

**August 4th, 2012
Special Meeting
Petersburgh Town Board**

A special meeting of the Petersburgh Town Board was held on Saturday, August 4th, 2012 at 9:30 AM at the Petersburgh Town Hall, 65 Main Street, Petersburgh, New York.

Present: Supervisor Siegfried Krahforst
Councilman William Seel
Councilman Richard Snyder
Councilman David Alderman
Councilman Duane Goodermote
Town Clerk Callie Crisp

The special meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.

- Lawn Care/Snow Removal at the Water Tower: a decision was made to hire Edward Jones for lawn care at the Water Tower, and to eliminate these chores from the job duties of the Water District Superintendent.

**Resolution #50
Authorization for Water Tower Maintenance**

On motion of Councilman Alderman, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that Edward Jones be hired for lawn care at the Water Tower. Councilman Seel seconded such motion, and roll call showed the following results:

Supervisor Siegfried Krahforst	Aye
Councilman Richard Snyder	Aye
Councilman William Seel	Aye
Councilman Duane Goodermote	Aye
Councilman David Alderman	Aye

Supervisor Krahforst declared that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

- Artesian Wells: the Board discussed the current state of the two artesian wells in the Water District. Well No. 5 originally was capable of producing 40 gallons of water per minute (GPM), but since the arrival of a dwelling that was built nearby and has tapped into the line the, overall production has decreased significantly. Well No. 6, which originally produced 20 GPM, appears to have a leak at the cap and is not coming out of the overflow, as it should be. Supervisor Krahforst suggested hiring well driller Keith Westfall of Berlin to come do an assessment of the current state of these wells. The Board also approved proceeding with repairs, as long as the required work is not too extensive.

Resolution #51
Authorization of Well Repairs

On motion of Councilman Goodermote, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the Board hereby authorizes the hiring of Keith Westfall to assess and repair Well No. 5 and Well No. 6 in the Petersburg Water District. Councilman Snyder seconded such motion, and roll call showed the following results:

Supervisor Siegfried Krahforst	Aye
Councilman Richard Snyder	Aye
Councilman William Seel	Aye
Councilman Duane Goodermote	Aye
Councilman David Alderman	Aye

Supervisor Krahforst declared that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

- Fire Department Drill: recently the Fire Department performed a drill involving the flushing of hydrants. The valves of the hydrants were extremely hard to open, which led to a suggestion that the well knobs and hydrant valves should be turned on a regular basis to avoid such an issue. A discussion took place on the flushing schedule and the dead ends of the system that cause build-ups, which should have been looped when the water lines were installed.
- Water Tower Generator: Water District Patron Benedict Krahforst performed an assessment of the generator at the Water Tower. It was discovered that both the base and battery are corroded. The generator is not left on due to the high cost of electricity bills and the loud noise emitted while running. The generator will continue to be left off, and turned on approximately once a day to ensure its functionality. A motion was made to authorize the repair of the generator's battery.

Resolution #52
Authorization of Generator Repair

On motion of Councilman Snyder, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the Board hereby gives authorization to Benedict Krahforst to replace the battery of the Water Tower's generator. Councilman Seel seconded such motion, and roll call showed the following results:

Supervisor Siegfried Krahforst	Aye
Councilman Richard Snyder	Aye
Councilman William Seel	Aye
Councilman Duane Goodermote	Aye
Councilman David Alderman	Aye

Supervisor Krahforst declared that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

- RPA Letter of Support: the Town received a request from the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance (RPA) for a letter of support. The RPA is applying for funding from the Hudson River Estuary/Mohawk River Mini-Grants Program in order to create Regional Conservation Plan User Guides. A draft letter was presented, which the Board approved.
- USDA Loan: Bookkeeper Charles Guntner is currently researching obtaining a loan to pay off the current Water District loan with USDA. At the current interest rate, the Town is paying \$10.36 per day in interest, and a bond or loan with a lower interest rate could be beneficial to the financial status of the Water District.
- FEMA Reimbursement: The Board was informed that the reimbursement from FEMA for Hurricane Irene's disaster 4020 DR-NY has been received, and a check has been sent to pay off the Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) that was obtained last year for hurricane expenditures.

With no further business, on motion of Councilman Goodermote, seconded by Councilman Alderman, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Callie Crisp, Town Clerk