

May 12th, 2008
Annual Sewer Districts Meeting
Regular Town Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.

These are Draft minutes to be approved at the June 9th, 2008 meeting.

The Town Board of the Town of Savannah held its regular Town Board meeting on May 12th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Members present were:

Kenneth Lauderdale	Supervisor
John Metcalf	Councilman
Carol Spellman	Councilman
Ted Fitch	Councilman
Julie VanLeeuwen	Councilman

Also present were: Fred Baker, Leon Gaklik, Joseph Urwin, Jack Sloan, Terry Colvin-Sewer Dist. No. 2 Representative, Victor Townsend, Michael Mumford, Fingerlakes Times-John Addyman, Ruby Washburn, Leroy Hollier, Florabelle Marriott, John Spellman-Town Historian and Sewer District No. 1 Representative.

The minutes of April 14th and 23rd were read by the clerk with a motion of approval being made by John Metcalf seconded by Carol Spellman with the exception of the safety issues regarding the holiday flags be corrected to read "it is no longer feasible for the highway crew to maintain the flags from a motor bucket". All members voted "aye" and the motion carried.

As the Annual Sewer Districts meeting is scheduled to precede the regular Town Board meeting, Supervisor Lauderdale opened the meeting for those in attendance to speak on related issues to the sewer districts.

Sewer District No. 1

An overview of the financial statement was given, noting that although the finances are satisfactory the district would need additional revenues to do any proposed work on the treatment beds. John Spellman, representative for the district, presented pictures for the boards review showing standing water on the treatment bed. Clerk noted that during the annual inspection of the septic tanks, it was found that one property owner needed to replace their septic tank and all other tanks were in compliance. Michael Mumford inquired about his neighboring property and the sewer odor. It was explained that the owner has been informed of the problem and a letter was sent.

Sewer District No. 2

Representative for Sewer District No. 2, Terry Colvin inquired about the financial statement. Ruby Washburn noted that the revenues are considerably less, it was stated that the scheduled five year pumping cost approximately \$28,000.00 and the treatment beds had extensive work done on them. Terry Colvin requested a list of the property owners that were found to be in non-compliance during the annual septic tank inspections, clerk stated such properties.

Sewer District No. 3

As no one appeared regarding Sewer District No. 3 the clerk gave a brief overview of the financial statement and the annual septic tank inspections, noting the district has no un-foreseen problems.

As all in attendance being heard the regular Town Board meeting commenced.

Town Historian, John Spellman, gave a status report on the new history books, noting that approximately the 3rd week in June the books should be available. The cost of the book will be \$20.00 and proceeds will go towards a special Savannah history project. Mr. Spellman further noted that there will be a book signing at the Audubon Center.

Superintendents of Schools, Marilyn Barr; Asst. Superintendent of business, Cathy Milliman; and School Board member, Tom Caprillo attended the meeting to give a presentation on the proposed school budget for the upcoming year. After the presentation a brief question and answer session was held. Mrs. Barr also spoke on issues relating to the future of the Savannah Elementary School, noting that there will be a meeting at the end of the month to discuss projected options. It was further noted that one of the options is to have grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 together as statistics show these grades progress better if kept together.

Jack Sloan spoke in regards to the drainage problems. He noted that a firm has been hired and the school is waiting for cost estimates.

Leroy Hollier attended the meeting in the interest of the potential safety hazard in the vicinity of 14272 Savannah Spring Lake Rd due to the high volume of vehicles entering Savannah MX Motocross track. The concern is that there is limited visibility due to the rolling terrain, causing the potential for an accident. It was decided that Supervisor Lauderdale would write a letter to Wayne County Highway Dept. requesting signage.

Departmental Reports:

Water - There were no water/sewer reports given, as the operator is out of town.

Highway – Superintendent was not in attendance. Much discussion was held regarding Lakeland Equipment’s bill on the tractor. Supervisor Lauderdale to further review issues regarding repair costs and maintenance issues.

CEO – Code Enforcement Officer was not in attendance.

Assessor – The Assessor was not in attendance.

Supervisors Financial Report – Supervisor Lauderdale gave a brief overview of the financial status, noting that our reserve is decreasing from year to year due to inflation. It was further noted that there will be additional expenses due to proposed grant preparations.

Town Justice Annual Reports – The Town Justice books and annual reports were reviewed by the Town Board. It was decided before the books & annual report could be approved, to write a letter requesting the Town Justices to attend the May 28th work session for better clarification of their books.

Committee Report – Councilman Spellman presented her Youth, Recreation and Recognition Committee report. She further noted that the committee has progressed well and currently are in the stages of obtaining rates for field trips, the possibility of a summer soccer program, maintenance issues for the youth recreation field house, and the possibility of a computer and cooking class to be offered for savannah residents.

