

December 17th, 2012
Regular Meeting
Petersburgh Town Board

The regular monthly meeting of the Petersburg Town Board was held on December 17th, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Petersburg Town Hall, 65 Main Street, Petersburg, New York.

Present: Supervisor Siegfried Krahforst
Councilman Richard Snyder
Councilman Duane Goodermote
Highway Superintendent Raymond Harrison
Planning Board Chairman David Miller
Assessor Craig Surprise
Attorney Kevin Engel

Absent: Councilman William Seel, Councilman David Alderman

Guests: Dick Gibbs and Jim Bonesteel- Rensselaer Plateau Alliance, Wayne Bonesteel- Rensselaer County Engineer, Emily Harrison, Sharon Hodges, Roger LeMere, Timothy Church, Denise Church, Jeanne Ferland- PVMCC Director, Asa Zoesman, Anne Schnoop, Danny Schnoop, Kathy Share, Charlotte Neaton, Thomas Berry, Joan Buzerak
Press: Alex Brooks- The Eastwick Press
Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Krahforst called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

- Timothy Church: informed the Board that someone has been dumping garbage at the pull-off located at the top of the Taconic Trail. Unfortunately, there is no way of determining who the culprit is in order to prosecute the matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- This matter was tabled, as the Town Clerk has been experiencing numerous computer issues.

GUEST SPEAKERS

- Jim Bonesteel, Rensselaer Plateau Alliance: was present in regard to a letter of support requested for the RPA. The request was for support in applying for grant opportunities to be used toward a Regional Conservation Plan. Although Councilman Alderman was absent, he had expressed that he was not in favor of the resolution and had asked for clarification of the intent of the Plan. Mr.

Bonesteel explained that the Plan's main goal was to create land sustainability plans for future generations of land owners. The largest concern seemed to be what effect the plan would have on the landowner's rights and ownership, and Mr. Bonesteel stated that the plan would not infringe upon those right, but rather prohibit development within areas designated as a Forrest Legacy Area. The Board thanked Mr. Bonesteel and Mr. Gibbs for their attendance and approved the letter of support.

- Wayne Bonesteel, Rensselaer County Engineer: addressed the Board in regard to the Broken Wheel Bridge Project. He described the selection process for the engineering firm, which began with a list of fifteen approved firms from Rensselaer County. From the list seven firms had been send a request for proposal, and all seven had been receive. The choice was made via Selection Committee consisting of himself, Highway Superintendent Harrison, Supervisor Krahforst, and Councilman Goodermote. The review and selection process was based upon qualifications rather than price as legally required, and was determined through a numerical scoring chart to keep the process as fair as possible. As a result, GPI (Greenman-Pedersen Incorporated) was chosen for the project. The fee may now be requested and negotiations take place on the final amount. As federally funded projects generally cost much more due to the various studies, research, and documentation required, Councilman Goodermote stated that he had done some research in light of the effect the project's expenditure may have for the taxpayers, and whether or not it would be more cost effective to build without Federal funding. His determination was that if the Town was to obtain a bond and fund the project, the total cost would be around \$500,000.00 compared to the 1.2 million quoted with Federal Funding. The Town's portion overall comes to \$60,000.00, which in the long run works out to be more beneficial to the taxpayers. Mr. Bonesteel was thanked for the information provided and the regular meeting business was then addressed.

REPORTS

- Town Clerk: Callie Crisp provided copies of Town Clerk's monthly report to the Board. The report showed a total of \$1,229.90 received in revenue for the month of November.
- Superintendent of Highways: Raymond Harrison stated that the crew had been sanding icy roads, but had no snow to plow.
- Supervisor: Siegfried Krahforst presented the monthly Supervisor's report to the Board. The report showed receipts \$24,111.18, disbursements \$96,250.33, leaving a balance on hand as of December 17th, 2012 of \$200,835.32. This report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.
- Dog Control Officer: a monthly report was provided to the Boar, showing a total of two calls for the month of November.
- Board of Ethics: two members are still needed.
- Building Inspector: Doug Hull submitted a report showing all building permits issues in 2012 with the current statuses.
- Planning Board: a monthly report was provided showing no new business. Member Timothy Church stated that an ad would be placed to find a

replacement for John McMahon, the last original member of the planning Board established on 1974, who is retiring.

