

February 14, 2013
Town of Afton
County of Chenango

Present at the regular meeting were Supervisor J Lawrence, R Tallmadge, M Long, Highway Superintendent L Shultis, ACO A Cross, Assessor S McIntyre.

Visitors: W Colley, B Heller, A Steinberg, M Bernhard, E Zablocki, M Steinbach, D Gersch, S Capizzi, N Caldiero, W Caldiero.

Bills were audited and ordered paid as follows:

General fund claims #28-49 totaling \$169076.20 as listed on General Fund Abstract #2 dated February 14, 2013 and

Highway Fund Claims #10-22 totaling \$14408.62 as listed on Highway Fund Abstract #2 dated February 14, 2013

Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm with the salute to the flag.

Regular meeting minutes of January 10, 2013 were reviewed. Correction to minutes as Letter from D Gardner was tabled made. Motion to approve made by M Long, seconded by R Tallmadge. Approved.

Communications

- 1) Letter from NYS DOT regarding culvert repair on Rt 235 discussed
- 2) Letter from Town of Barker reviewed
- 3) Resolution from Town of Deerpark reviewed

Recognition of Visitors

B Heller informed town that local news letter second edition under new name to approximately 1400 households.

A Steinberg spoke on renovations and repairs and volunteer work on current town hall. Afton Vision Group to meet with Supervisor and any available Town Council members on Thursday February 21, 2013 at 8 am

E Colley spoke on work being done for landowners by the Landowner Coalition.

Committee Reports

- 1) Financial Reports for February were distributed.
- 2) Justice Reports for February were reviewed.
- 3) Code Enforcement report was distributed.
- 4) Assessor Report for February Assessor S McIntyre stated that renewals were at approximately 50%. Also distributed information on new NYS Star exemption policy that allows for removal of Star exemption being removed from property taxes for anyone being in arrears to NYS in excess of \$4500.00 and who have not made arrangement for payment of debt with Department of Taxation and Finance. This is a state policy and all questions must be referred to DTF not assessor or any town official.

- 5) Highway report for February: Department very busy for snow and ice removal due to January weather conditions. Superintendent request permission to go out to bid on stone sand and gravel for next season. Motion to go to bid for Stone, Gravel and Sand with bids to be opened on March 14, 2013 made by J Lawrence and seconded by R Tallmadge. Approved
- 6) Grade all is at Winn's Garage for replacement of head gasket so it will be ready for summer work.
- 7) Building Committee: building of garage to begin soon.
- 8) Animal Control Report: A Cross stated that dogs still being picked up and a bite being handled in the Village at this time.
- 9) Medical Center Flooring Committee no report at this time as J Baciuska not present.

Old Business

- 1) Answers to audit issues were distributed to councilmen, Motion to accept that Audit conducted on January 17, 2012 at 169 Main Street Afton at 7 pm involving Town Justices J Palumbo and R Sherman, as well as Town Clerk R Klatz and Afton town General and Highway accounts were found to be complete and accurate with any questions being resolved, made by R Tallmadge and seconded by J Lawrence. Approved Town audits are conducted by Supervisor and Town Council.
- 2) Tabled Letter from Diane Gardner continues to be tabled until all councilmen are present to address it.

New Business

None at this time

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm by B Tallmadge and Seconded by M Long. Approved

Supervisor _____ Town Clerk _____

Town Council _____
