

REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 12, 2009 - DAY TOWN BOARD

A REGULAR MEETING of the Town Board of the Town of Day, New York was held in the Town Hall on January 12, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mary Ann Johnson at 7:00 PM and the following answered roll call: Town Council - Neil Allen, Charlie Dreyer, Suzanne Denn, Preston Allen, Highway Superintendent Scott York, Attorney David Avigdor, Planning Board Chairman David Cox. Auditing the meeting was Hadley-Luzerne High School student William Berg.

Motion, made by Charlie Dreyer, seconded by Suzanne Denn, to **approve the minutes** of the December 08, 2008 Regular Meeting and the 2009 Organizational Meeting (with the correction of George Gatts name being removed as the NIMS representative).

Ayes: Neil Allen, Charlie Dreyer, Suzanne Denn, Preston Allen, Supervisor Mary Ann Johnson.

Carried 5 - 0

Motion made by Preston Allen, seconded by Neil Allen, to **approve the audited vouchers** as follows:

2008 General Fund	
#353 - #362	\$2311.47
2008 Highway	
#126 - #131	\$5153.23
2009 General Fund	
#1 - #19	\$43,841.66
2009 Highway	
#6	\$396.40

Ayes: Neil Allen, Charlie Dreyer, Suzanne Denn, Preston Allen, Supervisor Mary Ann Johnson

Carried 5 - 0

Motion, made by Charlie Dreyer, seconded by Preston Allen, to **approve the January monthly reports** for the Assessor, Town Justice Krom, CEO, Town Clerk, Supervisor. Yearly reports for the CEO, Town Clerk, 4th Qtr. ZBA & Planning Boards for 2008.

Ayes: Neil Allen, Charlie Dreyer, Suzanne Denn, Preston Allen, Supervisor Mary Ann Johnson

Carried 5 - 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

DCPC - The Holiday Celebration had a very good turnout, there were crafters and vendors to fill all the available spaces, a large number of people to buy cookies, shop and eat lunch. The DCPC will be having a meeting shortly to start discussing this years events.

Highway Superintendent - Highway Superintendent Scott York reports that the Highway crew has been pushing a lot of snow. There was one accident on 12/24/08 which involved a hand injury to one of the Highway crew.

Comprehensive Plan Committee - Supervisor Mary Ann Johnson reports that the next meeting of the Committee is on January 21st at 10:00 AM. Supervisor Johnson reports that all the Surveys have been mailed out and approx. 160 have been returned to far. Supervisor Johnson asks that anyone who hasn't returned their survey yet to please do so. There will also be guest speakers at the next meeting including Paul Lent, Mike McAvoy, Ed Trembley, etc.

OLD BUSINESS -

Recognition of two volunteers for Feb. - Supervisor Mary Ann Johnson reports that the resolution being written by Office of the Aging for Marge Rauth is not ready and the ceremony has been postponed until February. Supervisor Johnson reports that the wheelchair has arrived and is available for use by the Seniors.

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Kloss/Town land swap of property - Assessor meeting -

Supervisor Mary Ann Johnson asked Attorney David Avigdor if he has met with the Assessor yet. Attorney Avigdor replied that the Assessor had sent information down to the County concerning this matter, but that he, Attorney Avigdor, had not heard anything from the County yet.

NEW BUSINESS -

Appointment of Ken Metzler to the Comprehensive Review Committee -

Supervisor Johnson is recommending that Ken Metzler be appointed to the Comprehensive Review Committee. Supervisor Johnson states that she will remain as a liaison between the Committee and the Town Board, but will not vote during Committee meetings.

Support resolution in opposition to amending Section 544 of Real Property Taxes -

A resolution opposing the Amending of Section 544 of Real Property Tax Law was received from the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages. Governor Paterson proposes to cap property taxes on state land at the 2008 level. This proposed tax cap would set a dangerous precedent by creating two separate ad valorem tax rates, one for the state and another for private property owners and shift the financial responsibility from the State to the small towns including the Town of Day. Supervisor Johnson recommends that we support this resolution.

The Town Board members agree.

Health Insurance Plan issues -

Supervisor Johnson explained that the 2009 Medical insurance Plan for retirees, called Medicare Advantage Plan, is different than in previous years. With the current plan, a retiree can only have the Towns drug card where previously they could have more than one if they had coverage under another plan that had drug coverage also.

With Medicare Advantage Plan, the Town medicare retirees can have their medical coverage, including drugs, but they cannot have drug coverage provided under any other plan. If they do, they will lose the Town's coverage. Two of our retirees have decided to take coverage with other plans. Normally, once an employee / retiree leaves a company's medical plan they are not entitled to come back into the plan. Supervisor Johnson recommended that these two retirees be allowed to return to the Towns insurance plan in existence at the time of their request to re-join as the Town eliminated their ability to have more than one drug card by going to the Medicare Advantage Plan. A request for payment in lieu of not taking the Town's plan was made by one of the retirees but the Board decided not to offer this option.

Review of fees charged for Building, Planning and Zoning -

Planning Board Chairman has suggested a review of fees for Building, Planning and Zoning as it has been awhile since this has been reviewed to see if any changes are warranted. Supervisor Mary Ann Johnson has suggested that Code Enforcement Officer Ken Metzler take a look at our fees and at others Towns to see if they should be updated.

Set time and date for audit of books -

The Board has agreed to audit the books on January 19th at 10:00 AM.

PUBLIC INPUT ON ANY OF THE RESOLUTIONS BEING VOTED ON TONIGHT -

None

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Motion, made by Suzanne Denn, seconded by Charlie Dreyer, to **adopt the following resolutions:**

#2009-01: Appointment of Ken Metzler to the Comprehensive Plan Committee

#2009-02: Support Resolution in opposition to amending Section 544 of Real Property Taxes

#2009-03 Resolution agreeing to reinstate former members of the Town's Health Insurance plan if they wish to rejoin

#2009-04 Resolution to set date and time for audit of books

Ayes: Neil Allen, Charlie Dreyer, Suzanne Denn, Preston Allen, Supervisor Mary Ann Johnson

Carried 5 - 0

CORRESPONDENCE -

Supervisor Johnson reports that a Thank You card has been received from the Rockwell Falls Presbyterian Church Thrift Shop for the donation of food for the food pantry. The Day Community Projects Committee collected food during their Holiday Celebration.

The Saratoga Planning and Zoning Conference will take place on January 28th in Saratoga Springs.

INPUT FROM PUBLIC -

None

Motion, made by Preston Allen, seconded by Suzanne Denn, to **adjourn this Regular Town Board Meeting** was made at 7:35 PM.

Ayes: Neil Allen, Charlie Dreyer, Suzanne Denn, Preston Allen, Supervisor Mary Ann Johnson

Carried 5 - 0

Carol Vaillancourt
Town Clerk