

**TOWN OF DANBY  
TOWN BOARD MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 10, 2008**

**PRESENT:**

Supervisor Dietrich

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

**Others Present:**

Carol W. Szczepanski - Town Clerk

Susan Beeners - Code Enforcement Officer

Carl Seamon - Highway Superintendent

Roy Casterline - West Danby Water Superintendent

**Members of the Public**

Ronda Roaring, Joel Gagnon

**Additions to the Agenda**

Tompkins County MOU - Acceptance of Grant and Endorsement of Memorandum of Understanding by Tompkins County Council of Governments-Water and Sewer Infrastructure.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Joel Gagnon reported that at the November Agenda meeting there was discussion the highway barn. If the town was serious about saving energy there are a couple of things the town could do. The recommendations in an energy audit for this building were not implemented such as the insulation of a cover on the insulation and replacement of the cam lights. Some of the suggestions in that energy audit could also be used at the highway barns.

Ronda Roaring said that she has asked that the fines in the dog ordinance be addressed and it is not on the agenda.

**REPORTS:**

County Representative - not present

EMC - representative not present

Highway Report - written report received

Zoning and Code Enforcement - report received

Planning Board - Susan Beeners thanked the residents and board members who attended the Steering Committee workshops on October 24 and 25. There will be a public information meeting with the consultants and Planning Board on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Beautification Committee-no report

Recreation Partnership - no report

Community Council - no report

**Senior Citizens Report**

Carol Szczepanski reported that the Danby Senior Citizens held a Thanksgiving Luncheon with a

special Birthday cake in honor of their 40<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary. The luncheon was attended by 40+ seniors. A brief summary of organization was presented. There was also election of officers for 2009. The Christmas Luncheon will be at Royal Court on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

### **Dog Control**

Supervisor Dietrich reported that dog control contracts should be available next week. Each municipality negotiate their own contract for their town for a one(1) year contract. Three kennels have submitted proposals to TCCOG for consideration.

### **DEMPC**

Supervisor Dietrich reported that he is working with the County on emergency planning. The idea of aid to municipalities on emergency issues has fallen through the cracks. Since Danby is the only town working on emergency planning TCCOG is trying to get the County's agenda so that all towns can have input and set goals.

### **NOTE:**

Committee reports received at the Agenda Meeting will be made available at the regular Board Meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Dietrich reported that a resident had submitted a proposal to use the Town Hall for a hook-up for wireless computers. No action was taken.

### **Possible adoption of Local Law #3 - Emergency Towing of Vehicles - On hold.**

The Local Law adoption was placed on hold until the Town Attorney can be consulted on the section of fines.

### **UNPAID WATER BILLS**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 77 OF 2008**

#### **APPROVAL TO ADD UNPAID WATER BILLS TO THE 2008 TAXES FOR COLLECTION**

By Councilperson Beavers: Seconded by Councilperson Nolte

**WHEREAS**, Mary L. Casterline, the collector for the West Danby Water District, has submitted a list of unpaid water bills from October 31, 2007 through October 31, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary L. Casterline, collector for the West Danby Water District has certified that she has compared the names with the names of the Danby Water District Users and finds the bills remain unpaid; now be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Danby requests that Tompkins County

Division of Assessment add the outstanding West Danby Water District bills to the 2009 Town and County Tax Roll for collection.

<u>TAX MAP NO.</u>	<u>OWNERS NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
17.-1-57.11	Osburn, Andrea	17 Station Road	\$ 96.81
17.-1-19	Wright, Donald	18 Station Road	\$129.53
17.-1-17	Schilling, Vera	14 Station Road	\$ 31.63
16.-1-24.3	Banta, Theodore IV	476 Brown Road	\$209.22
17.-1-42	Grover, Albert L &	33 Maple Avenue	\$441.37
18.-1-25.1	Wendt, Scott	2411 Spencer Road	\$289.57
17.-1-1.31	Walden, Eric	2275 Spencer Road	\$ 23.40
17.-1-27	Kennedy, Susan	40 Valley View Road	\$139.43
17.-1-57.2	Lynch, Rebecca	29 Station Road	\$109.72
17.-1-18	McEvers, Laura	22 Station Road	\$142.72
16.-1-15	Sinn,/ Louis, Sr.	2147 Station Road	55.94
16.-1-15	Sinn,/ Louis, Jr.	2147 Spencer Road	\$ 24.20
26.-1-2.53	Cortright, Steve	89 Hillview Road	\$176.00
26.-1-7.23	Pittsley, Mark, W	18 Hillview Road	\$171.16
26.-1-10.2	Orlow, Anthony	2754 Spencer Road	\$ 21.45
17.-1-19.2	Whitley, Allan	51 Station Road	\$ 97.51
17.-1-1.11	Bunce, Robert	46 Short Road	\$ 123.59
17.-1-16	Evelyn, Hendrix	36 Station Road	\$ 85.52
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$2,368.77</b>

A roll call vote on the resolution resulted as follows:

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Klein	Aye
Salino	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

Carried Unanimously

**RESOLUTION NO. 78 OF 2008**

**ENDORSEMENT OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND PLEDGE TO WORK WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATIVE FOR COUNTY-WIDE EVALUATION OF EXISTING WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE**

By Supervisor Dietrich: Seconded by Councilperson Salino

**WHEREAS**, the Tompkins County Economic Development Strategy's goals include increasing and diversifying the County's housing supply and revitalizing the County's unique commercial districts and town centers, and

