

FLEMING TOWN BOARD MEETING

JUNE 13, 2016

Call to Order by Supervisor Gary B. Searing at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by Town Clerk Jo Anne Cox found the following board members present:

Supervisor Gary B. Searing

Councilman Jim Young

Councilman Gerald Dudek

Councilman David Ward

Councilman Don Oltz

also present: Attorney Michael D. Quill, Jr.

Constable Alan Parsons

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from May 9, 2016 as presented by Town Clerk Jo Anne Cox was made by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Oltz. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Public Hearings or Specific Presentations: None

Public to be Heard: The Public to be Heard forum was read by Town Clerk, Jo Anne Cox.

Rick Nelson of 5072 West Lake Road spoke on behalf of the Owasco Watershed Lake Association and would like to invite everyone to the 9th annual Owasco Lake Day event on Wednesday, June 22nd. Rick also mentioned the rough shape Route 38 in certain spots has become. Councilman Young agreed and also spoke on the road condition of Route 34B and the patches that are also in rough shape. He suggested the board should write a letter of complaint to our state officials regarding all our state highways in the town of Fleming. Alan Kowalski formerly of Fleming, now residing in New Hampshire, spoke in regards to the assessing situation in the Town of Fleming. He recently attended the BAR Review and feels the assessments are grossly in error and distorting the Fleming equity due to spot assessing and will therefore eventually result in lawsuits against the town.

Old Business:

New Business:

- (a) Motion to approve an adjustment regarding Fleming resident Jack Soccio's water bill due to a postal mix up was made by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Oltz. APPROVED AYES 5-0
- (b) Motion to revise Water Application Fee's from \$1,391.00 to \$1,404.00 was made by Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Oltz. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Building Code / Zoning Enforcement Officer: Don Bowen submitted his monthly report stating he attended two ZBA meetings this month, as well as the Owasco Watershed Lake Association meeting. He also attended the court house sale of a property at 2491 Dublin Rd. Don also asked what the board thought in regards to early signage for the impending presidential election or if we would follow the Town of Fleming 45 day rule. The town attorney will look into the matter. Councilman Ward asked for an update on the locolano property on Silver St Rd that is non compliant. Don explained a sale is pending on the neighboring property and we will wait for the outcome. Councilman Ward also questioned if there is any progress on the Lattimore property at the Point. Sean Lattimore is in the beginning stages.

Assessor: Fred Farrell spoke in regards to the changes to the STAR Program. New STAR applicants from March 1st 2015 to present will receive a credit in the form of a check directly from NYS instead of receiving a school property tax exemption. Eventually STAR will be phased out at the town level. Fred also updated the board on what he and his assistant, Onea, are working on involving the filing cabinets. They are cleaning out obsolete documents and will purge and cross edit the files to update the data cards. Fred informed Kelly Anderson of Real Property will no longer make corrections to escrow accounts because of so many inaccuracies due to assessments. He informed the board how the BAR Review went. Fred also stated Midstate Mutual disagrees with their assessment and will most likely end up taking us to court. Fred agreed with Mr. Kowalski regarding the assessments and again said revaluations of Fleming property's have not been done since 1987.

Highway / Recycling: Kerry Smith informed he attended a three day Highway School. Dietrich road is now 80% complete. Next week they will start on Forest Hill Drive. Don Bowen asked Kerry when he thought the shoulder may be fixed on the newly repaved Dunning Ave. Kerry will look into it. He also mentioned due to a low lying limb on Lake View Circle Fleming #1 fire truck backed into it. He spoke with our town attorney and it should be submitted through the town insurance. Councilman Ward asked about the violations with PESH and if they had been reconciled. Councilman Oltz asked about a replacement window over Bob Oliver's desk and would like it done sooner rather than later.

Requests and Comments of the Board: Motion to declare two items surplus as requested by John Carter and Bob Oliver of Utilities, Ross Valve Model # 4ZAF CV valve cost between \$7000.00 to \$12000.00 and a pipe cutter ratchet style for pipes 6-12 inch around at a cost of \$1276.00 made by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Oltz. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Councilman Young had questions for John Carter as to how restorations have been going. John said all problems have been addressed and the walk through should be in a week or so. He also asked about the key situation for the Water Pump Station and wanted to make sure more were available. Councilman Young also spoke on the possible Water District 6 Extension and asked Town Attorney Michael Quill to find out who would pay for mailings. If this was petitioned it would fall on the petitioners. Councilman Oltz asked about the water line under Glanville Road. John Carter stated the idea was to move the system at Glanville Road so we have two loops. If we have a break at the north end of Silver Street Road we can actually isolate it and feed this end thru Glanville Road. It should also help with the water pressure.

Budget Transfers / Amendments: Motion to approve made by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Ward. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Town Clerk's Report: Motion to approve made by Councilman Oltz, seconded by Councilman Dudek. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Supervisor's Report: Motion to approve made by Councilman Dudek, seconded by Councilman Ward. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Approval of Bills for Payment:

General Fund	\$8,629.50	Motion to approve made by Councilman Oltz, 2 nd by Councilman Ward. APPROVED AYES 5-0
Water District #1	\$155,434.50	Motion to approve made by Councilman Ward, 2 nd by Councilman Young. APPROVED AYES 5-0
Sewer Fund	\$18,200.25	Motion to approve made by Councilman Oltz, 2 nd by Councilman Dudek. APPROVED AYES 5-0
Refuse Fund	\$3427.70	Motion to approve made by Councilman Young, 2 nd by Councilman Oltz. APPROVED AYES 5-0
Special Lighting District	\$158.19	Motion to approve made by Councilman Dudek, 2 nd by Councilman Ward. APPROVED AYES 5-0
Highway Fund	\$31,191.28	Motion to approve made by Councilman Oltz, 2 nd by Councilman Ward. APPROVED AYES 5-0
Water District Capitol Project	\$6,529.00	Motion to approve made by Councilman Young, 2 nd by Councilman Dudek. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Executive Session: Motion to move into Executive Session regarding employment of a particular individual was made by Councilman Oltz, seconded by Councilman Ward. APPROVED AYES 5-0 No action taken. Motion to move back into open session made by Councilman Dudek, seconded by Councilman Young. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Dudek, seconded by Councilman Ward. The time was 7:55. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Fleming Town Clerk

