

Town Board Minutes
May 19, 2009

The regular May Town Board meeting was rescheduled to May 19 due to lack of quorum on the 12th. Supervisor Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Present: Patrick Flynn, John H. Martini, John R. Ghidiu, Burge W. Morris
Absent Linda K. Francisco

Others: Sam Selwood, Jack Hessney, Greg Marion, Dick Mashewske-Hwy Supt.
Steve Eskildsen, Colby Petersen

Mr. Flynn led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Martini 2nd Mr. Morris to accept the minutes of the April meeting carried.

Mr. Greg Marion, a Benton resident presented the board with informational materials on the process called hydraulic fracturing for shale gas extraction. Presently there is a moratorium in NY State (until August) for this technology practice. He stated the potential hazards to area water supplies and the infrastructure of the Town if this drilling practice was allowed. He stated there were possibly six large farms on the Northeast side of Seneca Lake that have signed leases for this hydro fracturing drilling process. Many property owners are unaware that this process is **not** the familiar safe vertical drilling. He told members that they can seek more information at the GEC website under Marcellus Shale fracturing operations. NYS DEC website list permits issued for this operation. He presented pamphlets from the Attorney Generals office which explains property owners rights on Oil and Gas Leasing.

This fracturing drilling process calls for millions of gallons of water to be transported in by way of Town, County and State roadways to the drilling site and in turn the flow back (contaminated waste water) must be contained and hauled away to a depository facility. He urged the Town Board to protect its roadways.

He stated this process could impact the watercourses and contaminate the waterways and fisheries along with the aquifers. The Board thanked Mr. Marion for bringing this concern to the Town's attention.

Mr. Flynn presented the abstracts of vouchers for audit.

Motion by Mr. Morris 2nd Mr. Martini, that the bills on the General A & B accounts in the amount of \$ 2,060.97 to be paid carried.

Motion by Mr. Martini 2nd Mr. Morris, that the 2nd installment on the Fire Protection in the amount of \$ 42,000. be paid carried.

Motion by Mr. Morris that the bills on the Highway DA & DB accounts in the amount of \$ 48,916.43 to be paid, carried.

Motion by Mr. Martini 2nd Mr. Ghidiu, that the bills on the Watershed SD accounts in the amount of \$ 130.32 to be paid, carried.

Motion by Mr. Flynn, 2nd Mr. Martini to reappoint James Cougevan to the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term to 2014.

Highway report- Reported roadside maintenance, new roof installation on beach house and town entryway. Gabion baskets set at end on Perry Point Rd

Mr. Flynn reported that the 08 Annual report has been sent into the OSC.

There will be a health insurance meeting for all employees on June 4th, 2009 at 2:00PM at the Town offices with Brown an Brown Insurance Brokers.

Mr. Flynn asked clerk to contract attorney on the Fee Schedule revision that will be made a local law. Regarding Site Plan, Soil Erosion ??? should these be stand alone laws or part of the Zoning Revision law.

There being no further business, a motion by Mr. Flynn 2nd Mr. Martini carried at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted
Betty. Daggett
Torrey Town Clerk