

Town Board Minutes June 19, 2002

REGULAR BOARD MEETING TOWN HALL

JUNE 19, 2002 7:30 P.M.

Present were Councilman Damian P. Wiktor, Councilman Thomas A. Edington, Councilman Karl J. Simmeth Jr., Councilman Dennis J. Mead, Supervisor William A. Eagan, and Highway Superintendent Wayne C. Kreitzbender.

Absent: Town Attorney Michael F. Perley.

A motion was made by Councilman Simmeth and seconded by Councilman Edington to adopt the minutes of the June 5, 2002 regular meeting.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Mead and seconded by Councilman Wiktor, upon review by the Town Board, that the Fund Bills on Abstract #6A, dated June 19, 2002, amount of \$128,083.75 be paid.

five (5) Ayes Carried

Received and filed notification from NYS DOT of the establishment of a 45-MPH speed limit for Trevett Road, CR420, from the town line to Boston-Springville Road.

Councilman Simmeth commented that the request to lower the speed limit on Trevett Road was re-submitted approximately one month ago after denial by the NYS DOT in August of 2000. Erie County will install all necessary signs.

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Gayle Hanley, 5622 Northside Drive: I have been talking to Councilman Simmeth and Highway Superintendent Kreitzbender for a year with regards to drainage problems in the Creekside Subdivision. We met with Town Attorney Perley last month to ask what might be done by the town to rectify the water problem. He indicated he would send us petitions with the names and addressees of residents so signatures can be obtained to proceed with a proposed drainage district. I would like to get it on the record of what is going on with the petition or with the request for investigation of this situation.

Councilman Simmeth: Town Attorney Perley will contact Town Engineer Harris regarding the drainage issue in the Creekside Subdivision. Creating a drainage district is being discussed. There is no problem in Mr. West's area of the subdivision. If the decision is made to create a drainage district, it will be up to the voters to decide if they want it. Town Attorney Perley and Town Engineer Harris will try to solve your problem first. I looked it up and it has been a year since your request.

Gayle Hanley: The homeowners in this area are willing to go to some expense to have drain tiles and drainage ditches done in our back yards. The problem is that we have no where to drain the water. The issue is whether this is the town's problem both in the Creekside Subdivision and on Meadow Drive.

Supervisor Eagan: Wasn't there talk about taking the water to one of the streets?

Councilman Wiktor: There was talk to take the water to Boston State Road but that is a NYS Highway and the drainage is now at capacity with eight inch pipes. Added drainage would require larger capacity pipes.

Highway Superintendent Kreitzbender: Town Engineer Harris surveyed the area and determined that they must go down at least eighteen inches on Northside Drive to make the drainage work. The problem is that the water goes down to the end of Northside and over to Meadow Drive and opens to a swamp and they are not sure how to continue.

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A motion was made by Councilman Wiktor and seconded by Councilman Edington, on the recommendation of Recreation Director Clesse, to approve the following appointments to the Summer Recreation Day Camp 2002, term effective immediately and to expire 8/31/02:

NAME	TITLE	HOURLY WAGE
Andy Smith	Site Supervisor	\$8.00
Jennifer Olivieri	Counselor	\$6.60
Kelly Murphy	Craft Supervisor	\$6.00
Melissa Dzikowski	Site Supervisor	\$7.60
Jesse Hess	Substitute Counselor	\$5.25

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Simmeth and seconded by Councilman Wiktor to approve the following June 13, 2002 Transfers of Appropriations:

Approp A960 \$2,000

From: Contingent Acct A1990.4 \$2,000

Approp A960 \$2,000

To: Assessor-Contractual A1355.4 \$2,000

five (5) Ayes Carried

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Received and filed Supervisor's Financial Report for May 2002.

Supervisor Eagan reported attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Boston Historical Society for the new addition. Residents can be proud of the work that the volunteers are doing at the Historical Society to maintain the heritage of the community.

Supervisor Eagan reported that he attended the 35th Anniversary celebration of AMVETS Post 219 at Orsini's Restaurant.

Supervisor Eagan attended the VFW Post 2556 installation dinner and congratulated Town Clerk Shenk who was elected Commander.

Supervisor Eagan reported that regarding complaints from residents in the East Hill Water District around the Chestnut Ridge Road area, Nussbaumer & Clarke is going to address road edge repairs, topsoil and seed restoration.