OLD BUSINESS

- Broken Wheel Bridge: the next step is to request the fees and negotiate with GPI.
- Bond Retiring USDA Loan: a new debt schedule was provided, the legal ad has been placed, and the closing is set for December 27th.

NEW BUSINESS

- PVMCC Stone Benches: Supervisor Krahforst stated that he was attempting to follow up on an informal agreement with Terry Lamphere regarding stone benches to be installed in front of the PMVSS building. Mr. Lamphere had previously donated his time and material in the building/installation of the Veteran's Memorial, which was to include stone benches that have not yet been installed. As the original agreement was unclear, Supervisor Krahforst indicated that he would try and determine the status of the work to be done.
- PVMCC User's Agreement: as the last agreement was signed in 2010, Director Jeanne Ferland was asked to attend tonight's meeting in order to discuss updating the agreement. A list of expenditures had been compiled showing an average of \$35,000.00 spent by the Town on the PVMCC building, the Board was asked to review the contract and determine if the \$3,000.00 reimbursed to the Town should be further discuss. It was agreed to further discuss the matter during January's Organizational Meeting.
- Jones Garage: As nothing new had been received from the State Police or ENCON, Supervisor Krahforst stated his intent to proceed with the legal process in demolishing the structure. The Building Inspector must first officially condemn the building, and procedures followed according to the Town's Local Law No. 1 of 1992 Relating to the Demolition of Unsafe Structures. The matter was tabled.
- Town Law: a suggestion had been made regarding them creation of a Town Law that would provide for prosecution of individuals leaving campaign signs and other waste around Town. The Town Law Committee was asked to further research the idea.
- Approval of Electronic CDPHP Payments: Bookkeeper Charles Guntnier had requested that the Boar authorize payments to be made electronically to CDPHP on a monthly basis. A resolution was passed in favor of the proposal.

Resolution #88

Approval of Electronic Payments to CDPHP

On motion of Councilman Goodermote, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the Bookkeeper s hereby authorized to submit payments electronically on a monthly basis to CDPHP. 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.

- Agenda 21: a request had been received for the Town Board to pass a resolution opposing the United Nation's Agenda 21, which in part would decrease the authority of local governments. While Supervisor Krahforst and several residents present voiced their agreement with the opposition of the proposed agenda, the Board decided to gather more information and wait until all were present to vote on the matter, and it was tabled.
- Library Re-Appointments:

Resolution #89

Library Board of Trustees Re-Appointments

On motion of Councilman Snyder, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that Teresa deWaal be hereby appointed to the Library Board of Trustees for a full five-year term ending December 31st, 2017. Be it further resolved that Maureen Seel be hereby appointed to the Library Board of Trustees for a full five-year term ending December 31st, 2017. Councilman Goodermote seconded such motion, and roll call showed the following results:

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

Supervisor Krahforst declared the following resolution was duly adopted.

- Water District Superintendent Contract: an update job description was provided for the Board's review, and the matter was tabled.
- Scheduling of Meetings: A resolution was passed scheduling the 2012 End-Of-Year Meeting and the 2013 Organizational Meeting.

Resolution #90
Scheduling of Meetings

On motion of Councilman Snyder, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the 2012 End-Of-Year Meeting is hereby scheduled for Friday, December 28th, 2012 at 6:00 PM and the 2013 Organizational Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 7th, 2013 at 7:00 PM. Councilman Goodermote 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.

- Selection of Engineering Firm:

Resolution #91
Broken Wheel Bridge Project
Engineering Firm Selection

On motion of Councilman Snyder, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the engineering firm selected for the Broken Wheel Bridge Project will be GPI (Greenman-Pedersen Inc.). Councilman Goodermote 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.

- Audit of Bills: #12/12:

Resolution #92

Audit of Bills

On motion of Councilman Snyder, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the bills as listed on abstract # 12/12 be paid in the following amounts:

General Fund # 224-243	\$ 23,914.90
Highway Fund # 234-247	\$ 27,730.35
Water District # 54-57	\$ 876.17
Library Fund # 86-94	\$ 4,081.12

Councilman Goodermote 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.

With no further business, on motion of Councilman Goodermote, seconded by Councilman Snyder, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Callie Crisp, Town Clerk