

PROCEEDINGS OF A TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICE ON JANUARY 14, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Taylor at 7:00 p.m. with the following present:

Ronald C. Taylor, Supervisor	Merle C. Otis, Hwy Supt.
Mary C. Smith, Town Clerk	Steve Harter, Ck to Sup.
Michael Gracey, Councilman	Gene Langone, Atty.
William Jesmore, Councilman	Terry Buckley, Assessor
Mark Thompson, Councilman	Jessica Jenack, Planner
Karl Vebber, Councilman	Dean Russell, ZEO

The motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Jesmore to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 10, 2009. Carried Ayes 4 Nay 0.

Public hearing for Local Law 1-2010 having been held at 7:10 p.m. to hear comments for exemption from Real Property Taxes shall be granted for Senior Citizens upon the following chart:

Annual Income	Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt from Taxation
Under \$14,800	50%
\$14,800 -\$15,800	45%
\$15,800-\$16,800	40%
\$16,800-\$17,800	35%
\$17,800-\$18,700	30%
\$18,700-\$19,600	25%
\$19,600-\$20,500	20%

No comments hearing closed.

A motion was made Thompson and seconded by Gracey that the board approve Local Law 1-2010 Senior Exemption scale. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

Public hearing for Local Law 2-2010 having been held at 7:15 p.m. to hear comments for Water and Sewer rates for the year 2010 as follows:

Water District #1 – Effective February 1, 2010- .00300 per gallon O&M charge-metered water usage billed quarterly with a minimum charge of \$15.00 and a 3% per quarter penalty after 30 days from billing date.

Water District #2 – Effective January 1, 2010 - .00375 per gallon charge-metered water usage billed quarterly with a combined minimum charge of \$15.00 and a 3% per quarter penalty after 30 days from billing date.

Water District #3 – Effective March 1, 2010- .00560 per gallon charge-metered Water usage billed quarterly with a minimum charge of \$26.50 and a 3% per quarter penalty after 30 days from billing date.

Sewer District #1 – Effective January 1, 2010 - .00559 per gallon sewer rate based on metered water usage billed quarterly with a minimum charge \$15.00 and a 3% per quarter penalty after 30 days from billing date.

Sewer District #2 – Effective March 1, 2010 - .00598 per gallon sewer rate based on metered sewerage flow billed quarterly with a minimum charge of \$15.00 and a 3% per quarter penalty after 30 days from billing date.

Sewer District #3 – Effective February 1, 2010- .00300 per gallon sewer rate based on metered water usage billed quarterly with a minimum charge of \$45.00 and a 3% per quarter penalty after 30 days from billing date.

No comments hearing closed.

A motion was made by Gracey and seconded by Thompson that the board approve Local Law 2-2010 Water and Sewer Rates. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

Jessica Jenack gave report on what they are working on with the Planning Board. Several members of the planning board would like to attend Annual Local Government conference at Jefferson Community College April 1, 2010.

Jerry Hobbs, Planning board chairman wanted the Town Board to verify that the road that goes behind White Plains Plaza is going to be a town road. The board advised him that we have a law on the books that says that it will be a road. The board will set a work session in the next couple of weeks to visit the site.

Evans Mills Ambulance Squad gave their monthly report.

A motion was made by Vebber and seconded by Gracey that the board approve the Snow & Ice and Maintenance contract with Jefferson County Highway. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Vebber to authorize Merle C. Otis, Hwy Supt. to attend the Highway School in Ithaca

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Gracey that Abstract #1, vouchers 1-178 in the amount of \$209,837.94 be paid from the following accounts.

Cash Balances as of December 31, 2009		Current Month Abstract
\$ 1,766,179.22	General Fund	\$72,029.45

\$	207,196.93	Highway Fund-Townwide	\$39,826.23
\$	306,343.79	Highway Fund-Town Outside	\$ 149.00
\$	38,550.60	Water District # 1	\$ 8,800.02
\$	269,922.37	Water District # 2	\$ 9,969.08
\$	11,068.86	Water District # 3	\$ 146.25
\$	36,212.50	Sewer District # 1	\$55,828.75
\$	27,581.85	Sewer District # 2	\$ 5,202.99
\$	57,150.31	Sewer District # 3	\$ 9,091.68
\$	2,491.94	Capital Project # 3B	\$
\$	532.68	Capital Project # 4S	\$
\$	157,226.33	Capital Project # 4W	\$
\$	10,666.88	Trust & Agency	\$ 8,794.49

Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Gracey that the Evans Mills Branch of the HSBC, USA and the Syracuse branch of JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA, Community Bank, Black River be designated as the depositories for the Town of LeRay for the year 2010.

Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Vebber and seconded by Gracey that the schedule of salary payments be paid bi-weekly during the year 2010 with the exception of the Town Board and Planning board which will be paid on a quarterly basis. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Vebber and seconded by Thompson that the Watertown Daily Times be designated as the official newspaper for the Town of LeRay for the year 2010. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Gracey that the Evans Mills branch of HSBC, USA bank be designated as the depository for the Town Tax Collector for the year 2010. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Vebber and seconded by Gracey that Dean Russell be appointed Constable for the year 2010. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Vebber that the combined computer generated report and detailed statement of Justice Hallet and Mead for the year 2009 were presented and examined, the fines and fees collected had been turned over to the proper officials. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Vebber and seconded by Thompson that the 2009 report of the Town Clerk was presented and examined, her monies turned over to the proper officials and that the detailed statement has been examined and filed. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Vebber and seconded by Thompson to appoint Donna Drake as Deputy Town Clerk for the year 2010. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Gracey that Mary C. Smith be appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics and Donna Drake be appointed as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the year 2010. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Vebber that Supervisor Taylor be appointed as official delegate and Steve Harter is alternate to attend the Association of Towns Meeting. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Gracey to appoint William R. Jesmore as Deputy Supervisor for the year 2010. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Vebber and seconded by Gracey that the mileage for Town business will be the allowable IRS rate.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Gracey to appoint Dean Russell as ZEO for the year 2010. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Vebber and seconded by Gracey to appoint Jerry Hobbs as the Planning Board Chairman for the year 2010. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Gracey and seconded by Thompson to appoint David Champagne to the Planning board, term to expire 12/31/2016. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Gracey and seconded by Thompson to appoint Andrew Barella to the Planning board, his term to expire 12/31/2014. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Vebber and seconded by Gracey to appoint William Albrecht to the ZBA board, his term to expire 12/31/2014. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Vebber and seconded by Thompson to appoint Peter S. Clough as Zoning of Appeals Board Chairman. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Vebber that the board approve Water and Sewer Service agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Vebber that the board approve the Sewer District #3 Service Agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Gracey and seconded by Vebber that the board approve Fire contracts with the Black River Fire Dept. and Pamela Fire Dept. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Vebber and seconded by Gracey that the board approve the Ambulance contract with Black River Volunteer Squad. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Gracey and seconded by Thompson that the Zoning Board of Appeals salary be paid by payroll, Chairman \$200.00, members \$125.00 and Secretary \$62.50 per meeting. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Vebber that the board goes into executive session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss ongoing litigation with Black River Generation LLC. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Vebber and seconded by Thompson that the board goes back into regular session at 9:25 p.m. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Gracey that the board approve the settlement stipulation with Black River Generation LLC as follows: First year 2009 - \$25,000,000, Year 2010 -\$15,000,000. and Year 2011 -\$10,000,000 with no refunds, Fire Protection levy to remain unchanged at original rate for 2009. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Vebber and seconded by Thompson that the board adjourn meeting at 9:45 p.m. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

Respectfully given:

Mary C. Smith, RMC
Town Clerk