

SPECIAL MEETING - June 05, 2007 - DAY TOWN BOARD

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Town Board of the Town of Day, New York was held in the Town Hall on June 05, 2007.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mary Ann Johnson at 7:05 PM and the following answered roll call - Town Council: Neil Allen, Percy Allen, Suzanne Denn, Preston Allen, Town Clerk Carol Vaillancourt.

INTERVIEWS FOR ASSESSOR -

Mr. Joe Loheide was present to be interviewed by the Town Board. Mr. Loheide had previously submitted a resume and cover letter to the Board. Mr. Loheide also brought a letter of recommendation from Mr. Robert D. Hilbert, Senior Partner at Appraisal Consultants. Supervisor Johnson asked whether he felt he had a good understanding of the practices of an assessor, good knowledge of theory, principal and of residential building. Mr. Loheide stated that he is a certified builder and that he also has a good knowledge of the laws and of deeds. Mr. Loheide also pointed out that he feels it is necessary to have a good relationship with the Board of Assessment Review. Mr. Loheide also believes in courtesy in dealing with the public and in educating the public. Mr. Loheide said that he believes in listening to the property owners as they know their property better than he does and after talking to them and physically seeing their property trying to work with them.

Supervisor Johnson asked whether Mr. Loheide had any experience with lakefront property and he replied that he did have.

Supervisor Johnson also asked whether he would require a clerk. Mr. Loheide doesn't feel the need for a clerk as he was a computer technician and can do all the necessary data entry etc. himself.

Mr. Loheide is already certified as an assessor although he has not yet practiced as an assessor.

Mr. Loheide feels that there are some people you can't satisfy, but is committed to working with the public to help them understand such things as re-valuations and that they also have to keep him up to date on what is going on with their property.

Mr. Loheide has worked in different size towns, some of which are comparable to the Town of Day and has already found out about our equalization rate, the amount of businesses in Town and various other things.

Supervisor Johnson outlined the benefits etc, number of holidays per year and that the Town will pay for all training and organization dues.

The new term, which is for six years, will start on October 01st, 2007. Mr. Loheide informed the Board that should he be given the position he would be happy to come in and work with the current assessor prior to his retirement to get a good feel for how things are done etc.

REVIEW FOR BUILDING PLANS -

The Town Board met with Mr. Garry Robinson, the engineer who is working on the plans and with Mr. Ken Metzler, the Town Code Enforcement Officer, who has been conferring with Mr. Robinson on the design. Supervisor Johnson spoke regarding the original request for office space on the back of the building for the use of the Justices and the Court Clerk. Supervisor Johnson didn't feel the cost of that was justified for people using the building only a few hours a week.

Supervisor Johnson stated that Mr. Robinson was asked to turn his focus to the end of the building where it was originally intended for an addition to be put on when the building was first designed. Supervisor Johnson stated that this would put the Town Hall on the right track for growth in the Town Hall over the next 20 years.

Office space is needed for various departments, not just the Justices.

Mr. Robinson made a presentation for new space at the Town Hall and also for the Highway Garage. Highway Superintendent Scott York attended the presentation, and his input was noted by Mr. Robinson regarding Superintendent York's need for a new office as well as some necessary repairs and modifications to the garage itself including a new roof and some of the doors needing to be made higher.

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Supervisor Johnson asked the Board if they were all in agreement to pursue the new plans for the Town Hall with an addition of the end of the building towards the parking lot and not at the end of the meeting room. The entire Board agreed with Councilman Neil Allen when he stated that this idea would be more feasible in the long range.

Supervisor Johnson stated that these plans may not be implemented this year. The plans have to be completed by Mr. Robinson and then would need to go out to bid. Once the plans are finalized the Board would also have a better idea of cost and whether the project could be started this year or whether more money would need to be budgeted for the next year.

Mr. Robinson will return at the July 09th meeting to show the Board some fresh drawings.

REVIEW OF SPECS ON RECYCLING TRUCK -

Supervisor Johnson had reviewed some specs given to her by Superintendent York regarding a new recycling truck. Superintendent York stated the specs, which were obtained from the state, include 5 bays for plastic, glass, cardboard, etc. with a compactor for the plastics. The cost of this truck according to the specs would be approx. \$113,000.00. Superintendent York had put \$125,000.00 in his budget for the purchase of this truck. Superintendent York also mentioned that it may be possible to get a grant that would get the Town a reimbursement for the price of the truck. It will take approx. three and a half to four months to receive the recycling truck once it is ordered.

Resolution # 2007-22, made by Suzanne Denn, seconded by Neil Allen, to **approve** the purchase of a new recycling truck by state bid for the Town of Day.

Ayes: Neil Allen, Percy Allen, Suzanne Denn, Preston Allen, Supervisor Johnson

Carried 5 - 0

Superintendent York also spoke about the necessary bridge repair on Min Allen Road. He said that the Town did not qualify for FEMA so the Town would have to provide the monies for the repairs. Superintendent York said that he has obtained a quote from M J Engineering on repairs to the bridge in the amount of \$31,800.00. This would repair the bridge, but not replace it. The total cost for the project would be approx. \$38,000.00 including \$6,000.00 or \$7,000.00 in engineering fees.

TAX COLLECTOR POSITION

Supervisor Johnson stated that according to the Town Law Book a town with less than 10,000 people is a town of the second class. In this case to eliminate an elected position can be done by a resolution of the Town Board if it is done at least 150 days prior to the election and would not be subject to a permissive referendum.

Councilman Preston Allen and Councilwoman Suzanne Denn agree with abolishing the position since no one has shown any interest in the position. There was no response to ads that were placed or phone calls etc. to find a candidate for Tax Collector.

Councilman Neil Allen felt that the next Town Clerk might not want to also collect the taxes for the Town but with the lack of interest the Town did not really have a choice.

Councilman Suzanne Denn pointed out that the additional duties of tax collecting would be negotiated by the Board at budget time.

Resolution # 2007 -23, made by Preston Allen, seconded by Suzanne Denn, to **abolish** the position of Tax Collector at the end of election year - 12/31/07.

Ayes: Neil Allen, Percy Allen, Suzanne Denn, Preston Allen, Supervisor Johnson

Carried 5 - 0

Supervisor Johnson stated that she has left several messages at the home of the current tax collector Jean Knobloch and has received no response. The is mail and other things in Jean Knobloch's boxes and messages on her phone that need to be

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taken care of and have been there quite a while.

Councilwoman Suzanne Denn asked about paying the Deputy Tax Collector to take care of these things. Supervisor Johnson said she would look into finding the money to pay the Deputy to take care of this.

Motion made by Percy Allen, seconded by Neil Allen, to **adjourn** this Special Meeting of the Day Town Board was made at 5:45 PM.

Ayes: Neil Allen, Percy Allen, Suzanne Denn, Preston Allen, Supervisor Johnson

Carried 5 - 0

Carol Vaillancourt
Town Clerk