

**TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 15, 2017  
7:00PM  
DEPOT STREET MEETING ROOM**

Call to Order by Supervisor Blouvet.

Roll Call: Supervisor James Blouvet-Present  
Councilperson: Russell Hall-Present  
Councilperson: Carolyn Carney-Present  
Councilperson: Linda Mascho-Present  
Councilperson: Donette Shelley-absent

Also present: Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk  
David Pullen, Town Attorney

Assemblage: Brett Clouse, Mike Stump, Mark Voorheis, Theo Bullock, Garry Reynolds, Sam Speta, Kevin Margerum, Robert Cummins, Leslie Dahill, Brian Blouvet, Vivian Howell James Moneheim, Karl Kruger, Dale Clark, Doug Ward.

Motion to approve the minutes from January 18, 2017, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Russell Hall. All approve.

Motion to approve the Audited Bills from January 18, 2017 in the amount of \$75,034.40, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho. Roll call vote: James Blouvet-aye, Russell Hall-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Carolyn Carney-aye.

Motion to approve the Supervisor's report for January 2017 offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

**SUPERVISOR'S CONCERNS**

Water Project is ongoing. The Engineer approved the water extension from Saputo to the Trailer park. The County wants water to crossroads but the Town of Friendship has to take care of the Town first. The Water Reservoir was found not to be leaking.

The Town Hall bathroom will be locked on non-working hours due to problems.

Winter weather is making the roads a never ending battle to keep up with, as in Co. Road 31, up east hill. The Supervisor advised he would like to see the County put in some kind of caution light to warn people of the road conditions.

**7:10 PUBLIC HEARING- ADOPTING LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE SALARY OF THE TOWN JUSTICE FOR 2017 FROM \$6,535.00 TO \$13,070.00.**

**Supervisor opens up Hearing for any concerns or questions.**

Karl Kruger stated that he had no opposition to the increase of the salary, but if Dave was going to retire, the salary could hurt him in his retirement, he could face a penalty on his pension. He may want to look into it.

There being no other questions or concerns, the public hearing was closed and the Town board considered any of the questions or concerns, addressed any comments. The Supervisor requested a motion that the proposed resolution be adopted. The following resolution was offered by Russell Hall and seconded by Carolyn Carney.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Friendship believes that it is in the best interest of the town to adopt a local law to provide for a one year increase in the salary for the Town Justice to compensate the Town Justice performing the duties of both Town Justices for the Town of Friendship for the year 2017, and

WHEREAS, this local law would increase the salary of the Town Justice of the Town of Friendship from \$6,535.00 to \$13,070 for the year of 2017 in the Town of Friendship, and

WHEREAS, the said proposed local law shall be effective upon filing as required by law;

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been conducted regarding this local law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT:

1. RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town of Friendship adopt Introductory Local Law No. 1 of 2017, to be now identified as Local Law No. 2 of 2017, entitled “ A Local Law to raise the annual salary of the Town Justice of the Town of Friendship to Thirteen Thousand Seventy dollars(\$13,070.00) for the year Two Thousand Seventeen” specifically reading as follows:

Sections 1. Legislative Intent. It is the intent of this local law to increase the annual salary of the Town Justice of the town of friendship from Six Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-five Dollars(\$6,535.00) to Thirteen Thousand Seventy Dollars(\$13,707.00) during the year Two Thousand Seventeen to compensate the Town Justice performing the duties of both Town Justices for the Town of Friendship for 2017.

Section 2. Authority.

This local law shall take effect forty-five days after adoption, subject to the requirements for a permissive referendum and the completion thereof and subject to filing with the Secretary of State.

Section 3. Effective date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule law.

2. RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is directed to have printed and posted notice of the adoption of Local Law No. 2 of 2017 at the meeting of February 15, 2017 and further notice that the adoption of Local Law No. 2 of 2017 is subject to a permissive referendum.

The Supervisor asked if there was any further discussion. There being no further discussion the Supervisor put the matter to a roll call vote which resulted as follows:

James B. Blouvet- voting- aye

Linda Mascho- voting- aye

Russell Hall- voting - aye

Carolyn Carney – voting - aye

Donette Shelley- absent

The Supervisor declared the Local Law to be duly adopted and directed the Town Clerk to post and publish the Legal Notice of the adoption and permissive referendum as quickly as possible.

**7:15pm-Public Hearing – Proposed Local Building Permit fees.**

Supervisor opened up the hearing with the following concerns, questions, oppositions.

Karl Kruger spoke in regards to increasing the permit fees. He feels this will put a damper on any building expansion since we want to expand the tax base. Permits are used by the assessor on the assessments. He thinks the permit fees need to be kept at \$30.00, this helps to encourage people to get their permit. He thinks it is dangerous if Kevin has to go out and inspect 15 times, permits would be more, and the fees are connected with his salary. If he is doing his job and going out to inspect many times then increase his salary, don't increase the building permit fees .

Brett Clouse had several questions as to the cost on the building permit fees, he stated they weren't clear, example what was meant by unfinished or finished. He was opposed to increasing any fees.

After the hearing was closed the Board discussed briefly and the questions, concerns and opposition was taken into consideration the following motion was offered. Motion to table the above proposed local building Permit fees, offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Russell Hall. All approve.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS**

**Les Dahill** stated that at the last meeting under Supervisor's concerns he wanted the wording changed to "inquired" about a grant.

