

The regular meeting of the Plainfield Town Board was held July 9th, 2015 7:00pm at the Town Hall

Members Present

Deputy Supervisor- James Roberts

Board Member- Michael Laukaitis

Board member – Wendell Rogers

Board Member- Connie Peeters

Town Clerk- Jon Cockett

Assessor- John Davidson

Highway Superintendent- Kendrick Wilcox

Deputy Superintendent- Johanna Wilcox

West Winfield STAR reporter

Public- 4

Absent- Supervisor Todd Lewis

Deputy Supervisor Jim Roberts opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Supervisor welcomed comments or concerns from the Public, but first it was communicated that Todd Lewis was recovering from hand surgery. The Board and the Public wished Todd a speedy recovery.

Public concern centered on the dangerous tree on the border of Town property and property owned by David Trevett. James Roberts advised he has not had any luck contacting Trevett, and will do so and report back.

Linda Ingber introduced Dan Wilber who is a candidate for Otsego County Legislature, and will be a representative for the Town of Plainfield if elected.

ASSESSOR REPORT

John advises the final tax roll is completed and a copy is with the Town Clerk for public inspection. John is also working on inaccurate assessments, with the goal of fairness for all.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Kendrick advises Gas City Rd is complete.

South Road ditching will start Monday, "call before you dig" have been contacted to mark any underground utilities. The road will be closed while ditching is in progress. Jim Roberts questioned how the bad spots on South Rd will be addressed, it was the consensus of the Board not to just fill in with patch, the areas should be dug up and a proper base installed.

Ken Roberts was unable to attend tonight's meeting, due to emergency, he has although submitted all necessary forms to NYSDEC so work may progress on Saunders Gulf Road.

Jim Roberts questioned why ditching on Fiddlers Green Rd was still being done in a manner which accelerates erosion due to the depth as well as no shoulder, as the ditching begins where the pavement ends, this practice has caused trees to fall down on previous ditching and is a safety hazard.

An amendment to the 284 agreement dated 6/22/15 was discussed. An additional \$5000.00 was authorized to permit the contractor ditching on South Rd. to provide all equipment and manpower, thereby freeing up Town employees and equipment for other tasks

.A question of the status of 2-way radio communications was presented. Kendrick was unsure if the radios worked. It was advised by the Board to make this a priority as employee safety is at stake.

Kendrick advises he is scheduled for knee surgery on Aug. 17. The procedure is being handled as an outpatient.

Connie Peeters questioned if the change of employee status form was submitted to Otsego County personnel as required by the retirement of highway employee. Kendrick advises he has talked to the County and no form is required.

Kendrick will call Williams tire to see if loader tire is warranted for the cut received.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

None given, as all bank statements were not received on time.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Jon Cockett submitted Town Clerk report for June 2015. Receipts for sales of e-z pass, certified copies and DEC licenses were reported. Mike Laukaitis motioned to accept and a second was received by Wendell Rogers. The Board voted with Roberts-aye, Laukaitis-aye, Rogers-aye, Peeters-aye. Carried

GENERAL ABSTRACT #7 Vouchers 99 through 113

Town Clerk presented General Abstract #7 in the amount of \$2496.83. Connie Peeters motioned to pay the abstract. Second by Mike Laukaitis. The Board voted with Roberts-aye, Laukaitis-aye, Rogers-aye, Peeters-aye. Carried

HIGHWAY ABSTRACT #7 Vouchers 79 through 99

Town Clerk presented Highway Abstract #7 in the amount of \$10,236.30. Mike Laukaitis motioned to pay the abstract. The Board voted with Roberts-aye, Laukaitis-aye, Rogers-aye, Peeters-aye. Carried

JUNE REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Town Clerk presented minutes of the June regular and special meeting minutes. Connie Peeters motioned to accept with no additions or corrections. Second by Mike Laukaitis. The Board voted with Roberts-aye, Laukaitis-aye, Rogers-aye, Peeters-aye. Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Fuel bids for 2016 are due. Connie Peeters motioned to have Town Clerk place ad in the STAR for interested parties to bid. Second by Mike Laukaitis. The Board voted with Roberts-aye, Laukaitis-aye, Rogers-aye, Peeters-aye. Carried Dan Wilber, candidate for County legislature, was asked what his goals are if elected. Keeping taxes at bay, broadband service and better roads in the County are some of his priorities. Dan was asked if he would participate in a meet the candidates/debate to be sponsored by the Town of Plainfield. He agreed and will contact Town Clerk with contact info for the two other candidates.

Town Clerk advises he has included with the current month website hits, the previous month as well so a comparison can be made

ADJOURNMENT

Connie Peeters motioned to adjourn at 825pm. Second by Mike Laukaitis. The Board voted with Roberts-aye, Laukaitis-aye, Rogers-aye, Peeters-aye. Carried