

PROCEEDINGS OF A TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICE ON FEBRUARY 14, 2008.

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 Supervisor
Michael Gracey, Councilman	Gene Langone, Atty
William Jesmore, Councilman	Terry Buckley, Assessor
John Shatraw, Councilman	Jessica Jenack, Planner
Mark Thompson, Councilman	

Also present: Ken Blankenbush, Jefferson County Legislator, Gregor Smith, BC&A, Planning Board Members, Jerry Hobbs, Karl Vebber, Fred Tontarski, Larry Covell, and Samuel Biondolillo

A motion was made by Gracey and seconded by Shatraw to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 10, 2008 and Special Meeting held on January 31, 2008 with corrections. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

Ken Blankenbush reported on what is happening on the County level such as the Airport, new voting machines. The board had some questions for him to check on.

The Town Board received a letter of resignation from Steve Putney, Planning Board member stating that he was resigning his position as of February 8, 2008 to take a new job position in North Carolina. A letter of appreciation for his years of service will be sent to him.

Gregor Smith, BC&A, reported on the progress of the Sewer District #1 expansion project on US Route 11 and NYS Route 342. He also stated that the State Department of Health is requesting additional testing on the Carey Well for Water District #2.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Shatraw that the board approves Snow and Ice Contract with the Village of Evans Mills for the year 2008-2009 in the amount of \$11,000. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Shatraw seconded by Thompson to authorize Merle C. Otis, Hwy Supt. to attend the Highway Superintendent Conference at Cornell June 1-4. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Shatraw and seconded by Thompson to authorize the Town Clerk to attend the annual New York State Town Clerks Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY from April 27-30. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Jesmore that the board approve the following resolution to cooperate with the County of Jefferson, in order to participate in the North Country HOME Consortium comprised of Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties in order to receive funding under the HOME program:

RESOLUTION FOR COOPERATION AGREEMENT

At a meeting of the Municipal Governing Board of the Town of LeRay, held on the 14th day of February, 2008, Governing Board Member Thompson offered the following:

Whereas, the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 created new initiatives to produce and preserve affordable housing including the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and

Whereas, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program will provide monies to states and local governments to fund affordable housing strategies, and

Whereas, Section 216 (2) of the National Affordable Housing Act provides that a consortium of geographically contiguous units of general local government may apply for funding under the HOME Program, and

Whereas, the Town of LeRay has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to cooperate with the County of Jefferson, in order to participate in the North Country HOME Consortium comprised of Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties in order to receive funding under the HOME program.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Municipal Governing Board authorizes its Chief Elected Official to execute, on behalf of the Town of LeRay, a Cooperation Agreement with the County of Jefferson to undertake or assist in undertaking housing assistance activities for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

This Resolution was passed by a majority of the Governing Board members present. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Gracey seconded by Thompson that Abstract #2, vouchers 105-223 in the amount of \$939,077.70 be paid from the following accounts.

Cash Balances as of January 31, 2008		Current Month Abstract #2
\$ 1,400,282.12	General Fund	\$178,050.09
\$ 272,771.98	Highway Fund-Townwide	\$ 80,251.92
\$ 518,352.61	Highway Fund-Town Outside	\$ 795.32
\$ 33,563.91	Water District # 1	\$ 984.24
\$ 315,494.04	Water District # 2	\$ 8,895.24

\$	17,367.03	Water District # 3	\$	90.25
\$	145,702.98	Sewer District # 1	\$	12,958.88
\$	50,867.33	Sewer District # 2	\$	2,054.36
\$	60,320.15	Sewer District # 3	\$	2,558.69
\$	3,929.76	Capital Project # 3B	\$	
\$	1,581,541.20	Capital Project # 4S	\$	152,831.16
\$	890,510.94	Capital Project # 4W	\$	3,899.72
\$	105,332.87	Capital Project # 5	\$	69,494.53
\$	10,690	Trust & Agency	\$	426,213.30

Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Shatraw and seconded by Thompson that the board goes into executive session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss real estate acquisitions. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Shatraw and seconded by Thompson that the board goes back into regular session at 9:40 p.m. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Jesmore and seconded by Thompson that the board authorize Supervisor Taylor to sign the Sewer Service Agreement for Sewer District #1 and #2 and Water Service Agreement for Water District #1 and #2 with the Development Authority of the North Country. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Jesmore that the board adjourns meeting at 9:30 p. m.

Respectfully given:

Mary C. Smith, RMC
Town Clerk