Mr. Dahill asked about the status on the Fire Dept. Lease that is being revised. Supervisor Blouvet advised there was a few changes, one of the changes being a 1 year lease, and they would be working on it.

**Vivian Howell** – She advised she can no longer clean the GAR Hall or do painting, etc. and there are people that have offered to help. Supervisor Blouvet stated it was good that these people want to help or volunteer, let them help out. Vivian states how the bathroom floor is bad, some lights work, off and on.

Attorney Pullen advised the Board that before you have people in there at the G.A.R. Hall working to make sure they would be covered under the Town's Insurance and have them sign some kind of sheet/form. Make sure they are at least 18 years old. The form should state that they are working as a "volunteer" at the G.A.R. Hall.

The Supervisor asked the Building Code Inspector, Kevin Margerum to check out anything unsafe in the Hall, including the electrical. Kevin thought the floor in the bathroom was o.k. that the slopping was from movement when building was once moved, there was another floor underneath that one. It is a historical building and you have to be careful how you repair the building.

**Theo Bullock**-Thanked the Supervisor for coming out to her house in regards to the erosion . She wanted to know if the Town had any kind of letters regarding the property. Supervisor did not know of any but would check with the highway superintendent. Mr. Kruger said he could be of some assistance to their problem, as he has the equipment, she should get in touch with him.

**Brian Blouvet**-Wants to know how to go about getting the water springs on Mossbrook deeded to him; at one time the Town owned because they used they springs but reverted back to the original owner, last name Whitman(now deceased). Attorney Pullen advised him he would have to get an attorney and have him send him the appropriate paperwork and he can work on it.

#### **RATIFYING VOTE TO PURCHASE POLICE CAR**

Motion to approve or confirm the purchase of 2017 Police Ford Explorer for the total amount of \$41,529.00, with down payment from Police fund of \$519.00, and issuance of \$41,000.00 serial bonds offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Carolyn Carney. **Roll call vote:** James Blouvet-aye, Russell Hall-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Carolyn Carney-aye.

Motion to approve to advertise for fuel bids, leaded and unleaded for 2017, to be advertised in OTH , closed non-collusive bids to be accepted up to 4 pm on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, opened up at 7:10pm on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, offered by Russell Hall, seconded by James Blouvet. All approve.

Motion to accept the "Allegany County Stop DWI Program". Town to receive \$500.00 for the Town of Friendship Police Dept. employees hours worked. Offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

#### **RESOLUTION 10-2017**

##### **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF LOCAL BRIDGE NO. 16-11, MOSS BROOK ROAD TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS' RESOLUTION NO 10-2017, AND AGREEING TO COST-SHARING PLAN CONTAINED IN COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS' RESOLUTION NO. 65-95**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Highway superintendent has recommended to this Board that bridge No. 16-11 on Moss Brook Road, Town of Friendship, be constructed, and

**WHEREAS**, THE County Board of Legislators by Resolution by Resolution No. 65-95 has established a Cost Sharing Plan for the construction or improvement of Town Bridges which qualify under such Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Legislators by Resolution No., 10-2017 approved the construction of such Bridge under such Plan provided "the Town of Friendship files the appropriate resolution in accordance with Resolution No. 65-95," and

**WHEREAS**, this Town Board has reviewed the provisions of Board of Legislators' Resolution No. 65-95 and Resolution No. 10-2017, and the provisions of Highway Law Section 238, now therefore, be it

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Town Board of the Town of Friendship does approve of the construction of Local Bridge No. 16-11, Moss Brook Road, Town of Friendship, in accordance with the provisions of County of Legislators' Resolution No. 10-2017.
2. That the Town of Friendship agrees to the Cost-Sharing Plan contained in County Board of Legislators' Resolution No. 65-95 and agrees to and will comply with those obligations of a Town contained in said Resolution No. 65-95 as they apply to the above Bridge construction project.
3. That the Town Clerk is directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the Clerk of the County Board of Legislators and to the County Department of Public Works for filing.

Town's Share \$36,000.

Resolution 10-2017 offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Roll call vote: James Blouvet- aye  
Russell Hall-aye  
Linda Mascho-aye  
Carolyn Carney-aye  
Donette Shelley-absent

Motion to approve the Emergency Operations Plan for 2017, offered by Russell Hall, seconded by James Blouvet. All approve.

Motion to approve Hyland's increase for the Tire Disposal Rates.  
After Board discussion it was decided that this would be tabled until further notice, offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Russell Hall to table. All approve.

Motion to approve the purchase of a KA Band Radar for the new police car to be paid out of the Police budget in the amount of approx. \$1800.00 offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by James Blouvet. Roll call vote: James Blouvet-aye, Russell Hall-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Carolyn Carney-aye.

Motion to approve Christopher Tuttle as Crossing guard at a rate of \$15.45 per day(Paul Ozimek quit) offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

### **Department Reports Received**

Town Clerk report for January 2017  
Tax Collection Analysis of Collection for thru 2/1/17  
Highway Department report for January 2017  
Code Enforcement report for January 2017  
Public Works activity report for January 2017  
Cuba/Friendship refuse report for January 2017  
Fuel Farm report for January 2017  
Water System report for January 2017  
Wastewater report for January 2017  
Dog Control report for January 2017

8:18pm

Motion to go out of regular session into Executive session to discuss a personnel matter, offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Russell Hall.

8:44 pm Motion to go out of executive session back into regular session offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Russell Hall.

Motion to adjourn

8:45pm Motion to adjourn offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk

