

Board Meeting Minutes Town of Plainfield
March 13, 2014 Held at the Town Hall 7PM

Board Members Present:

Supervisor-Todd Lewis
Deputy Supervisor-James Roberts
Board Member-Michael Laukaitis
Board Member-Wendell Rogers
Board Member-Connie Peeters
Highway Superintendent-Kendrick Wilcox
Assessor-Roger Parker
Tax Collector-Debra Wheelock
Members of the Public-9

Supervisor Lewis began the meeting at 700pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Supervisor Lewis opened with the results of a special meeting that was held prior to the regular meeting to discuss the appointment of a tax assessor. This meeting was inadvertently called an Executive Session Minutes are as follows:

The meeting began at 625pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Members present:

Supervisor-Todd Lewis
Deputy Supervisor-James Roberts
Board Member-Michael Laukaitis
Board Member-Wendell Rogers
Board Member-Connie Peeters
Guest-Roger Parker

Supervisor Lewis motioned to enter as Resolution # 2 for 2014 which would appoint a Town Assessor for a 6 year term beginning from October 2013. Seconded by Mike Laukaitis. Lewis-aye, Roberts-aye, Laukaitis-aye, Rogers-aye, Peeters-aye. Carried

Supervisor Lewis motioned as Resolution #3 to appoint Roger Parker to the office of Town Assessor. Seconded by Mike Laukaitis. The Board voted with, Lewis-nay, Roberts-nay, Laukaitis-nay, Rogers-nay, Peeters-nay. Resolution #3 defeated.

The Board thanked Roger for his prior service as Assessor and offered the option to stay on with pay to assist a new Assessor. Roger declined the offer and advised he will surrender all Town property to the Town Clerk. A resolution #4 to appoint John Davidson to the position of Assessor was made by Todd Lewis. Seconded by Mike Laukaitis. The Board voted with Lewis-aye, Roberts-aye, Peeters-aye, Rogers-aye, Laukaitis-aye. Carried. A motion to accept and approve resolution # 4 was made by Todd Lewis and seconded by Mike Laukaitis. The Board voted with Lewis-aye, Roberts-aye, Rogers-aye, Peeters-aye, Laukaitis-aye. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 650PM on a motion by Connie Peeters and seconded by Mike Laukaitis. The Board voted with Lewis-aye, Roberts-aye, Peeters-aye, Rogers-aye, Laukaitis-aye. Carried

HIGHWAY REPORT Kendrick Wilcox advises he would like to attend a workshop at MVCC that addresses beaver remediation. It will help him deal with the problem on Basset Rd. Also, a permit has been

secured from DEC that allows him to remove debris from the culvert. Permit is needed as stream is designated as a trout stream. A second permit **may** be needed to remove beavers by shooting if the landowners do not allow access to destroy the beaver house.

ASSESSOR REPORT

No report

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Lewis presented the Supervisor report for February 2014. Mike Laukaitis motioned to accept and was seconded by Wendell Rogers. The Board voted with Lewis-aye, Roberts-aye, Rogers-aye, Peeters-aye, Laukaitis-aye. Carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Jon Cockett presented the February 2014 report which detailed funds received and disbursed from dog licenses and marriage licenses. Todd Lewis motioned to accept and was seconded by Mike Laukaitis. Lewis-aye, Roberts-aye, Peeters-aye, Rogers-aye, Laukaitis-aye. Carried

HIGHWAY ABSTRACT

Town Clerk presented the highway abstract in the amount of \$11,896.76 vouchers 36 through 46. Mike Laukaitis motioned to accept and pay. Seconded by Connie Peeters. Lewis –aye, Rogers-aye, Peeters-aye, Laukaitis-aye, Roberts-aye. Carried.

GENERAL ABSTRACT

Town Clerk presented the general abstract in the amount of \$7091.84 vouchers 32 through 54. Jim Roberts motioned to accept and pay. Seconded by Mike Laukaitis. Lewis-aye, Peeters-aye, Rogers-aye, Laukaitis-aye, Roberts-aye. Carried.

FEBRUARY MINUTES

Jon Cockett presented the minutes for the regular Board meeting. Connie Peeters motioned to accept the minutes with no additions or corrections. Seconded by Mike Laukaitis. Lewis-aye, Roberts-aye, Laukaitis-aye, Rogers-aye, Peeters-aye. Carried

TAX COLLECTOR

Debra Wheelock reports 71% of tax receipts are in.

OLD BUSINESS

The Cold War veteran property tax deduction was presented to be enacted as local law #1 for 2014. Mike Laukaitis motioned to adopt the law as written. Seconded by Connie Peeters. Discussion showed a Public hearing will be advertised to gain public input. This law is a permissive referendum which does not require a public vote unless a valid petition is received from the public requesting same. The Board voted with Lewis-aye, Roberts-aye, Peeters-aye, Rogers-aye, and Laukaitis-aye. Carried

Town Clerk Jon Cockett reports the process for obtaining a Town credit card for highway emergency use has been stopped as the application process for required information was difficult to obtain. There was no action by the Board, so the application process will stop

NEW BUSINESS

Town Clerk Jon Cockett requests the petty cash fund for the Clerk be raised from 20.00 to 80.00. Todd Lewis motioned to raise the fund as requested. Seconded by Connie Peeters. The Board voted with Lewis-aye, Peeters-aye, Roberts-aye, Rogers-aye, Laukaitis-aye. Carried.

A plan for the installation of 10 towers to provide high speed wireless internet was read. A copy of the plan is with the Town Clerk if anyone needs a copy. The plan shows cost to subscribers, and areas of coverage.

Connie Peeters motioned to approve Highway Superintendent Wilcox request to attend the MVCC workshop (as described in Highway Report) at a cost of 30.00 for the registration fee. Seconded by Jim Roberts. The Board voted with Lewis-aye, Roberts-aye, Rogers-aye, Peeters-aye, Laukaitis-aye. Carried

Supervisor Lewis opened the floor for comments by the public present.

First speaker advised the accident on Hackley St. that involved a school bus was due to the roads not being plowed properly, specifically, the banks were not pushed back. Second speaker advises the plastic orange traffic barrels on Hwy. 18 and 19 were not equipped with flashing lights. Kendrick Wilcox will be advised as well as County. Third speaker requests notice of monthly meetings be posted in the STAR, Town Clerk will comply.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 915pm was made by Mike Laukaitis and seconded by Connie Peeters. The Board voted with Lewis-aye, Peeters-aye, Laukaitis-aye, Rogers-aye, Roberts-aye. Carried

Respectfully Submitted
Jon Cockett
Town Clerk