

~~Ms. Georgia said that she has been working on Water District #3 including all the new hook-ups on the 2010 tax roles also on the past due water bills that will need to be relieved on the tax bills.~~

Board Members and Committees

~~Ms. Thomas stated that she was not able to attend the Youth meeting this last month but did attend the meeting for the Council of Governments. At that meeting they had an update on the H1N1 virus and how they are preparing for that. There also was a report from Deer Management and how they are working on the deer population in Cayuga Heights.~~

~~Ms. Tyler said that she attended the Environmental Management Council where a professor from Cornell University spoke on waste water from hydro fracturing and how ill equipped the waste water plants are to handle that. It will be a challenge at most for them.~~

~~Deputy Supervisor Richard Coogan was absent and no report was given.~~

~~Supervisor Austic asked if there was any questions on the Supervisor's financial report. Questions are held to further in the meeting when the budget is discussed.~~

~~Mr. Austic said that the contract for "drug testing" had been received which he supplied copies of to the Board. Mr. Austic asked the Board to look this over and if they have any questions bring them to the next meeting.~~

~~Ms. Thomas asked Mr. Meeker if he had a chance to review the contract because he is the one that deals with this for his department. Mr. Meeker had not reviewed it, but will and get back to the Board.~~

~~Mr. Austic had previously distributed information he had received from the Health Consortium providing information about the new rates. Mr. Coogan is attending these meetings with the Health Consortium as he was appointed by the Board at the last meeting. Mr. Austic also informed the Board that he had requested additional information about the rates because what they had received was not very easy to understand. Mr. Austic will get this additional information to the Board.~~

~~The Board requested that Mr. Coogan attend the second Board meeting scheduled for October 22nd to report to the Board on the Health Consortium meetings.~~

OLB BUSINESS

Gas Drilling

Ms. Thomas said she wanted to update everyone and stated that the supplement generic impact statement is out and we have until November 30th to submit comments and they are going to have four public comment meetings around the Southerntier. The document is over 800 pages and Ms. Thomas is working on finding out what it says. One of the things that it does not address is the staffing of people who will be overseeing the drilling sites nor does it address the waste water and where that will go. The County was amazed on the enforcement and if testing comes back on wells the TC Health Department will be following up but it does not appear that there will be any funding for that.

Ms. Thomas had previously emailed several items to the Board; an application for driveway permits, a draft local law in relation to regulations of commercial activities that have adversely affect on Town Roads, and a local law passed by the Town of Lansing in reference to "excavating and construction in Town roadways and rights-of way".

Ms. Thomas asked Mr. Meeker if the Highway Departments had been talking about any of this.

Mr. Meeker said that there is a meeting scheduled where the Highway Superintendents will be brought up to date.

Ms. Thomas asked Mr. Meeker if he had time to review the documents (previously listed) that she had emailed out to the Board. This all originated from TCOG meetings.

Mr. Meeker said he had not had time to review them.

Ms. Thomas reviewed each one briefly. The document titled "draft town law" is a law that they are hoping to adopt in all of the municipalities in the County.

Ms. Thomas said that the Town will be relying on the opinions of Mr. Meeker and all the Highway Superintendents because the responsibility to oversee the use of town roads to ensure that commercial activities do not have an adverse impact on Town roads will be done by the highway departments.

One of the other examples Ms. Thomas had was a sample law of curb cuts.

Mr. Meeker explained to Ms. Thomas that the Town roads do not have curbs.

Ms. Thomas said then the Town does not need a curb cut law. Ms. Thomas moved on to the driveway permit application and asked Mr. Meeker how he handles that now.

Mr. Meeker said that when someone comes for a building permit it is on that application and how to proceed. It would be with him if they are building on a Town road or if they need to make application to the County or State.

Ms. Thomas said that in the example there are three different rates; resident, commercial and industrial. Ms. Thomas asked Mr. Meeker to look this document over also.

Of the three laws Ms. Thomas brought forward she feels that the most important one to adopt is the one that the County Attorney drafted in relation of commercial activities that have the potential to adversely affect Town Roads.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of these laws.

Having finished with that discussion of the proposed laws Ms. Thomas introduced and moved the following draft model resolution into the record addressing local governments be designated as involved agencies for State Environmental Quality Review relating to Natural Gas permit applications.

Resolution, urging Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Grannis to promulgate regulations requiring that local governments be designated as involved agencies for SEQR proceedings relating to natural gas permit applications for proposed sites within the boundaries of the local governments; and that local government' views be sought and given significant weight when determinations relating to natural gas permits applications are made.

Whereas, it is estimated that the geologic rock bed known as Marcellus Shale may contain up to several cubic feet of natural gas;

Whereas. Dramatic increases in the price of crude oil and the corresponding need to reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil have resulted in a tremendous increase in interest and activity relating to natural gas exploring and drilling;

Whereas, municipalities in which natural gas drilling is proposed, should be consulted regarding natural gas permit applications and the comments of municipalities should be considered and given significant weight when determinations relating to natural gas applications are made;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Ulysses Town Board requests that the Department of Environmental Conservation promulgate regulations to require that

local government be designated as involved agencies for State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) proceedings relating to natural gas applications for proposed sites within the boundaries of the local governments and that local governments' views be solicited and given significant weight when determinations relating to natural gas applications are made; and further

Resolved, that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to: Commissioner Pete Grannis, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, and Governor David Peterson. Representative Michael Arcuri, State Senator George Winner, State Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton and County Legislator James Dennis.

Seconded by Ms. Tyler.

Mr. Austic	aye
Mr. Ferrentino	aye
Mr. Kerness	aye
Ms. Thomas	aye
Ms. Tyler	aye

Adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Water District #3 Possible Extensions

Mr. Austic distributed a letter he received from the Cardina's at 3224 Swamp College Road and the Pollock's at 3225 Swamp College Road requesting the extension of Water District #3 which presently terminates on Cardina's property. The present line would need to be extended approximately 650 feet.

Mr. Austic has also received a verbal request to extend the line on Cold Springs Road down Halseyville Road approximately 1000 feet.

Mr. Austic advised the Board that the next step would be (if they felt they wanted to pursue this extension) to request the property owners have a Map, Plan and Report done by engineers. This would all be at the expense of the property owners.

The Board was in agreement to notify the Cardina's and the Pollock's to move forward but without a written request from the other property owner who would like an extension they did not feel comfortable without that written request. Will hold any further discussion on the extension of Cold Springs/Halseyville Road until a written request is received.

Dog Control

Ms. Tyler would like Mr. Austic to remind the dog control officer to submit a written report.

Executive Session

Mr. Kerness moved, seconded by Mr. Austic the following:

BE IT Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses adjourn to an executive session for the discussion of a personnel matter.

Mr. Austic	aye
Mr. Ferrentino	aye
Mr. Kerness	aye
Ms. Thomas	aye
Ms. Tyler	aye

Adopted.