



MEETING WITH MANG INSURANCE

Mr. David Craine from Mang Insurance introduced Mr. George Bush, who will speak later on.

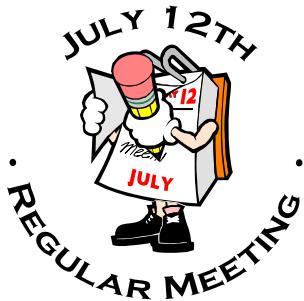
Mr. Craine presented Supervisor Kenneth M. Dodge a check in the amount of \$1,714.00 which represents our 3rd equal distribution of the original capitalization payment we made in the amount of \$6,859.00.

Mr. Craine then went over the contents of our Commercial Insurance Proposal.

On the Premium Summary, our total estimated premium will be \$29,752.30. Our Workers Compensation Insurance should be \$53,050.00.

Mr. George Bush, who came from Selective Insurance, was hired by Mang Insurance to provide Mang customers with a loss control service.

— Barbara Boulia, Town Clerk



The Regular Meeting before the Town of Schuyler was called to order by Supervisor Kenneth M. Dodge at the Schuyler Town Office, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, New York at 7:00 PM.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Supervisor Kenneth M. Dodge, Councilwoman Bette Szesny, Councilmen R. Dean Desrochers, Anthony Lucenti, and Robert VanDusen.

Also present were Highway Superintendent Donald Sroka, Budget Officer Eleanor K. Dodge, Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green, Assessor George Haskell, Town Clerk Barbara Boulia, County Legislator Jim Bono, Park Caretaker Joe Boulia and Town Resident A. Eugene Snyder.

Mr. Dodge led the assembled persons in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MEETING WITH JIM THATCHER FROM AVALON ASSOCIATES

Mr. Thatcher said there are two programs available at this time. The RBEG Program the grants are less than \$99,000.00. RBEG funds can be loaned for land building purchases, renovation, equipment, inventory, and working capital. Businesses eligible with 50 or fewer new employees and less than \$1 million in revenue. The Town of Schuyler would set lending criteria and loan terms and conditions. The Town would also manage loan review process.

The Second Program is NYUS Community Developmental Block Grant (CDBG).

Microenterprise Program: Municipalities can apply for up to \$200,000.00 to establish a small business grant program. Business grants usually range from \$5,000.00 to \$35,000.00 per



Jim Thatcher

project. There is no construction or renovation. These are grants not loans and the money is to be used for inventory, equipment or new machinery. The funds are available 90% with a 10% match from the owner. Mr. Thatcher said this is similar to the Farm Assistance Program we just completed. Mr. Thatcher also said the Town of Schuyler is in very good standing, due to the completion of the two Farm Assistance Programs. Mr. Thatcher said we have two years to complete the program.

Applicants must undertake a training course prior to being considered for assistance such as through Cornell Cooperative Extension or a NYS Small Business Development Center. The projects must create at least one (1) full time job for a low or moderate income person, or the owner of the business must qualify as low or moderate income to meet this standard (low and moderate Income = 80% of the median income for the Utica-Rome MSA).

Motion by Desrochers, second by Szesny for a motion to issue requests for proposals for professional services covering grants applications, preparation and administration for Federal and or State funding appropriations for small businesses job creation and related activities; all in favor.

Mr. Thatcher was asked what the time limit was on the application Carlson Associates submitted for the Town Park. His reply was September 1st, 2011.

MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2011

Councilman Desrochers said there is a correction in the minutes of June 8, 2011; he wanted it known that he donated the material and designed the trailer, and that Ed Kosakowski was not Superintendent of Highways, he was. Mr. Kosakowski did the work. Motion by VanDusen, second by Lucenti that the Town Board dispense with the reading of the minutes of June 8, 2011; all in favor.

DISCUSSION

REGARDING INSULATING THE TOWN OFFICE

Councilman Desrochers said he is waiting for one more quote. Codes Officer Phil Green said he should have it by Friday.

PAY BILLS

Motion by Desrochers, second by Szesny, that the bills for the past month be paid as presented: General, #227 — #285, and Highway, #150 — #169; all in favor.

RESIDENT COMMENT

— NONE —

Councilman VanDusen said he wanted to thank Joe Juliano, who donated the flowers at the Town Office Building.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FARM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM #2

Motion by Szesny, second by Desrochers, to draw down \$7,797.12; all in favor. Councilman Lucenti said this is the last draw down #6, and the end of the Farm Assistance Program #2. Councilwoman Szesny said she received the names of all the people who received grant money from this program and they will be included in the newsletter.

RECREATION BY ROBERT VANDUSEN

Councilman VanDusen said they are still waiting for responses on the Enchanted Forest Trip, on August 17, 2011. The deadline is August 1st, 2011, and if there are not more than 20 signed up, there will be no trip.

