

Town of Caton Regular Board Meeting

March 13, 2013

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Supervisor Kate Hughes brought the regular monthly meeting of the Caton Town Board to order with the pledge of allegiance at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT Supervisor Kate Hughes, Councilman Wayne Phenes, Councilman Morris Scott, Councilman Timothy Scott, Councilman Daniel Stuart, Assessor Ann Balch, Superintendent Robert Rutter, County Legislator Carol Ferratella, Town Clerk Avonne Dickerson and visitors.

APPROVAL of MINUTES on motion of Supervisor Hughes seconded by Councilman Phenes the following resolution ADOPTED VOICE VOTE-AYES 5 NAYS 0-RESOLVED to approve February 2013 minutes with the following correction-p.2, Ethics Law-“to appoint Councilman Stuart to review the current Ethics Law and present possible updates to the Town Board for consideration.”

Steuben County update-Legislator Carol Ferratella mentioned that Steuben County will soon be offering pictometry on line to town assessors'. Also, the County passed a resolution requesting New York State to repeal the NYS-SAFE act and the County is in the process of redistricting due to the 2010 census results.

Southeast Steuben County Public Library update-Town of Caton library representative Ann Balch presented board members with a copy of a financial report and minutes from the most current board meeting.

PAYMENT of BILLS Board members viewed monthly bills. On motion of Supervisor Hughes seconded by Councilman Phenes the following resolution ADOPTED ROLL CALL VOTE-AYES 5 NAYS 0-RESOLVED to pay bills on abstract no. 3 of 2013 as follows:

Street Lighting voucher no. 0003: \$99.45
General vouchers no. 0301-0328: \$7,796.38
Highway vouchers no. 0301-0314: \$51,753.53

TOWN OFFICIALS REPORTS for February 2013:

Highway Superintendent Robert Rutter's report viewed, discussed, filed. Superintendent is hoping to sell the International 404 rake tractor, York rake stay behind and the five foot JD brush hog. The Town Board suggested he use Jim McNeill's auction to try to sell the above equipment. Rob presented two quotes for a new ten foot York rake. On motion of Supervisor Hughes seconded by Councilman Phenes the following resolution ADOPTED ROLL CALL VOTE-AYES 5 NAYS 0-RESOLVED for Superintendent Rutter to purchase the lower priced rake from Bradco Supply Company at a cost of \$3,242, to be paid for out of Highway account number DA5130.2.

Code Enforcement Officer Donald Miller's report viewed and filed.

Police Officer Mike Smith's report viewed, discussed, filed. Mike stated that he has received estimates for repairs to the Constable vehicle. Supervisor Hughes advised Mike to keep looking for a reasonably priced used vehicle.

Assessor Chairman Ann Balch's report discussed, viewed, filed. The Assessors' are requesting that they hold a public meeting in April to explain new assessment changes.

Supervisor Kate Hughes report as follows:

Capital Reserve: Highway Equipment-\$258,990; Highway Repair-\$100,000;
Buildings-\$128,150; C/B-\$4,977 Office-\$3,835; Park-\$39,077 Ins/Retire-\$75,000
CD Balances: approx. \$402,000

CORRESPONDENCE

- **Caton Community Days Committee**-received a thank you note from the committee for funding and continued support.

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- Corning Natural Gas Corporation-received notification from CNG concerning the planting of fruit trees on the land that the Tannery Creek Road compressor station sits on. Supervisor Hughes will talk over with CNG after the Planning Board has discussed ideas and any particulars pertaining to the tree planting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Zoning Law updates and Right to Farm Law-Planning Board decided to take the word "timber" out of proposed definition updates. Also, Planning Board Chair Bob Lord has forwarded proposed Right to Farm Law to NYS Department of Agriculture for review. Clerk to forward results of review to Town Board members after Bob Lord receives them.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tree harvesting-a tree harvester gave Supervisor Hughes a quote for logging out locust and cherry trees that are on Town property adjacent to the Caton Park. Board will look at other quotes before making any commitments.
- Town Park basketball court-Ed Rose presented a quote from Eugene Terwilliger for resurfacing and painting the basketball court. On motion of Supervisor Hughes seconded by Councilman T Scott the following resolution ADOPTED ROLL CALL VOTE-AYES 5 NAYS 0-RESOLVED to approve the \$1,700 quote from Eugene Terwilliger for the basketball court job.
- Park pavilion reservation fee-on motion of Supervisor Hughes seconded by Councilman T Scott the following resolution ADOPTED ROLL CALL VOTE-AYES 5 NAYS 0-RESOLVED to raise the cost for park pavilion reservation from \$10 to \$15.
- Second Amendment Resolution-after board discussion and on motion of Councilman Stuart seconded by Councilman T Scott the following resolution ADOPTED VOICE VOTE-AYES 4(Stuart, T Scott, M Scott, Phenes) ABSTAINED 1(Hughes)-RESOLVED for the Town of Caton to adopt a resolution as written by the Town of Deerpark, NY opposing the recent NY-SAFE gun control legislation passed by the New York State Assembly and Senate and supporting second amendment constitutional rights. Copy of resolution to be mailed to the President and Vice President of the United States, Governor of NY State, our district senators, assemblymen and congressional representative.

VISITORS COMMENTS

Consisted of the following: Town trees infringing on a neighboring property, possibility of assessors sharing a vehicle with other town departments, board member who is working on getting a building permit, Fireman's Field tax exempt status, what is the procedure for dispute on property line, what is the need for a police force, would like the town to look at the "Cleaner Greener NY" proposition to maintain private property rights, Steuben County DPW is going to start surveying County Route 32 near Birch Creek Road.

Highway Superintendent Rutter is interested in purchasing a new or newer 1-ton or 1-ton and a-half dump truck, sander and plow. On motion of Supervisor Hughes seconded by Councilman Phenes the following resolution ADOPTED VOICE VOTE-AYES 5 NAYS 0-RESOLVED to allow Highway Superintendent Rutter to seek bids for a 1-ton or 1-ton and a-half replacement vehicle, to be paid for out of highway capital reserve fund.

Councilman Phenes made a motion to close the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Clerk, Avonne M. Dickerson _____