

September 10, 2014

The regular meeting of the Jewett Town Board was held on Wednesday, September 13, 2014. Supervisor Carol Muth called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Present were Board Members Michael McCrary, Nathan Miles, James Pellitteri and William Trach. Also present was Robert Mallory, Highway Superintendent, Donald Muth Interim Building Inspector, Newspaper Reporter Michael Ryan and the Town Clerk. Public present was Janet Nichols Town Historian and Jeff Prince.

A moment of silence was taken to remember the victims of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Supervisor's financial report was given to the Board prior to the meeting and the bank statements were reviewed by Board Members after the signing of the bills.

Minutes of the August 13, 2014 regular meeting were accepted on a motion by Councilman Pellitteri, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman McCrary and carried.

On a motion by Councilman McCrary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Trach and carried, the Interim Building Inspectors report was accepted.

Superintendent of Highways' Report as Follows: There was some minor damage to the salt barn that had been progressively done thru the years. As trucks have gone in and out, they may have been too close to the wall and scraped it. A small claim was filed with the insurance company and the money came in to make the repairs needed. As of today, the barn has been restored to its original state. The highway department will begin loading sand next week. A new Welcome to Jewett sign has been received and installed on Route 23C to replace the one that was stolen. The Carr Road Bridge construction is continuing to go very well and clean up day was successful.

Jeff Prince took the floor to give his update of Shabby Ranch and presented his compliance schedule. By the end of September he hopes to complete ranch cleanup by removing all wood from buildings that are down, regrade all areas, secure all buildings and maintain grounds. In October Mr. Prince will obtain building permits needed for all roofs and studio repairs, as well as the caretakers' cottage and the apartment. In November he will begin winterizing all buildings. Don Muth building inspector for the Town of Jewett says everything seems to be moving forward. In the meantime, Goldman properties are still in negotiations with Mr. Prince regarding selling him their shares. Mr. Prince predicted that the sale will proceed most likely into another month.

On a motion by Councilman McCrary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Pellitteri and carried, The Board moved to accept Mr. Prince's report for the month of September and request the continuation of reports for the month of October.

On a motion by Councilman Miles, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Trach and carried, The Board moved to appoint Susan Hintz-Epstein as the secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Jewett effective October 1, 2014.

Other Business: There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the construction, installation and activation of Greene County's new 911 emergency communication tower Friday October 3, 2014 at Windham Mountain. Interim Building Inspector, Donald Muth has submitted a letter of retirement to the Town Board. Board members agreed to start advertising for the position that will be vacant on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Advertisements will be placed in the Windham Journal, Catskill Daily Mail, Columbia Greene Community College website and The Town of Jewett's website. The deadline to submit applications is October 3, 2014. Councilman McCrary brought up the issue with the disposal of septic system waste and assured everyone that he is still working on it. He will be bringing up this issue at the next CWT (Coalition of Watershed Towns) meeting.

Councilman McCrary made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Trach and carried to approve the bills. General Fund was \$6,736.23 on abstract #9, claim numbers 204-220. The Highway Fund was \$14,101.60 on abstract #9, claim numbers 145-164.

Councilman McCrary made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Pellitteri and carried to accept the Supervisors financial report for August.

On a motion by Councilman McCrary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Miles and carried the Board went into Executive Session at 7:55 P.M. to discuss contract negotiations, potential litigation and personnel matters, "The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation."

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A motion was made by Councilman Miles, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Trach and carried to come out of Executive Session at 8:40 P.M. No decisions were made.

Councilman McCrary made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Pellitteri and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

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Maya Carl, Town Clerk