

PROCEEDINGS OF A TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON APRIL 9, 2009.

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

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

Also present: Gregor Smith and Kris Dimmick, BCA

A motion was made by Gracey and seconded by Jesmore to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 12 and March 23, 2009. Carried Ayes 3 Nay 0.

Evans Mills Ambulance Squad gave their monthly report.

Public hearing on proposed Local Law 2-2009 to amend widths of rights-of-way was held at 7:10 p.m. Megan Converse questioned if this law would pertain to existing roads that have been started at the 50ft width. A letter from David Converse was read again questioning the width on existing roads. No other comments. Hearing Closed.

Public hearing on proposed Local Law 3-2009 posting weight limits on Town roads. No commented. Hearing closed.

Gregor Smith, BCA gave a report on the Carey well. Electric is done and Nationalgrid is on site to install the gas. Water District #4 has located a site for the Water Tower.

A motion was made by Gracey and seconded by Jesmore that Abstract #4, vouchers 306-398 in the amount of \$208,878.91 be paid from the following accounts.

Cash Balances as of March 31, 2009		Current Month Abstract #4
\$ 2,209,605.25	General Fund	\$60,829.97
\$ 249,082.22	Highway Fund-Townwide	\$26,634.84
\$ 446,730.47	Highway Fund-Town Outside	\$15,513.11
\$ 72,594.40	Water District # 1	\$24,002.21
\$ 370,560.02	Water District # 2	\$ 5,409.26
\$ (408.48)	Water District # 3	\$ 93.17
\$ 88,291.49	Sewer District # 1	\$53,216.36
\$ 47,889.18	Sewer District # 2	\$ 2,558.06
\$ 73,468.35	Sewer District # 3	\$ 6,696.62
\$ 3,986.02	Capital Project # 3B	\$

\$	156,616.11	Capital Project # 4S	\$ 4,177.88
\$	285,983.34	Capital Project # 4W	\$ 5,553.98
\$	10,241.70	Trust & Agency	\$ 4,193.45

Carried Ayes 3 Nay 0.

Councilman Mark Thompson arrived at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Gracey that the board pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Black River Trail Scenic Byway, as currently defined in New York State Legislation, runs from the City of Rome to the City of Ogdensburg, and;

WHEREAS, State Highway 812 from Lowville to Ogdensburg departs from the Black River, thereby having no connection to the resource that defines the theme for this Scenic Byway, and;

WHEREAS, it is important for Scenic Byways and other tourism programs to have a theme with which local communities can identify and that presents an authentic image and experience for the Byway traveler; and

WHEREAS, the Black River Trail's "story" would be incomplete by leaving out the remaining half of the Black River from Lowville to Dexter; and

WHEREAS, *Maple Traditions* communicates a more authentic theme for NYS Route 812 from Lowville to Ogdensburg; and

WHEREAS, these changes have received public support throughout the corridor management planning process; and

WHEREAS, such a change requires the passage of State legislation;

NOW THEREFORE, the town/village of LeRay

- Supports the CMP recommendation to extend the *Black River Trail Scenic Byway* from Lowville to Dexter so that the Byway follows the Black River along its remaining length;
- Supports the Corridor Management Plan recommendation to rename the entire length of State Highway 812, from Lowville to the Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge, as the *Maple Traditions Scenic Byway*, and to also recognize State Highway 68 from Ogdensburg to Canton, and US Route 11 from Canton to Gouverneur, as an alternative loop of the Maple Traditions Scenic Byway;
- Encourages the Governor and the Legislature to work with the New York State Department of Transportation, the Adirondack North Country Association to pass legislation to achieve the above recommendations.

Carried Ayes 4 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Jesmore and seconded by Thompson to authorize the Merle C. Otis, Highway Superintendent to attend the Highway School at Ithaca College June 1-3. Carried Ayes 4 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Jesmore that the board table proposed Local Law 2-09 width of roads. Carried Ayes 4 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Jesmore to adopt Local Law 3-2009 which will be known as Local Law 2-09 due to LL 2-09 being tabled. Local Law 2-09 is for posting weight limits on Town roads as follows: Bedlam Road, Beckwith Road, Gardnerville Road, Gould Corners Road, Rockbrook Road, Simonet Road, Steinhilber Road, Town Line Road, VanTassel Road, Waddingham Road, and Nellis Road. Carried Ayes 4 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Gracey and seconded by Thompson to pass a Financial Resolution to modify the 2009 Town Budget as follows:

1. Appropriate \$40,100 from 911.1 Unappropriated Fund Balance to the following accounts:

16204.1 Buildings- Contractual	\$15,000.00
19404.1 Purchase of Land/ROW	25,000.00
19504.1 Taxes on Municipal Property	75.00
90558.1 Disability Insurance	25.00

2. Appropriate \$10,542 from 911.81 Unappropriated Fund Balance to 97106.81 Debt Service-Serial Bonds-Prin.

Carried Ayes 4 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Gracey that the board send a bill to Eagle Ridge Housing of \$617 includes labor for water main leak. Carried Ayes 4 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Gracey to authorize Supervisor Taylor to sign infrastructure agreement for Duffy Meadows with Steve Converse; agreement must be signed before any mobilization of equipment. Carried Ayes 4 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Gracey that the board go into executive session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss possible land acquisition. Carried Ayes 4 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Jesmore to go back into regular session at 9:30 p.m. Carried Ayes 4 Nay 0.

Supervisor Taylor will be retiring from the NY State & Local Retirement System on April 29, 2009. A motion was made by Jesmore and seconded by Thompson to reappoint Ronald Taylor as supervisor effective 5/1/09 to complete his term that expires on 12/31/2009. Thompson – yes, Gracey – yes, Jesmore – yes and Taylor abstain.

A motion was made by Gracey and seconded by Thompson that the board adjourns meeting at 9:35 p.m. Carried Ayes 4 Nay 0.

Respectfully given:

Mary C. Smith, RMC  
Town Clerk