Councilman VanDusen said he and Stanley Usyk worked on the Wood Lane Recreation Center and it is all set for Pastor Cindy Makarchuk.

Councilman VanDusen asked if there was any more correspondence from Bob Cook who wanted to use the Baseball field on Cosby Manor Road. The Town Clerk said she did not hear anything and was under the

impression it would be in the fall.

Councilman Lucenti said he had talked to Isaac Bora, who is working on an Eagle Scout Project. Councilman Lucenti said maybe he could do a walking trail at the Recreation Center on Woods Lane. He suggested that highway could bring stone and the boys could camp over the weekend and put the stone down. Isaac wanted to know what the town would like done for his project.

SENIORS QUARTERLY REPORT

Supervisor Dodge said Senior Citizen Director Rita Davis left copies of the quarterly report from the Seniors: April 1st, 2011 they had \$5,630.66, and now they have a balance of \$6,086.16 as of the end of June 30, 2011.

PARK REPORT BY JOE BOULIA

Mr. Boulia said he has installed four brand new lights and a fan at the Town Park.

He said Snyder Fuel came and checked the stove as well as the grille and everything is in good working order. He said he painted all the posts at the pavilion and tightened and painted the cables. All the posts and cables at both the main pavilion and the second pavilion are completed. He also mentioned that Dean Desrochers had barrels donated and he painted them and they are in use. Mr. Desrochers said he will get one more barrel to be used at Woods Lane.

HERKIMER COUNTY HEALTH NET

The Town Clerk said she has been talking to Herkimer County Health Net and we can get a donation of Wood Chips for the playground. She said last year they ordered wood chips from Pala Wood Service Co. in the amount of \$720.00 for 40 yards and we pick them up. She said we can get them on a Park Grant and all we have to pay is approximately \$100.00 for delivery of the material. She was advised to go ahead.

She said the material will come out of R.E. Woodson from Rome.

UPDATE ON THE EXTRAVAGANZA

Councilman Lucenti said he is looking forward to the Extravaganza on July 23, 2011 with a rain date of July 24, 2011. He said Councilwoman Szesny did a great job on the Booklet and deserves a hand.

Councilwoman Szesny asked the Board if they had a copy of the Booklet in front of them. She said this year's Extravaganza Booklet is dedicated to Anthony J. Lucenti Councilman Lucenti said he does what he does, because he enjoys doing it and thanked all who thought of him.

HIGHWAY: REPORT BY SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Sroka said he finished Graham Road.

— UPDATE ON SHARED SERVICES —

County Legislator Jim Bono said the Master Plan is to have seven or eight sub stations.

He suggested that the Town of Schuyler and Herkimer County sit down and come to an arrangement regarding money for ditching and mowing. He said it will work the same way as the snow contract. Superintendent Sroka said he mows the Town Roads three times compared to the one time Herkimer County mows. County Legislator Bono asked Superintendent Sroka how many miles of road does the Town of Schuyler have. His reply was 18 miles. Mr. Bono was Herkimer County has 572 miles of road.

Mr. Bono will set up a meeting with Don Sroka, Jim Wallace and Jay Ewanyk and discuss the issue further.

— 1998 VOLVO —

Superintendent of Highways Sroka said they had motor problems with the 1998 Volvo.

Now he said they have problems again with the Number 2 cylinder. That will be going in for repairs and to expect a larger bill than the first one.

— REPORT ON USED EQUIPMENT —

Superintendent Sroka said we received a check for the three items that went on auction.

The check totaled \$4,988.00 for the bush hog, chipper, and the utility trailer.

He said the Gradall was sold but the buyer never paid for the unit. He said the Gradall will be listed again for 30 days.

— **NEW LOADER** —

Superintendent of Highways Sroka said the salesman told him it will be in by the end of July. He said the rest of the summer the men will be doing ditching.

— **GENERATOR** —

Superintendent of Highways Sroka said he met with the Electrician and he will start the pad next week.

— **UPDATE ON HOSPITALIZATION PLAN** —

As of September 1st the current Hospital Plan we have will be eliminated.

Motion by Desrochers, second by Szesny to continue with Excellus Simply Blue C-11 as our insurance; all in favor.

August 15, 2011 at 2:00 PM is the date to set up a meeting and to work on the Employment Policy.

CODES: REPORT BY OFFICER

Codes Enforcement Officer Phil Green said the Building Permits are real slow.

He said the two court cases regarding the containers went to Frankfort and tomorrow is the last day to remove the containers. He said one is a Farmer and they are allowed to have containers.

He said last Monday night there were two cases; both never showed. He said Court will write a letter.

