

August 9, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Torrey Town Board was held on August 9, 2011 at town meeting room, 56 Geneva St. Dresden and was called to order by Supervisor Flynn at 7:30PM.

Present: Patrick H. Flynn, Linda K. Francisco, Burge W. Morris, Colby J. Petersen.

Excused: John H. Martini

Others present: George Thompson, Linda Lefko, Steve Eskildsen, Gary Wood, Midge & Dennis Fryer, Margaret Hayes, District Leg. Tim Dennis

Supervisor Flynn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Flynn presented the abstracts of vouchers for review and approval.

Motion by Mr. Morris, 2nd Mrs. Francisco that the bills on the General A & B Accounts in the amount of \$ 16,001.26 be paid, carried.

Motion by Mrs. Francisco, 2nd Mr. Petersen, that the bills on the Highway DA & DB Accounts in the amount of \$52,065.92 to be paid, carried.

Motion by Mr. Morris 2nd Mr. Petersen, that the bills on the Watershed Account in the amount of \$ 535.56 be paid, carried.

New Business: Suzamie Farnsworth of 75 Charles Street left message for board that she would like trees on Town beach property that have been damaged by beavers removed for safety. She has no objections to leaving the tree stumps higher as it would create more privacy with her property. Mr. Petersen and Dave Bond Hwy Supt. will go to beach and check out trees.

Code / Watershed report presented Code inspections 53 Mile, watershed inspections 24 miles.

Motion by Mr. Morris, 2nd Mrs. Francisco that the minutes of July 12 meeting be approved carried.

David Bond Acting Highway Supt. gave the highway report. He reported ongoing roadside mowing and shared service projects. Chips application has been filed with NYS DOT. FEMA application has been submitted with Yates County.

Presently working on solving problem with a sinkhole at the intersection of Lampman and Kings Hill Roads. Contacted Village Water Dept. who will check water pipes in area for leak. Will begin to truck ice control sand from Elam to stockpile as time allows this month between shared service projects and road repair.

Mr. Petersen reported that the Sub division draft law is near completion and should be presented next month.

Dennis Fryer -1313 Flint Road, appeared before the board to inquire as to what action is the Town taking to protect residents from Hydro- fracking in this area. Local townships- Jerusalem, Barrington and Milo are pursuing moratoriums on hydro-fracking. He feels a local law or action should be researched to protect the lake and surrounding area. DEC final draft on mining of Marcellous Shale has not been released, comment start in September.

Tim Dennis- District Legislator stated that the County has issued a comment opinion for the DEC GEIS, that this area is geographically unique with all the natural resources and watershed. The DEC should offer equal protection for all watersheds in New York, and should not single out Skaneateles and NYC only to protect.

Margaret Hayes -1303 Flint Road, stated her concern over hydro-fracking in this area. Tourism and wine industry must be protected also. She asked the Town Board to be proactive and adopt a moratorium or zoning law to control mining activities. The DEC has oversight on all drilling but the Town can protect roadways by adopting stricter hauling and use regulations. This may be a feel good law but it is an action intent on protecting resident and towns natural resources.

Steve Eskildsen-760 City Hill Rd, has personal experience with the DEC and mining regulations. He said they are very strict, and regulations are being more scrutinized. He feels that the shale is very thin or minimal here to warrant drilling.

John Ghidiu- 1207 Anthony Beach Rd asked the town board to be proactive in protecting the residents by having a law in place before hydro fracking arrives.

Gary Wood -2155 Route 14, commented that wells in Pa. were ruined by methane gas which was released when shale was too thin to drill. Pennsylvania DEC requires monitoring systems for methane gas.

Midge Fryer 1313 Flint Road commented the Town of Geneva is drafting a law or moratorium against hydro-fracking. She said a petition with many signatures was presented. She asked the board to do all they can to protect the Torrey property owners.

Dave Bond inquired if there has been drilling restrictions released. How far from residential areas??

Tim Dennis stated in the DEC draft GEIS it lists drilling restrictions. One is the density of the shale. In this area the density is very thin whereas more southern areas the density is very thick layers.

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Motion by Mr. Flynn, 2nd Mr. Petersen to research hydro fracking moratoriums, to add and address hydro-fracking concerns on the September agenda. Carried.

There being no further business before the board a motion to adjourn by Mr. Flynn 2nd Mrs. Francisco carried at 8:05PM

Respectfully submitted
Betty. M. Daggett