Supervisor Eagan reported he thanked the Clarence Town Board for support of our Resolution designating US219 as a Scenic Route.

Supervisor Eagan reported that on June 14, 2002 Erie County informed him that the drainage problem on LuDon Drive had been addressed. On June 17, 2002 Mr. & Mrs. Rybeck reported the same drainage problem and Supervisor Eagan visited the Rybecks and was shown the source of the problem. On June 19th Supervisor Eagan, Councilman Simmeth and an Erie County representative investigated their complaint. Supervisor Eagan noted that the Drainage Committee responds to problems but a way needs to be found to be pro active and create a maintenance program for drainage.

Supervisor Eagan announced notification was received from Erie County that a flashing red/yellow light and "stop ahead" signs will be installed at Boston State/Boston Colden Roads. Erie County will address the approach from the southern part of the intersection to lower the crest that hampers visibility. Supervisor Eagan noted that the Town Board, the Traffic and Safety Committee, the State Police, Erie County Commissioner of Public Works Maria Lehman, EC Public Works Rep. Charles Sickler, Erie County Legislator McCarville and Brittany Cudeck all played an intricate part in solving the problem at this intersection.

into the Meadow Drive system that goes to Eighteen-Mile Creek.

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TOWN CLERK REPORT

A motion was made by Councilman Wiktor and seconded by Councilman Simmeth to accept the Town Clerk Monthly Report for May 2002.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Mead and seconded by Councilman Edington to accept the Tax Collector Monthly Report for May 2002.

five (5) Ayes Carried

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Highway Superintendent Kreitzbender congratulated Supervisor Eagan and Councilman Simmeth for their efforts on correcting what he considers the most dangerous intersection in town.

Highway Superintendent Kreitzbender reported the CHIPS Program (Consolidated Highway Improvement Projects) has begun and over seven miles of road has been paved. Work will begin June 20th on driveway approaches and intersection corrections. Next week a complete restoration will begin on Patchin Road and the road will be closed except for local traffic and emergency vehicles.

Highway Superintendent Kreitzbender requested that Traffic and Safety Chairman Simmeth consider lowering the speed limit on Rockwood and Omphalius Roads.

COUNCILMAN REPORT

Councilman Mead inquired as to the posted speed limits for the three major steep roads, Liebler, Omphalius and Boston Cross Road, with approximately the same incline.

Highway Superintendent Kreitzbender responded that on Omphalius Road the speed limit is 45 mph at the top and 50 mph at the bottom, Liebler is 45 mph at the top and 35 mph at the bottom, and there is a reduction request pending for Boston Cross Road which is currently 35 mph to the powerline.

Councilman Mead reported that he attended a luncheon for the volunteers for the Nutrition Program, renamed NYS Stay Fit Dining. The volunteers were presented with plaques in appreciation for their work and Councilman Mead thanked the volunteers noting that without them there would not be a Nutrition Program.

Councilman Mead commented that Britney Cudek was also instrumental in the process of getting traffic devices installed at the Boston State/Boston Colden Road intersection.

Councilman Wiktor reported that North Boston Fire Company added nine members to the Fire Police Squad.

A motion was made by Councilman Wiktor and seconded by Supervisor Eagan to appoint the following to the North Boston Fire Police Squad, term to expire upon resignation, removal or retirement:

John Braun, Michael Frank, Susan Frank, William Kleis, Jeffery Knowles, Lynn Knowles, Richard Lee, Frederick Shear, Kevin Steward.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Wiktor and seconded by Councilman Simmeth to grant the Boston Youth Baseball Association permission to use the Town Park facilities on July 19-21, 2002 for the 2nd Annual Baseball Tournament.

five (5) Ayes Carried

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COUNCILMAN REPORT (cont.):

Councilman Wiktor announced that the Summer Concert series schedule is available and there are nine concerts beginning Tuesdays July 2nd to August 27th.

Councilman Simmeth thanked Supervisor Eagan and Erie County Legislator McCarville for taking an active role in securing traffic devices at the Boston State/Boston Colden intersection and hopes that this will cut down on the number of accidents at the site.

Councilman Edington read a thank you letter from Mable Lougen for the Town Board recognition of her 100th birthday.

Received and filed Dog Control Officers Report for May 2002.

A motion was made by Councilman Wiktor and seconded by Councilman Mead to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

DAVID J. SHENK, TOWN CLERK