

**TOWN OF DANBY
TOWN BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2008**

PRESENT:

Supervisor Fredric Dietrich

Councilpersons: Eugene Beavers, Leslie Connors, Daniel Klein, Joseph Salino

Others Present:

Carol Sczepanski - Town Clerk

Susan Beeners - Code Enforcement Officer

Patrick Caveny - Representative from the Danby Fire Department

Roy Casterline - West Danby Water District Superintendent

Members of the Public

Ronda Roaring, George Blanchard, Joel Gagnon, Pamela Goddard, Ted Crane and others.

Supervisor Dietrich called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and led all present to the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Privilege of the Floor:

Town Clerk, Carol Sczepanski reported that the Town and County Tax Collection has been very busy and that she has paid the town its share of the 2008 Warrant to Collect. She expects that the Clerk's office will be back to normal by the end of this week and the installment payments and fees have been returned to the County.

Susan Beeners reported that the Town Board received a memo regarding the Finger Lakes Land Trust. Andrew Zepp of the Finger Lakes Land Trust would like to attend the March 10, 2008 board meeting to give an update on Lick Brook, the Finger Lakes Trail Coordinator project and an update on tax incentives related to conservation.

Fire District Report:

Patrick Caveny, fire district representative reported that the vote on the Bond Resolution Referendum for the addition to the Danby Fire Station will be tomorrow (Tuesday, February 12, 2008) from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Danby Fire Station and the West Danby Fire Station.

Members of the Public:

George Blanchard asked the Town Board if the board had acknowledged by resolution recognition of the twenty(20) years of service of James Herson as a justice for the Town of Danby.

Supervisor Dietrich said that he would not be opposed to some kind of acknowledgment.

REPORTS:

County Legislature Report:

Representative Frank Proto reported on the following items:

The Governor has expanded the parameters for children with autism;

How the county is going to attack the Governor's budget;

Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) program - major expense to the County.

Entire Fee Structure - has been changed for some health department permits;

New Tax Assessments - have been mailed to residents;

Tim Joseph has resigned from the County Legislature and was appointed a new position as the Finger Lakes Parks Commissioner.

Ag assessments are due by April 1st.

Supervisor Dietrich reported on the status of the SPCA. He said that there is a big push to get some information and have it returned to the TCCOG and may be put off at least a month. Many of the persons involved will be at the NYS Association of Towns Conference so the information may be delayed. Most of the towns have signed contracts back and it looks like they will stick to the original time line. There is a request to Town Clerks and Supervisors to respond to a questionnaire to get a handle on service they currently receive from the SPCA.

EMC - No report

Highway Monthly Report Received for January 2008

Highway Secretary Laura Shawley reported on the road work for January and routine equipment maintenance. The Highway Superintendent has sent a request for a change in the fees in Town of Danby Local Law No. 1 of 1990 entitled . "Emergency Towing of Vehicles". The request is to increase the fees for towing not to exceed \$125.00 and a storage charge not to exceed \$30.00 per day.

No action was taken on the request to amend Local Law #1 of 1990.

Generator Update - the highway department has received quotes of the revised specifications for the installation of a generator at the highway garage.

Zoning Report

Code Enforcement Officer, Susan Beeners reported that her monthly report for January has been submitted. There is two (2) new housing being built in the White Hawk Ecovillage development. A ICS course was held at the Danby Fire Station and was well attended. The DEMPC meeting was re-scheduled for February 27, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. The CMC subdivision is moving along and a public hearing to establish a drainage system for the storm management areas.

Beautification Committee

Supervisor Dietrich reported that the town has received a check from Cooperative Extension for the beautification project for 2008.

Recreation Partnership

Supervisor Dietrich said that it is difficult to know how many people will take part in the programs.

Community Council Report

Dan Klein reported that Community Council held their annual meeting of officers and submitted the 2007 report to the board. Two new people were elected to the Community Council Board.

Danby Senior Citizens

The Danby Senior Citizens met on Thursday, February 7, 2008 at noon for their monthly dish to pass luncheon. There was a presentation from the Danby Community Park Committee and the Danby Fire District.

SPCA - Report Received

The Town Clerk reported that the monthly report received from the SPCA and transmitted to the board is difficult to read. The supervisor reported that if we take the number of dogs that were being picked up for Danby that the cost is around \$400 per dog. He said that he thinks that maybe there should be a way for a sliding scale to be applied to the charges.

Community Park Association Update

Ken Horst, president of the Community Park Association gave a presentation of the history of the park property, grants and support in funding they have received to build the proposed Danby Community Park. A list of the Board of Directors and Liaisons to the association was submitted to the board. Cheryl Savara passed out a map of the property showing where the proposed ball fields were to be located and the site for the community center. She asked for ideas of what the community may need in a community center. Items suggested were: the Danby library, kitchen, large room for meetings and events, possible emergency site, a place for after school activities, possible basketball court, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 24 OF 2008

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD CHAIRPERSON

By Councilperson Beavers : Seconded by Councilperson Salino

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Danby re-appoints Bob Roe as chairperson of the Danby Planning Board.