He said he wanted to thank Barbara for getting the correct address of the house that burned down on Windfall Road. He will advise him by mail regarding the cleaning up of the property.

RESOLUTION RE: N.Y.S. TRAINING

— **FOR PLANNING BOARD AND Z.B.A.** —

Councilwoman Szesny said the State of New York is downsizing and she would like a resolution for the continuance of the training.

Motion by Szesny, second by Desrochers for the

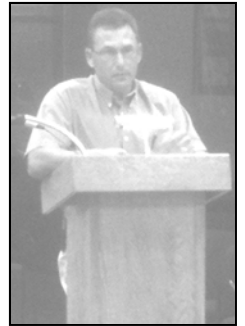
continuance of the Department that does the training for the Planning Board and Z.B.A.; all in favor.

ASSESSOR

Assessor George Haskell said everything so far is good. He said he has nothing new to report.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT

Herkimer County Legislator Jim Bono said he will touch on some of the subjects which have been coming up.



Jim Bono

He said the 2% Property Cap is based on Consumer Price Index. He said it will never be below 1%.

He said Herkimer County has \$692,000.00 for the budget that they received from a law suit with Erie, Niagara, and St. Lawrence County.

He said Medicare is the biggest single budget item. He said \$5.5 million dollars was spent on Medicare.

He said all the children who signed up with Herkimer County Summer Youth Program have been placed. He said he had a few who wanted to work the last minute and he was able to place them.

Herkimer County Community College is going to keep their budget where it is at.

He said the following have lost the Workmen's Compensation Case and are ordered to pay the following: Town of Frankfort, \$1.4 million dollars; Village of Ilion, \$1.1 million dollars; Village of Herkimer, \$1.6 million dollars; plus attorney fees and 9% interest.

He also said on the 2000 census we had 3,385 people, and the most recent census we had 3,420 people; we had an increase of 35 people.

I.D.A. is currently working on the Pumpkin Patch. They have met with several clients who are interested.

He said regarding the jail, they met with the DEC for

approval this week regarding the septic system. He said the Village of Herkimer was not receptive to the \$800,000.00 hook up fee. He said we decided to put in our own system which will cost less. They are just waiting for the approval from DEC.

Legislator Bono said the projected cost of the project is \$34 million. \$5.4 million will come from the tobacco monies, \$4.88 million will come from sales tax, the second quarter of 2012 should be \$750,000.00 in sales tax monies, and they have \$1.2 million in reserve.

That means they will need to bond approximately \$19.7 million dollars. He said to board Federal prisoners, the cost would be \$105.00 to \$112.00 per day, which would help with the costs. He also said we would keep them for 3 to 4 weeks, and no families of the prisoners will come here. He said it costs us approximately \$1 million dollars to board prisoners at Oneida County, and that does not include Montgomery County.

He said the new jail would bring in new jobs to the area. He said each floor has five employees, and if you have a three story building, that brings in extra jobs to the area.

WATER BOARD REPORT BY BETTE SZESNY

Councilwoman Szesny said there is nothing going on at the moment. She said in fact, the July 18, 2011 meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

BIKING ON THE ERIE CANAL JULY 15, 2011

Supervisor Dodge said the Town is all set for the biking. He also thanked Chris from Highway for his help with the water.

TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

— JULY 29 THRU JULY 31, 2011 —

The Town Clerk said there are approximately 25 signed up at the moment. There are approximately three families who wish to use the 2090 State Route 5 Parking Lot.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM ONEIDA COUNTY

— RE: SEWERS —

Supervisor Dodge said he received a letter from Oneida County regarding 25.8 million dollar grant from the State for mitigation overflow project for Oneida County.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COURT CLERKS

— TO APPLY FOR GRANT MONEY —

Motion by Szesny, second by VanDusen authorizing the Court Clerks to apply for a Court grant; all in favor.

RESIDENT COMMENT

◆ Town of Schuyler Resident, Eugene Snyder said he is very concerned about the Town Office roof. He said as the years go by it gets worse and without a good roof the building is doomed. He believes the Town Board has had success from the insulation that was done at the Town Barn. He said we have to bite the bullet — no roof, no building.

◆ Budget Officer Eleanor K. Dodge said she wants to criticize the accountants. They turned in a bill from last April of 2010. She asked back in May to have \$2,000.00 transferred and they left a message it will be done at the end of the month.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY LETTER

The Town Clerk read a letter from Beverly Gillette thanking the Town Board for the use of the Town Park. She also wanted to thank all the Board Members who worked at the picnic and Bette Szesny for her work doing the tickets, signs, and taking pictures.

◆ There being no further business to come before the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

— Barbara J. Bouliia, Town Clerk

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