

A Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brookfield, County of Madison, State of New York was held at the Brookfield Town Hall, Main St, Brookfield, NY on March 9, 2015.

PRESENT:	Supervisor	John Salka
	Councilman	Clinton Abrams
	Councilman	Dewitt Head ABSENT
	Councilman	Joseph Walker
	Councilman	Jefferson Mayne
	Town Clerk	Sherry Perretta
	Highway Supt.	Robert Piersma
	Town Attorney	Tina Weyland-Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: approximately 15 guests

Supervisor Salka, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

RESOLUTION 35-2015

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Abrams, seconded by Walker, the following resolution was

ADOPTED by ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES (4) Abrams, Walker, Salka, Mayne  
NAYS (0)

Resolved that the minutes of February 9, 2015 be approved as presented.

**REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

**Planning**

- Public Hearing held February 16<sup>th</sup>. Whitacre subdivision approved.
- Public Hearing held March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Endless Trails and Benjamin subdivisions approved.
- A lot realignment pertaining to the properties of Benjamin, Yoder and Whitacre was approved.
- Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2015.

**Town Clerk**

- Town Clerk Perretta presented the Town Clerk monthly report for February with total disbursement of \$476.00. Copies of reports for January and February distributed to Supervisor and Board members. A check for clerk fees for January and February was given to the Supervisor. Town Clerk Perretta reported that other monthly disbursements have been made.
- Town Clerk/Tax Collector reported on tax collection to date. A report and check for February 2015 interest/penalties was presented to the Supervisor along with a check for interest/penalties from a prior year that had not yet been disbursed.

- Town Clerk Perretta read letter received from Time Warner Cable advising check forthcoming for franchise fees in the amount of \$3,188.52.
- Town Clerk Perretta read letter received from William Bootie expressing his interest in contracting to mow the North Brookfield Town Park again this year. His bid is for \$1,500 from April to October with the Town to provide the gas. He requests monthly payments.

**Supervisor**

- Supervisor Salka gave an update on the County's Public Utility Service project. The previously formed ADHOC Committee will now become a regular full-time committee.
- Supervisor Salka introduced the Town's Attorney, Tina Weyland-Smith.

Supervisor Salka called for a motion to enter executive session with the Town Attorney in attendance to discuss an issue relating to personnel.

Motion by Abrams, seconded by Walker that the Board enter into executive session with the Town Attorney in attendance to discuss an issue relating to personnel at 7:10 pm.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

AYES (4) Abrams, Walker, Salka, Mayne  
NAYS (0)

Motion by Abrams, seconded by Walker that the Board exit executive session and resume the regular meeting at 7:32 pm.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

AYES (4) Abrams, Walker, Salka, Mayne  
NAYS (0)

Attorney Weyland-Smith exited the meeting.

**Highway Superintendent**

- New loader arriving Thursday.
- Salt brine trials continue to go well.
- Councilman Walker questioned the V-plow request from last meeting. Superintendent Piersma advised there is no hurry for this, but would like to purchase before next winter.
- Superintendent Piersma requested Supervisor Salka to handle NYSERDA paperwork for reimbursement on lighting upgrade at Town Barn.
- Superintendent Piersma reported that the Route 12 project scheduled will result in the possibility of the Town obtaining millings when the road is torn up. If so, the millings will be used to pave Babcock and Morgan Roads.

**Town Attorney (Tina Weyland-Smith)**

- No report.

### **Buildings/Insurance**

- Councilman Abrams gave an update on salt shed research. The committee is working on applying for grants and it is nearing time to sit down with the highway department and get a clear understanding of what kind of containment unit/building is going to be necessary.
- Supervisor Salka reported that Superintendent Piersma will be meeting with NYMIR, the Town's Insurance Company, on Friday to go over building values.
- Supervisor Salka reported that he would like to pursue the installation of AED units in the Town Hall (1 upstairs and 1 downstairs) and the Town Barn.

### **Finance**

- Supervisor Salka gave a summary of the balance sheet.

### **Parks**

- Councilman Mayne reported that the Little League Girls' Softball has started practicing up at the school already.

### **Safety**

- No report.

### **Comprehensive Planning Committee**

- Survey tabulation workshops continue.
- Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2015 at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

### **Codes Enforcement**

- CEO Piersma reported that he is not interested in continuing as Codes Enforcement Officer in 2016. He will maintain the position until the end of 2015. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the Town in this capacity for the last 5 years.

### **Historian**

- The Historical Society meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.
- Historian 'Perk' Stalter shared that Mohawk Living Magazine has highlighted the Brookfield area in their January, February and March issues. January and February focused on the Unadilla Valley Railroad and the March issue spotlighted Ben & Judy's Sugarhouse.

### **Dog Control Officer**

- No permanent appointment yet.

**RESOLUTION 36-2015  
AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

On a motion by Walker, seconded by Mayne, the following resolution was

ADOPTED by ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES (4) Abrams, Walker, Salka, Mayne  
NAYS (0)

Resolved that the Supervisor's bills be paid on Abstract #3 in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 44 - 60	\$ 14,306.65
Highway Fund	No. 42 - 59	\$ 29,527.58

**RESOLUTION 37-2015  
MODIFY THE 2015 BROOKFIELD TOWN BUDGET**

On a motion by Abrams, seconded by Walker, the following resolution was

ADOPTED by ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES (4) Abrams, Walker, Salka, Mayne  
NAYS (0)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Brookfield authorizes the Town Supervisor and Chief Financial Officer, one being the same, to modify the attached modifications for the 2015 fiscal year.

**RESOLUTION 38-2015  
APPOINT A DOG CONTROL OFFICER EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2015**

On a motion by Walker, seconded by Abrams, the following resolution was

ADOPTED by ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES (4) Abrams, Walker, Salka, Mayne  
NAYS (0)

WHEREAS, Section 119 of the Agriculture and Markets Law permits the Town Board to create the position of Dog Control Officer and appoint one or more persons thereto,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Jodi Hawes be and he hereby is appointed as Dog Control Officer for the Town of Brookfield effective April 1, 2015 for an indefinite term removable at the pleasure of the Town Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, he/she will be compensated annually at a figure of \$2500.00 per year, payable monthly, plus 57.5 cents per mile for necessary mileage with approval of the town board per voucher submitted with monthly report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

K. Beehm – Congratulations to Jodi Hawes on her appointment as Dog Control Officer.

D. Corbin – Question on the Town Attorney’s rate of pay. Supervisor Salka responded. Rate is \$150 per hour.

D. Corbin – Question to Supervisor Salka – Are all Town monies where they are supposed to be now? Supervisor Salka responded that this is being addressed and he assured her that all Town funds are secure.

With no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Abrams and seconded by Mayne, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. Carried unanimously.