Discussion:

Councilperson Klein said he was willing to put the appointment off.

Supervisor Dietrich said he does not think that he is the best person for chairperson.

A roll call vote on the resolution resulted as follows:

Bevers	Aye	
Connors		Nay

Klein	Nay
Salino	Aye
Dietrich	Nay

Defeated

RESOLUTION NO.25 OF 2008

APPROVAL OF TOWN OF DANBY DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR

By Supervisor Dietrich: Seconded by Councilperson Klein

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Danby approves the Supervisor’s appointment of Theodore I. Jones as Deputy Town Supervisor.

Discussion:

Councilperson Beavers said that he thinks that the appointment should be a board member. Supervisor Dietrich said that until we have people on board with experience he feels that Ted Jones can cover the financial obligations of the town and knows most of the operating procedures of the town.

A roll call vote on the resolution resulted as follows:

Bevers	Nay
Connors	Aye
Klein	Aye
Salino	Nay
Dietrich	Aye

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 26 OF 2008

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF DANBY PLANNING BOARD

By Supervisor Dietrich: Seconded by Councilperson Klein

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Danby appoints Joel Gagnon _as an alternate member of the Town of Danby Planning Board.

A roll call vote on the resolution resulted as follows:

Beavers	Nay
Connors	Aye
Klein	Aye
Salino	Abstained
Dietrich	Aye

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 27 OF 2008

IN APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO TOMPKINS COUNTY

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (EMC)

By Supervisor Dietrich: Seconded by Councilperson Connors

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Danby recommends the appointment of Lisa Skoler as the Town of Danby Representative to the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council.

A roll all vote on the resolution resulted as follows:

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Klein	Aye
Salino	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

Carried Unanimously

INCREASE SUPERVISOR'S CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT

Deferred to March until it is determined what percentage of the phone bill is for personal use.

Supervisor Dietrich reported that his policy is for unlimited minutes and needs to obtain information on his calling history.

RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF 2008

AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERVISOR TO SIGN DANBY SENIOR CITIZEN'S AGREEMENT FOR 2008

By Councilperson Beavers: Seconded by Supervisor Dietrich

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Danby authorizes the Town of Danby Supervisor to sign the Agreement between the Town of Danby and the Town of Danby Senior Citizens for 2008.

A roll all vote on the resolution resulted as follows:

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Klein	Aye
Salino	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

Carried Unanimously

RESOLUTION NO. 29 OF 2008

AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOMPKINS COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF DANBY FOR DANBY LIBRARY FUNDING

By Councilperson Beavers: Seconded by Councilperson Connors

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Danby authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the Agreement between Tompkins County and the Town of Danby for funding for the Danby

Community Library.

A roll all vote on the resolution resulted as follows:

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Klein	Aye
Salino	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

Carried Unanimously

RESOLUTION NO. 30 OF 2008

CONTRACT WITH WESTBROOK FOR INSTALLATION OF HIGHWAY GENERATOR

By Councilperson Beavers: Seconded by Supervisor Dietrich

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Danby Town Board authorizes the Danby Highway Superintendent to enter into a contract to start the generater work with Westbrook Enterprises in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

The board discussed the cost of maintenance contracts.

A roll all vote on the resolution resulted as follows:

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Klein	Aye
Salino	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

Carried Unanimously

Requests for Web Master Proposals

The Town Board is seeking proposals for a webmaster for the Town Web site. The town clerk will forward the request to the webmaster so that he can submit a proposal and Councilperson Connors will contact Larry Parlett our current webmaster.

The Town Clerk will submit to Councilperson Connors contact information to consult with our current webmaster.

Supervisors Monthly Report

The Supervisors Monthly Report has been deferred until the Annual Report to the State of New York has been completed.

Approval of Town Clerk's Report

A motion was made by Councilperson Beavers and seconded by Councilperson Salino that the Town Board of the Town of Danby approves the Town Clerk's January as submitted/

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Klein	Aye
Salino	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

Carried Unanimously

Approval of General Fund Warrant No. 2 of 2008

A motion was made by Supervisor Dietrich and seconded by Councilperson Beavers that the Town Board of the Town of Danby approves the General Fund Warrant No. 2 of 2008 in the amount of \$31,152.91 voucher numbers 31 - 86.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Klein	Aye
Salino	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

Carried Unanimously

Approval of Highway Department Fund Warrant No. 2 of 2008

A motion was made by Councilperson Beavers and seconded by Councilperson Salino that the Town Board of the Town of Danby approves the Highway Department Fund Warrant No. 2 in the amount of \$35,024.64 voucher numbers 4 - 24.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Klein	Aye
Salino	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

Carried Unanimously

Approval of West Danby Water District Fund Warrant No. 2 of 2008

A motion was made by made by Councilperson Beavers and seconded by Supervisor Dietrich that the Town Board of the Town of Danby approves the West Danby Water District Fund Warrant No. 2 of 2008 voucher numbers 6 - 10.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Beavers	Aye
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Connors	Aye
Klein	Aye
Salino	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

Carried Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Carol W. Szczepanski, Town Clerk

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