

**Town of Barre**  
**Board Meeting**  
September 12, 2018

Present: Supervisor Sean Pogue  
Councilman Richard Bennett  
Councilman Lynn Hill  
Councilman Larry Gaylard  
Councilman Tom McCabe

Others present: Maureen Beach, Town Clerk; Dale Brooks, Highway Superintendent; Lance Mark, Town Attorney, Lee Preston, Bookkeeper, Shellye Dale-Hall, Code Enforcement Officer, Dawn Allen, Bill Eick, Alice Mathes, Kirk Mathes, Janice Grabowski, Alex Nacca, William Nacca, Robin Nacca, Lauren Antleanicor, John Metzler, Ben Yazman, Apex, Gabe Recchio, Apex, Cyndy Van Lieshout, Richard Cox, Judy Cox, Dalton Wilkins, S. Burnside, C. Burnside, Gary Palmer, George McKenna, DVM, Iva McKenna, Kerri Richardson, .

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Pogue with the salute to the flag.

Minutes

The minutes for the August 8, 2018 Town Board meeting were submitted and approved.

SUPERVISOR'S FINACIAL REPORT

REVENUES: Major receipts were:

Town Clerk Fees	2,555.38
Justice Fees	4,003.00
Interest/Penalties	5,817.75
Traffic Diversion	1,006.67
County Mowing	3,850.95
Metered Sales	59,597.83
Maintenance Fees	3,625.00
Water Penalty Fees	417.73
Other Revenues	<u>736.88</u>

Total receipts for the month were: \$ 81,611.20

EXPENSES:

General Fund Townwide: Year to date expenses are \$259,690.00  
Highway Townwide: Year to date expenses are \$554,246.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The monthly report was submitted to Supervisor Pogue.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

There were five Building Permits issued in August.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

No Report

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

No Report

BILLS

General Funds	\$ 9,898.29
Highway - Town Wide	\$99,117.50
Water Fund	\$ 3,349.66
Capital Projects	<u>\$ 4,702.28</u>
Total Outflow	117,067.73

PAY BILLS

RESOLUTION #48

Pay Bills

Tom McCabe made a motion to approve and pay the bills, seconded by Richard Bennett. Vote 5-0, passed.

PLANNING BOARD

Kirk Mathes reported that the permit for the Grange in Barre Center was approved, and a review the Wind Ordinance Law is take place next Monday. There was some discussion of solar energy.

ZONING BOARD

Lee Preston, Zoning Board Secretary reported that the Town of Barre Zoning Board met and approved two applications, an area variance for a garage and a handicap ramp on Maple Street.

Orleans County Legislator William Eick reported on the update of the new county office building, the roof is going on this week.

BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT

Account	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$485,155.62
Highway Fund	703,593.08
Highway Equip.	195,908.43
Water Dist. #1 Oper,	260,818.06
Water Dist. #2 Oper,	5,201.03
Water Dist. #3 Oper,	10,591.80
Water Dist. #4 Oper,	28,619.22
Water Dist. #5 Oper	19,570.45
Water Dist. #6 Oper.	22,896.46
Water Dist. #7 Oper.	14,407.88
Water Dist. #8 Oper.	10,588.75

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #49            Computer Back System/C&H PC  
Lynn Hill made a motion to accept the estimate submitted by C&H PC for the networked back up device for all computers located at the Barre Town Hall. The estimate is \$609.97. The motion was seconded by Larry Gaylard. Vote 5-0, passed.

There was discussion by the Town Board members regarding the installation of monitors in the meeting area for presentations. No action was taken at this time.

RESOLUTION #50            Stipend for Cell Phone/Supervisor & CEO  
Richard Bennett made a motion to reimburse the Town Supervisor and the Code Enforcement Officer for town use of their personal cell phones, seconded by Larry Gaylard. Vote 5-0, passed.

Wendal Engineering Study - County Consolidation of Water  
Supervisor Pogue reported to the Town Board the Orleans County's plan to investigate the benefits of Water District Consolidation. The County is asking each town to share the cost of the engineering study by paying \$2,000.00. After discussion, Supervisor Pogue will investigate more to answer some questions raised by the councilmen: maintenance of water lines, painting of water tower.

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

Chatfield Engineer has a group of engineering students that would like an opportunity to address some ideas for the park.

Senior Citizen Exemption

Dawn Allen addressed the Town Board regarding the possibility of adding a senior citizen exemption on the property taxes to help those residents in the Town of Barre that would qualify. Ms. Allen reported that there are 13 Barre residents that qualify for the County Aged Exemption. She is asking the Town Board to hold a public hearing to consider a new local law for our senior citizens.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Kerri Richardson – she would like to share that as public officials, the Town Board should be concerned with the health of its residents; she has a 72 page study regarding health implications. She feels that the Town Board members and the Planning Board members should consider all these concerns, even if they don't believe some of the effects listed.

John Metzler – There are 8 local health departments, that are listed in the HUB, that are concerned about the lack of information.

Iva McKenna – Her first concern is regarding the surveys, they should have been mailed to each resident. Her second concern is the 5 minute rule. Residents need to be aware of anything new that might come up.

Robin Nacca – she mentioned the Public Integrity Rule, they stated that the 5 minute rule should only apply for large meetings, not small ones.

George McKenna – he has been looking for all the pros and cons, he went to Wyoming County fair, most of the residents were positive because of the financial benefits that their towns have received because of their supervisors. They are only 300' high. He spoke to Mr. James Denn. He said that we, (the Town), should be negotiating now with the company, other towns have done so.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Con't

William Nacca - questioned the set backs

Gary Palmer - addressing the sign up to speak up at meetings, should put it on the ballot at election time to see if residents want this.

Alex Nacca - He is giving his time to John Metzler.

Robin Nacca - wants to know if there was a Planning Board last meeting last Wednesday on September 5<sup>th</sup>? She went over the laws and regulations of a legal meeting. Supervisor Pogue answered her question, no.

George McKenna - he questioned the selection process. He suggested that perhaps both candidates should be accepted as alternates.

Kirk Mathes - he invited all the residents to attend any meeting.

John Metzler - has several documents to submit to the Town Board regarding the bird damage due to Wind Turbines.

Cindy Burnside - she stated that some people don't care about animals, birds. She talked about how the Wind Turbines will affect the environment.

George McKenna - they have been working very hard at the National Wildlife Refuge with the eagles.

Cyndy VanLieshout - she stated that she has lived here for 37 years, likes living out here with no neighbors. We need some help for our residents in the form of financial aid.

Dick Cox - We need the town roads paid for, other towns have had all new roads paid for by the Wind Turbine Company.

Cindy Burnside - Her first concern is the setbacks. She asked Ben and Shellye about the distances. Her second concern is: what is the depth of the hole for the base of the turbine. She stated that she did someone to mow the lawn on Culver Road.

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Con't

Ben Yazman – He stated that there will be two open houses, hosted by Apex/Heritage Wind, held at the Town of Barre Town Hall. First one will be Friday, October 12, from 5-7pm, the second open house will be Saturday, October 13, from 11-3pm.

Larry Gaylard made a motion to go into Executive Session for negotiation purposes, the motion was seconded by Lynn Hill. Vote 5-0, passed.

Executive Session began.

Executive Session ended.

RESOLUTION #51            Water District 10/Deuel Archaeology Study  
Richard Bennett made a motion to allow Supervisor Pogue to sign the contract with Deuel Archaeology to do a study for Water District 10, seconded by Larry Gaylard. Vote 5-0, passed.

Lynn Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Larry Gaylard.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Beach, Town Clerk