**WHEREAS**, the Economic Development Collaborative was organized to formalize, strengthen

and deepen the cooperation among the many local agencies and municipal bodies addressing economic development issues in the County to make the process more effective through common goals and approach, and

**WHEREAS**, the Tompkins County Council of Governments (TCCOG) is a member of the Economic Development Collaborative, which is currently working to address the goals of the County's Economic Development Strategy, and

**WHEREAS**, the Economic Development Collaborative has suggested the creation of an updated, County-wide evaluation of existing water and sewer infrastructure and the development of a conceptual plan of water and sewer infrastructure needed to support planned future growth to meet housing and economic development goals, and

**WHEREAS**, the last County-wide evaluation of water and sewer infrastructure was completed in 1994, and

**WHEREAS**, an updated evaluation would facilitate the development of housing within town and village centers, commercial revitalization of those centers and growth in the tax base, with the most efficient use of public dollars for infrastructure, and

**WHEREAS**, the result of this evaluation will be a report that is available for all municipalities to use in their planning of infrastructure development, but that no actual investment in water or sewer facilities is included in this project, and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Tompkins, on behalf of TCCOG, applied for and was awarded a grant known as Shared Municipal Services Incentive (SMSI) grant from the State of New York, to conduct a County-wide evaluation of water and sewer infrastructure and develop a conceptual plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the TCCOG unanimously adopted this resolution on September 25, 2008 and directed that it to be forwarded to municipalities for consideration and approval by local municipal boards, and

**WHEREAS**, the Tompkins County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 186 of 2008 on September 16, 2008, that authorized the acceptance of this grant in the amount of \$82,245.24 for the purpose of conducting a County-wide evaluation of water and sewer infrastructure and to develop a conceptual plan, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Danby, by adoption of this resolution, declares its intent to support the development of a County-wide evaluation of water and sewer infrastructure and the development of a conceptual plan of water and sewer infrastructure needed to support planned future growth to meet housing and economic development goals.

**RESOLVED**, further, that the Town Board of the Town of Danby pledges to work with the Economic Development Collaborative to ensure cooperation of members planning and engineering departments with this project, providing information and documentation requested by the consultant team, led by T.G. Miller, including but not limited to:

- \* Current rated capacity of water and wastewater treatment systems from existing SPDES (State Pollution Discharge Elimination System) permits and facility plans
- \* Electronic files or paper copies of maps showing current water distribution and/or sanitary sewer collection systems
- \* Recent studies of water and sewer facilities
- \* Treatment processes, mechanical and other systems related data
- \* Scheduled or anticipated system upgrades or new construction
- \* Historical problems and obstacles including operational difficulties, regulatory compliance, land use restrictions, public impact and complaints, and funding
- \* Current population served by the utilities including number of service connections
- \* Anticipated population growth rate for the next ten years
- \* Existing or planned funding sources that may be available, and

Statement of need:

Increasing housing supply and revitalization of commercial districts are two of the Tompkins County Economic Development Strategy's three goals. Both require improvements to water and sewer infrastructure, especially in the non-urbanized areas of the county. The proposed infrastructure study is, therefore, an integral step to achieving affordable housing and revitalization goals. In particular, to provide for housing to be reasonably affordable, housing required density. Continuing to build individual homes on ½ acre lots is not an affordable approach to providing housing. Dependable water and sewer infrastructure is also critical for revitalization of our town and village centers.

Preliminary scope of work:

A consultant will be hired to:

- \* Update the 1994 County-wide evaluation of water and sewer infrastructure working with local municipal staff.
- \* Prepare a conceptual plan of water and sewerage infrastructure, including potential service areas, to support future growth.
- \* Prepare preliminary costs to expand infrastructure to accommodate planned growth.
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Work will reflect anticipated growth of the municipalities, local plans, and the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan.

A roll call vote on the resolution resulted as follows:

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Klein	Aye
Salino	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

**Carried Unanimously**

**APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR’S SEPTEMBER 2008 REPORT**

A motion was made by Councilperson Salino and seconded by Councilperson Klein that the Town Board of the Town of Danby approves the Town Supervisor’s September 2008 as submitted.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Klein	Aye
Salino	Aye

**Carried Unanimously**

Approval of the Town Clerk’s report was deferred to the December meeting.

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

**General Fund Warrant No. 11 of 2008**

A motion was made by Supervisor Dietrich and seconded by Councilperson Salino that the Town Board of the Town of Danby approves the General Fund Warrant No. 11 of 2008 in the amount of \$28,734.54.voucher numbers 423 - 455.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Klein	Aye
Salino	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

**Carried Unanimously**

**Highway Fund Warrant No. 11 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 Fund Warrant No. 11 of 2008 in the amount of \$98,741.18 voucher no’s 155-172.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Klein	Aye
Salino	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

**Carried Unanimously**

**West Danby Water District Warrant No. 11 of 2008**

A motion was made by Councilperson Beavers and seconded by Councilperson Connors that the Town Board of the Town of Danby approves the West Danby Water District Warrant No. 11 in the amount of \$476.95 voucher no's 65 - 69.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Klein	Aye
Salino	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

**Carried Unanimously**

**Trust and Agency Account**

A motion was made by Councilperson Salino and seconded by Councilperson Connors that the Town Board of the Town of Danby approves the T & A account expenditure in the amount of \$48.00 - voucher no 011.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Klein	Aye
Salino	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

**Carried Unanimously**

**REVIEW OF THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Supervisor Dietrich submitted a revised Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2009 for the Board to review and discuss.

The Board reviewed the budget as presented and scheduled a budget Workshop for Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.