer spoke on the poor condition of the current roadside tractor. He would like to see the town purchase a used tractor and he had two machines in mind with pricing that included trade-in. Highway Supervisor Jungbluth agreed that the tractor is not adequate for the work that needs to be done. He compared different types of tractors with the current piece of equipment. He recommended mowing the roadsides less often than is currently being done. Supervisor Meyer spoke on the mower and his feelings that the mower is adequate for our current needs. Highway Patrolman Dan VanderMolen was asked his input on the current tractor. Chairman Panozzo spoke on the importance of that piece of equipment and the need to have public support of such a large purchase. Clerk Schlieve would like to see the tractor budgeted for purchase next year.

Correspondence by Chairman or Supervisors: Supervisor Meyer would like to see the town follow the sign reflectivity guidelines set by the state. He would like to check out the town's participation in the PASAR program. Clerk Schlieve explained the new town maps including the new Ward 4.

Public Input: Syl Hoerth would like to see a large calendar in the meeting room. He felt that the water problems in the Willow Creek subdivision should go back to the developer. Tom Jordens

commented on the Davy Creek meeting and how the quotes will be handled. Jim Franke asked what the cost of the engineering covered. Jim Schlieve reported that the Ashippun Lions will be holding a Dodge County Supervisor's Candidate Forum on Monday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Ashippun Town Hall.

Announcements: Chairman Panozzo read the upcoming dates listed on the agenda, which included the March 1st Plan Commission meeting at 7:30 p.m.; the Town Board meeting on March 8th at 7:00 p.m.; Red Cross Blood Bank on March 12th at the town hall; and the Spring Election on April 3rd from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the town hall.

Chairman Panozzo moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Supervisor Meyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Schlieve, Clerk