

2013

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

NOVEMBER 13, 2013

The Board convened at 10:30 A.M. in the Supervisors' Chambers at the Court House, Lake Pleasant, New York, with the Chairman, William G. Farber presiding. Mr. Farber led the members of the Board of Supervisors in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and an opening prayer.

The Clerk, Mrs. Laura A. Abrams, called the roll with the following Supervisors answering:

Arietta	Richard A. Wilt
Benson	ABSENT
Hope	Robert Edwards
Indian Lake	Brian Wells
Inlet	John Frey
Lake Pleasant	Neil P. McGovern
Long Lake	Clark J. Seaman
Morehouse	William G. Farber
Wells	Brian Towers

Also present: Frank Mezzano, Tracy Eldridge, Elizabeth Mangle, Caitlyn Stewart and Pete Klein

Public Comment: Elizabeth Mangle wanted to thank the Board for their continued support to the Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District. They will be doing a full presentation in December on what has been happening this past year. Elizabeth stated that it is another difficult budget year and last year the Board of Supervisors did cut some of their allocations and in an effort to help the County this year Soil & Water requested the same as what it was last year.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Brian Towers: Announced that Tracy Eldridge is joining us this morning.

Tracy wanted to discuss the Fuel Consolidation Award Phase II. Hamilton County was awarded \$600,000 for phase II. This was the highest award in New York State and Tracy believes that success was because of how well we did with the first consolidation.

Tracy stated that the grant is for Fuel Consolidation in the northern County. At the County Highway facility in Indian Lake there's not much to do except the removal of the current above ground storage diesel tanks. At the Town of Indian Lake's Highway garage all of their underground tanks as well as above ground tank will be decommissioned and new facilities will be constructed just like the one we did in the Town of Arietta. It will be a key type system just like the one here in Lake Pleasant and it will have a 100% emergency backup generator. In the Town of Long Lake at the County Highway garage, the underground tanks will also be decommissioned and removed and a new facility constructed as the same in the Town of Indian Lake, Lake Pleasant and Arietta's.

When they are all complete if someone from down County is up north and needs gas they will be able to utilize their key in any new fuel depot and then that department will get charged for the fuel.

The Chairman stated they will have a resolution for the November 18th meeting to authorize a contract with LaBerge to get this moving forward.

Brian asked of the total grant how much of that will cover your estimated costs, is it going to cover 100%? Tracy stated no, there will be a local share and he doesn't remember the estimated cost without looking.

Tracy reported that the Engineering service estimation is \$103,000.

The Chairman thanked Tracy for all of his work on this.

Monday November 18th Tracy has bid openings on a used grader and also the fuel bids. He would like to award the bid on the grader that same day.

Tracy reported that he has \$93,000 to put towards the tandem that he has ordered. He did speak with Frank about the possibility of setting up an equipment reserve. He understands that with the past few years being a tight budget it wasn't possible.

Tracy asked for support of a State Aid Bridge Program and with this a discussion on bridges took place. Tracy believes that they need to get the Town Highway Superintendent Association involved and support this.

Tracy stated under the Flood Mitigation Grant he believes there were six projects, some with Towns and some with the County. He just wanted to report that everything is pretty much done except for Gillmantown, that is a County project and they still need to do a top on that road. A little more work on Brown's Brook Bridge and he can then send in the claims for reimbursement.

The Chairman reported the next thing on the agenda was the opening of Proposals for the Independent Audit Services for Years 2013, 2014 and 2015.

1. Richard Dinolfo –	For year	2013 - \$20,000 2014 - \$21,000 2015 - \$22,000	
2. The Bonadio Group –	For year	2013 - \$24,500 2014 - \$25,500 2015 - \$26,500	Includes DOT for \$2,500
3. Drescher & Malecki –	For year	2013 - \$24,850 2014 - \$24,850 2015 - \$24,850	Includes DOT for \$1,850
4. Bollam, Sheedy, Torani & Co. –	For year	2013 - \$42,400 2014 - \$43,000 2015- \$43,750	Includes DOT
5. Toski & Co -	For year	2013 - \$26,500 2014 - \$26,500 2015 - \$26,500	

A motion was made to accept the proposals and refer them to Committee by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Frey. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 291-13

RESOLUTION TO SET DATE OF ORGANIZATION MEETING

DATED: NOVEMBER 13, 2013

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

RESOLVED, that the Organization Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 2:00 P.M.

Seconded by Mr. Wilt and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: PINCOMBE

Budget Review:

The Chairman congratulated Frank; there were many comments back from Supervisors on the quality of the work that you gave the Board to start the budget review with.

The Chairman stated that there are still a few items that they need to revisit.

Frank reported that he met with the Board of Elections and told them the Board would like to see the travel line broken out to include just their own travel and they are working on that.

Neil stated he would like to look at how to better spend the money for the senior meals.

The Chairman reported we trimmed the meal sites between the 2012 and 2013 budget and intended to encourage a level of scrutiny on some of it. He did speak with Christie on this which has been challenging because she pointed out that they have 30 hour a week employees that do the food preparation. She told the Board very candidly that this can't go on, either we are going to have to reduce the hours for all of those employees down to 25 hours a week or we will be subject to putting health insurance in for all of those employees. If we keep them at 30 hours per week we are going to take a significant hit in the budget because we will have to structure within that budget a fund for health insurance. The discussion continued on the budget.

ANCA – Up until 2012 they had in a request for \$500 and we cut that to zero. This year the Chairman received a request from them for \$2,000. Would the Board like ANCA to come in and meet with them to explain what they can do for us for the \$2,000 request?

Brian Towers stated he would support them coming in and telling us what they can provide for us and what they do in general.

It was decided that they would have them meet with the Board.

Recessed until November 18, 2013 at 10:30 AM.