Councilman Spellman also requested on behalf of the Savannah Community Day Committee (a subdivision of the Chamber of Commerce) to close the Main Street on Saturday, June 14th for the purpose of Car Cruisin show. Mrs. Spellman explained that a Car Cruisin Show is a smaller version of a car show. She further stated that parking would not be an issue and the insurance is through the Chamber policy. She also stated that there will be a parade, along with several other community activities. A motion was made by John Metcalf seconded by Councilman Fitch to close the Main Street on June 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from the intersection of Route 31/89 to the Seneca Street entrance for the purpose of a Car Cruisin show. By roll: Councilman Spellman, VanLeeuwen, Fitch, Metcalf and Supervisor Lauderdale “aye” motion carried.

Correspondence:

- 1) Time Warner Cable – Rate Changes
- 2) Federal Home Loan Bank – updates
- 3) NYS Canal Corporation – Hours of Operation

Other Business:

Supervisor Lauderdale gave a brief status report on the meeting with J.O'Connell & Associates noting that the meeting was very productive. It was decided to proceed with various grant opportunities. It was further noted that Wayne County Planning Director, Sharon Lilla is also working with J. O'Connell with past and current grant applications. It was also noted that in order to continue the Town would have to supply funding for the studies to be done before a grant application can be submitted.

Due to time issues discussions were held regarding the elimination of the reading of the minutes with the substitution of providing the board members with an email of the minutes for approval. Clerk so noted.

Clerk noted that she will forward a draft of the employee handbook for their approval at the May 28th work session.

Much discussion was held regarding dumping issues on the West Shore. Supervisor Lauderdale noted that DEC has been in contact with him and requests that the Town clean up the site and find a possible solution to avoid future dumping. Supervisor Lauderdale further noted that he is currently waiting for a letter from the DEC informing the Town as to their responsibilities on the removal of debris. Discussions were held on possible solutions such as signage for private property, security cameras, and a gate system. Supervisor Lauderdale noted that he has contacted the property owners and they had no problem with a security gate system. Many questions were asked regarding the future dumping of brush and it was decided to further review possible sites. It was suggested to have the highway superintendent attend the May 28th work session for further discussions.

The following resolution was presented by Councilman Spellman:

***Resolution No. 23-2008
Increase of Appropriations
Personnel Cemeteries***

WHEREAS, the General Fund Personnel account A8810.1 is in need of funds due to the recent hiring of personnel for the lawn maintenance, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that \$3,000.00 be appropriated from surplus monies, in the above account to cover the salaries for the lawn maintenance of the Savannah cemeteries.

A motion to adopt the above written resolution was made by Councilman Metcalf seconded by Councilman VanLeeuwen. By roll: Councilman Fitch, VanLeeuwen, Metcalf, Spellman and Supervisor Lauderdale "aye", motion carried.

The following bills were presented for audit:

General Fund	Abst. #5	Claim #122-153	\$ 7,301.57
Highway Fund	Abst. #5	Claim #67-66	\$ 24,053.03
Water District	Abst. #5	Claim # 53-64	\$ 2,963.20
Sewer Dist. #1	Abst. #4	Claim # 9-11	\$ 92.63
Sewer Dist. #2	Abst. #5	Claim # 14-17	\$ 453.96
Sewer Dist. #3	Abst. #5	Claim # 7-9	\$ 49.09
Savannah Lighting	Abst. #4	Claim # 4	\$ 748.29
South Butler Lighting	Abst. #4	Claim #3	\$ 47.04

A motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Councilman Spellman seconded by Councilman Metcalf. All members voted "aye" and the motion carried.

Councilman Spellman called Executive Session to discuss personnel issues – 9:30 p.m.

Out of Executive Session – 10:15 p.m.

As Town employee Darrel Scott LaGas has completed his 6 month probationary period it was decided by motion of Councilman Spellman seconded by Councilman VanLeeuwen to increase his wages to \$9.00 an hour to start with the May 23rd payroll. By roll: Councilman Fitch, VanLeeuwen, Metcalf, Spellman and Supervisor Lauderdale "aye" motion carried.

Julie Carey-Town Clerk

ACTION ITEMS FOR TOWN BOARD

- Supervisor to write letter to Wayne Co. Highway Dept. requesting signage study on Savannah Spring Lake Rd. in the vicinity of Savannah MX.
- Supervisor to review Lakeland Equipment bill on the repair of the highway tractor.

- Supervisor to write letter requesting Town Justice's attend May 28th work session.
- Supervisor to further review DEC requests regarding West Shore dumping issue.
- Request Highway Superintendent to attend the May 28th work session to discuss West Shore issues.

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