

The Town of Crown Point held a Regular Town Board Meeting Thursday September 13, 2012

Members present: Supervisor Charles Harrington, Councilperson Tara Peters, Councilperson Bob Patnode, Councilperson Tom Walters, Councilperson Charles Harrington

Others present: Clint Griffin, John Capek, Wendy Walters, John and Sharon Hieber, Jerry Morse, Patricia Harris

Supervisor called meeting to order at 6:00 PM  
Pledge to Allegiance

#### Minutes

C. Peters made the motion to accept and place on file the Minutes of August 9, 2012 Regular Meeting. C. Mazurowski second. All aye. Motion carried.

C. Peters made the motion to accept and place on file the Minutes of August 15, 2012 Special Meeting. C. Patnode second. All aye. Motion carried.

#### Communications

NYS Commissioner of Taxation and Finances

Rabies Clinic Schedule

Miller, Mannix, Schachner and Hafner, LLC

Proposed Town Office upgrades to accommodate the physical needs of the Justice Court

Mike Fayette, NYS DEC

Tom Fish

NYS DEC

Cool Insuring

Safe Routes to School

Narrow band Mandate from the Highway Superintendent

C. Walters made the motion to accept and place on file all Communications. C. Peters second. All aye. Motion carried.

#### Order of Business

Renewal of Bond Anticipation Note of \$30,000.00 Waste Water Treatment Plant Project (\$10,000.00 of principle is paid every year).

S. Harrington and C. Walters have met with the Essex County Planning Office concerning the Safe Routes to School Grant Application. NYS DOT and the County Planning Office are proposing a mini roundabout at the intersection of Creek Road, Sugar Hill, and 9n&22 along with 4 crosswalks. The grant application will be finalized and forwarded to the State in October. Crown Point has been partnered with the Town of Jay, NY so we may have a better chance of being awarded the Grant. This Grant is 100% funded by State and Federal Monies.

The retaining wall project all aspects are complete except for a small amount of cement around the stairs and the installation of the stairs. Reimbursement application has been

forwarded to the State. The reimbursement rate is 50% of the original projected cost of \$235,000.00. The State has acknowledged the receipt of application.

Departments are finalizing budget proposals for 2013.

C. Walters made the motion to purchase a utility van from Brian Dwyer for the Highway Department. No second.

The projected cost of culvert replacement on Hogan Hill has been estimated at \$32,000.00. \$16,000.00 for materials and \$16,000.00 for labor. A Vermont Fish and Game Club that owns property in the same area has pledged \$32,000.00 to cover the cost

of replacement. Supervisor Harrington has received communication from FEMA concerning this area and Highway Superintendent will be in contact with agencies. Before any action is taken.

Eric Blanchard of Riznick Construction has completed a drawing of the proposed changes to Town Hall that will accommodate the needs of the Justice Court. These changes will increase seating capacity for Board Meetings to 45. S. Harrington will be in contact with Justice Court System in Albany.

C. Patnode would like the space left vacant in the Miller Building to be used for a command center for emergencies.

C. Patnode made the motion to endorse the proposed plan to incorporate Justice Court to the Town Hall. C. Peters second. All aye. Motion carried.

S. Harrington has been in contact with the Association of Towns and Counties. If cost estimate is greater than \$35,000.00 it has to go out to bid. If it does not have to go out to bid written or oral quotes are acceptable.

Question on the use of safety glass regulations should be reviewed if used in the Town Clerk's Office. Suggestion of doing the Court remodeling first and later do the Town Clerk's.

The Community Garden project is at a standstill. The use of Monitor Bay may cause problems due to the location of water and sewer lines. Question if the Veterans Park area could be used? Suggestion of contacting Paul Greenwood on his property located on Porter Mill Rd. C. Peters will contact Mr. Greenwood and S. Harrington will contact our insurance company. Tabled for consideration.

Electrical Meters will be installed after the closing of the campsite for the season.

The USDA Water Improvement Project is at a standstill due to personnel changes in the County Planners Office. Jack Dodson is able to continue the application process as a consultant. Jack will be sending a communication to the Board containing more information for the Board's review.

Essex County Office of Emergency Services has met with S. Harrington and C. Walters with regards to reorganizing the Town's Emergency Management Plan. This meeting will be well advertised and will be located at the Town Hall.

C. Patnode suggests having the bridge southwest on Hamilton Rd. looked at and having hazardous mitigation also included in meeting to be scheduled.

C. Walters made the motion to reappoint Chris Johnson to Board of Assessment and Review with term to expire 2017. C. Mazurowski second, C. Peters aye, S. Harrington aye, C. Patnode opposed, Motion carried.

C. Walters made the motion the General Fund loan Capital Project Retaining Wall \$50,050.00. C. Mazurowski second. C. Peters aye, S. Harrington aye, C. Patnode nay. Motion carried.

## Committee Reports

C. Peters present request from the Events Committee if it would be alright for the Committee replace hanging flower baskets with real mums.

The Committee is also doing the stickmen along Main Street again this year.

C. Walters has spoken to Gary Allen the main bearing on the RBC is in need of replacement, this will be coming up soon.

Distinguished Young Woman of the Year is requesting to become part of the Youth Commission for insurance purposes. S. Harrington has contacted the insurance company and is waiting for a reply. If there is an additional charge Jill Spring said to take it out of the \$500.00 we give the program each year.

## Any Other Business

### Comments from the floor

Patricia Harris would like to make the Board aware of her neighborhood problems of drugs, rodents, unsanitary conditions and possible criminal actions and the threat of west Nile virus. The Code Enforcement Officer is aware of the problems and is working on them. The Town could adopt a property maintenance code.

Question on the highway being able to utilize 25 ft from the center of the road on Bradford Hill and the Middle Rd. there's debris, furniture that should be taken care of. S. Harrington will speak to the Highway Superintendent..

### Supervisor and Town Clerk Report

C. Walters made the motion to accept and place on file reports. C. Patnode second. All aye. Motion carried.

### Approval of the Bills

C. Walters presented to Supervisor for payment Capital project retaining wall \$50,040.84  
C. Mazurowski second. C. Peters aye, S. Harrington aye, C. Patnode nay. Motion carried.

C. Walters presented to Supervisor for payment

General Fund	\$12,601.68	
Highway	\$23,151.94	Pending Highway Superintendent Signature
Water I	\$69,583.53	
Sewer	\$13,578.55	
Water II	\$ 1,736.06	

C. Mazurowski second. All aye. Motion carried.

C. Mazurowski made the motion to enter into executive session in regards to the pending litigation. C. Walters second. All aye. Motion carried Time 7:20 PM.

C. Mazurowski made the motion to enter back into regular session. C. Walters second. All aye. Motion carried. Time 7:35 PM.

### Minutes

C. Mazurowski made the motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes. C. Peters second. All aye. Motion carried.

### Adjournment

C. Walters made the motion to adjourn. C. Peters second. All aye. Motion carried.

### Time

7:37 PM