

Town of Mohawk  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:00 pm

The regular monthly meeting was held on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Richard A. Papa Office Building, 2-4 Park St. Fonda NY 12068.

Present: Supervisor Greg Rajkowski, Councilmen: James Hoffman, Bette Papa, Tony Bruno and Bruce Pavlus. Also present, William Holvig, Supt. of Highways, Sole Assessor Stella Gittle, Town Attorney Robert Kruger and Kimberly M. Sullivan, Town Clerk.

The meeting was opened with a flag salute.

Supervisor Rajkowski presented a plaque to former Judge William Peeler, honoring his 5 years of service to the town.

*A motion to approve the minutes of the 01/12/2012 meeting was made by Pavlus and seconded by Bruno. All present voting in favor, motion carried.*

Joe Nudi spoke regarding the former BOCES building, located on Stoner Trail Rd. He asked the board to consider moving forward with the zoning changes on his building to the County Planning Board. Supervisor Rajkowski will speak with the Town Planning Board and work toward that goal.

*Correspondence was read and placed on file at the Town Clerks Office.*

- 1. Governor Cuomo sent an e-mail announcing the schedule for Mandate Relief Council Public Hearings. The Mohawk Valley will be February 24, 2012 at a location to be announced.*
- 2. NYS Canal Corp. will be celebrating the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Canal Splash on August 10-12, 2012.*

Bids were opened as follows:

F-350 Pick-Up Truck:

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| a. Interstate Ford, Hartford CT | <u>\$23,728.00</u>  |
| b. Vision Ford, Rochester NY    | <u>\$23,684.00</u>  |
| c. Don's Ford, Utica NY         | <u>\$ 24,359.00</u> |

<u>A-Arm Mower and Tractor:</u>	Tractor	Mower
a. Hudson River Tractor, Fultonville NY	<u>\$58,398.54</u>	<u>\$41,492.32</u>
b. Whites Farm Supply, Canastota NY	<u>\$45,000.00</u>	<u>\$48,000.00</u>
c. Trius Inc., Fort Edward NY	<u>\$53,611.75</u>	<u>\$43,916.04</u>

**\*All priced without plow.**

**\*\* These bids will all be reviewed by Town Attorney Kruger.**

Payments made prior to this meeting to avoid late payments: Total: \$3,128.72  
 General A: \$2,334.33                      Highway: \$794.39

The Money Market Account as of 01/31/2012: **\$1,115,851.75**

Report from the Highway Superintendent as follows:

1. Holvig reported that he left the plow attachment off of the bid specifications as it would be cheaper to buy it locally, adding that the "State Contract" prices are higher than private dealers.
2. The men have been busy working on equipment as well as widening Reservoir Rd.
3. FEMA paperwork has been completed from Hurricane Irene. Road damage from Hurricane Lee will be next. Ten roads have been affected as well as the entrance to the Town Transfer Station and pavement located in the Transfer site. Estimates on damages are roughly \$250,000.00
4. Holvig would like to go out to bid on paving next month.

Stella Gittle, Sole Assessor reported that the town has met NYS Real Property's tolerance for the Re-Valuation. We should receive a state aid check in the amount of \$10,000. There is new proposed legislation that if you fail to pay your income tax or taxes from on-line purchases, you could lose your STAR Exemption.

**Resolution #14 authorization to sign the Glen Mohawk Seniors and Iroquois Seniors contracts was made by a motion from Pavlus and seconded by Papa. All present voting in favor, motion passed.**

**Resolution #15 Authorization to sign the Tribes Hill Youth Commission contract was made by a motion from Bruno and seconded by Hoffman. All present voting in favor, motion passed.**

**Resolution #16 Authorization to amend the Operating Budget for 2012 was made by a motion from Hoffman and seconded by Pavlus. All present voting in favor, motion passed.**

**Resolution #17 Authorization to monetarily compensate Judge Buck and Kim Sullivan as Court Clerk until a new judge is certified was made by a motion from papa and seconded by Bruno. All present voting in favor, motion passed.**

**Resolution #18 The Town board accepts the Written Code of Ethics for the Town of Mohawk was made by a motion from Hoffman and seconded by Pavlus. All present voting in favor, motion passed.**

**A Resolution #19- to audit and order paid the monthly bills as follows: (Total) \$55,399.00**  
**General A: \$3,674.61 Highway: \$49,146.06**  
**General B: \$1,004.58 Street Lights: \$1,573.75**  
**A motion was made by Papa and seconded by Bruno. All present voting in favor, motion passed.**

**\*Resolution #20 Intent to declare Lead Agency Status for SEQR review of the update to the Town Zoning Law will be pulled until next month.**

In additional business:

Councilman Bruno asked if anything has been done with the adoption of a Local Law on Avoidable Alarms.

*A motion to have a Public Hearing on Avoidable False Alarms on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:00 pm was made by Bruno and seconded by Hoffman. All present voting in favor, motion carried.*

The board inquired about compensation to the Planning and ZBA Boards. Supervisor Rajkowski has information from other towns and will supply it to the board members for review.

Questions were raised as to pay rates and job duties, including why the Code Officer (who needs to be certified) would be paid at the same rate as someone who does not have to attend school.

An update on progress with the Johnstown Industrial Park as follows: Supervisor Rajkowski has not been invited to attend any meeting held with Johnstown Mayor

Slingerland. The homes along St. Hwy. 30A as well as the Village of Fonda should be taken into consideration adding that the town would take the brunt of the Annexation.

The board requested that Holvig do a comparison on the mower and tractor and present it to the board for next month's meeting. The 3 Pick-Up truck bids did not include bid bonds or checks so we may have to go out to bid again.

*A motion to purchase a plow at a maximum purchase price of \$4,900 was made by a motion from Hoffman and seconded by Bruno. All present voting in favor, motion carried.*

Discussion was held on which roads would be paved and the board would like Holvig to supply a report on roads and miles for the board to review next month.

*A motion to go out to bid on paving next month was made by Hoffman and seconded by Papa. All present voting in favor, motion carried.*

*A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel was made by Hoffman and seconded by Pavlus. All present voting in favor, motion carried.*

*A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Hoffman and seconded by Papa. All present voting in favor, motion carried.*

*A motion to appoint Curt Woodcock to the vacant Town Justice position was made by Papa and seconded by Hoffman. All present voting in favor, motion carried.*

*A motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting was made by Hoffman and seconded by Pavlus. All present voting in favor, motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly M. Sullivan  
Town Clerk

