

Town Board Minutes
July 10, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Torrey Town Board was held on Tuesday July 10, 2018 at 56 Geneva St. Dresden NY and called to order by Supervisor Flynn at 7:30PM.

Present: Supervisor Patrick Flynn, Lawrence Martin, Grant Downs

Excused: Colby Petersen, Peter Martini

Others present: George Thompson, Linda Downs, Gavin Rhinehart, Dave Granzin, Tim Chambers, Robert Miller, Eileen Moreland, Kathy Swarthout, Tiffany Speicher, Dwight James-Code Officer, Gwen Chamberlin.

Mr. Flynn led the pledge of allegiance.

Kathy Swarthout and Tiffany Speicher of Yates County Health Dept. appeared before the board with a presentation on Radon. Yates County has been selected for a grant that will offer information and test kits to test for radon gas in residents' homes and schools, specifically low income homes or housing complexes. Free radon test kits are available to Yates residents through the Yates County Public Health Department. Radon is a colorless, odorless gas that migrates to the earth's surface through rocks, soil, and water as a result of the breakdown of uranium, a radioactive element in the earth's crust. It seeps into buildings through cracks and crevices in the foundation and drifts to all levels of a building, with possibly dangerous levels inside the home being reached. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in New York state, with only smoking placing a person at greater risk for lung cancer.

Mr. Flynn presented the abstract of vouchers for review.

Motion by Mr. Martin, 2nd Mr. Downs, that the bills on the General A & B accounts in the amount of \$ 18,011.92 be paid, carried.

Motion by Mr. Downs, 2nd Mr. Martin, that the bills on the Highway DA & DB accounts, in the amount of \$ 10,120.17 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Martin 2nd Mr. Downs to approved June meeting minutes carried.

Eileen Moreland of Arrowhead Beach spoke to the board on the health concern with the lack of disinfection practices of the Penn Yan Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant. She read a statement which listed her 23 reasons why the PYMWTP should disinfect the water all year, not just 6 months, which is running into the Outlet and into Seneca Lake, She cited the combination of DEC lack of action, PY Water Treatment Plant, Lockwood Landfill and Farming (Jacob's Creek) are all a detriment to the quality of the water. Remediation is needed in all these areas.

Remediation was ordered by DEC, of ground water contamination at Lockwood landfill under a consent order of 2015, but action is not listed by DEC website.

An alarming increase of E coli and pollutants in the water are documented from water sample testing. Heavy rain storms create water overflows and untreated wastewater is released into the Outlet.

Last August over 35,000 gallons of untreated effluent (raw sewage) was released into the outlet, DEC placed warning notice on their website, and the newspaper reported the spill three days later, but this does not help alert the general population. Many residents drinking/ swimming in the Outlet and lake do not have access to computers. At the present time there is no alarm or alert mechanism in place to warn residents of the spill.

The addition of large Motel, Hotels and Canpac manufacturing to the Village has increase the overload daily into the treatment plant, therefore the overload goes into the outfall.

She offered two motions for the board to consider, letters to the DEC and Penn Yan Water Treatment Plant “inquiring as to what stage is the of the permitting process at for the disinfection of the effluent. Regarding the PYWTP recent application to renew the SPEDEs permit to increase the outfall of water into Keuka Outlet, the DEC has not made a decision on the permit or public comment.”

Her 2nd motion is to send letter of inquiry to DEC regarding the “2015 consent order directed to Greenidge Power Plant Lockwood site. Contaminated ground water around the landfill was to be remediated.” “The town should ask if or when the remediation started and what stage of the process is this clean up in? “ No action taken.

Mr. Chambers spoke on the erosion of the outlet due to the release of water from Keuka Lake. The high water redirects the watercourse and is eroding bank on Northside.

When the outlet gates are opened in the Village of Penn Yan, a trickle of water here at the railroad archway can turn into thundering wall of water in minutes. There are no warning alarms for fisherman, hikers, general public along the outlet when there is a dangerous change of water flow and levels.

He stated the USGS (US Geological Survey) does level measurements under the bridge on Milo Street in the Village of Dresden. There are formulas that determine the rate and amount of water released from Keuka into the Outlet. This does not help the home owners near the outlet, when the banks are eroding towards them.

Mr. Chambers gave the highway report. Back barn has been painted. Mowing tractor still having shaft issues. Replaced hydraulic motor.

Shared services: road paving with Dresden, Starkey. Paved Anthony Beach Rd.

Oil & stoned- Hopeton approach, Perry Pt, Kings Hill, Lampman Hill, David Downey, Rock Haven with help of other towns.

Installed new driveway on Arrowhead Beach (Legutko)

The Town of Milo is selling a 2006 Cat Excavator; the Town Board was invited to inspect the machine. Mr. Chambers discussed the budget and would like the purchase of this machine.

Clerk spoke earlier with (absent) Councilman Martini, he stated he had inspected the machine and agrees with the purchase.

After a discussion Mr. Downs made a motion to authorize the purchase of the 2006 Cat excavator (with the Air conditioning repaired) for \$ 65,000. 2nd by Mr. Martin carried.

Dwight James gave the code report. 2 AV apps. 3 site visits, 10 BP inspections, 6 meetings, 101 Miles.

Discussion on HAB,s and water quality. Mr. Martin reported that water sampling has begun of lake. A question if a 911 reverse alert for blue algae blooms was researched Mr. Petersen was looking into this.

Mr. Downs has researched getting local business sponsors for the newsletter, Advertising fees would offset the cost of printing and mailing.

Perry Point Water District; Issue is decision to resurvey regarding additional cost on water supply contract.

Dave Granzin, Pat Flynn and Larry Martin will meet with Town Attorney to discuss concerns on the contract, later this week.

Gwen Chamberlin- Friends of the Outlet Trail, appeared to report the Friends are setting new informational signs along the trail. They are seeking sponsors for the signs.

No action taken.

Motion Mr. Flynn 2nd Mr. Downs, to adjourn, carried at 9:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Daggett- Town Clerk