

Town of Berkshire
Regular meeting
Feb. 15th, 2010
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Ronald Hartwig (acting chair) opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the pledge of allegiance.

Members present: John Stoughton, Lillian Hoffmier, Fraser Williams, Ronald Hartwig.
Absent: Supervisor Mike Simmons.

A motion to accept the minutes from January 18th, 2010 was made by John Stoughton seconded by Fraser Williams, and carried.

Privilege of the floor: Linda Gardner- Questioned the financial statement, wondering why the income was so low. Ronald Hartwig explained that we had just received the tax money from the clerk.

Reports:

County Planning Board- James Lacey- have done site plan reviews. They are going to do another sight plan review of the former Mathews Chevrolet site being considered for a water treatment plant for the natural gas companies. There is concern about the truck traffic.

The Co. planning board will not have a meeting in Berkshire this year. They have decided to have there meetings in Owego.

Code officer- Lee Virtue- absent

Clerk- Constance Liddington- passed

Supervisor-Mike Simmons-absent

Highway-Karl Spoonhower- absent

Dog control- Ronald Raab- absent

Berkshire planning board- Kenneth Cuerter- Still working on junk yard law. Dog control ordinance, code of ethics. Working on putting stuff on the Berkshire web-site.

Old business:

Ambulance- Brett Welch gave the board a memorandum of understanding. This is an agreement between the Berkshire fire rescue and the Berkshire ems. James Lacey asked if the new ambulance could go to calls else where? The answer was, they can do mutual aide to any town needing it.

Dog Control- The dog enumeration was a huge success. It was suggested by the dog control officer Ron Raab that the ag markets allow the clerk to add a surcharge of 5.00 dollars to the license fee for people whom waited until they were ticketed to get there dogs licensed. This charge would help cover the cost of having to send out so many notices when they did not comply. A motion to add this surcharge was made by Fraser Williams and seconded by John Stoughton and carried. Kenneth Cuerter will add this into the new dog ordinance.

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New business:

Computer- Fraser Williams purchased an external hard drive for the computer as decided at the last board meeting. In addition to this Fraser Williams believes we need to purchase more memory at least 2G, at a cost of about 60.00 dollars.

Also would like to purchase a larger monitor (20') with more technology at about 140.00 dollars.

Board concerns: Ronald Hartwig- We need to find a new printing source for the newsletter. The one we currently are using is very expensive. We have sponsors that are willing to renew and have others that are interested in advertising in the news letter. Mr. Hartwig suggested that he could send some of them via e-mail and that would save on printing and postage.

Approval of the warrants:

Ronald Hartwig made a motion to approve the payment of the general warrant vouchers #16-#30 as audited in the amount of 11,570.17 seconded by Fraser Williams and carried.

John Stoughton made a motion to approve the payment of the Highway warrant vouchers #13-#23 as audited in the amount of 14,153.13 seconded by Ronald Hartwig and carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Stoughton and seconded by Ronald Hartwig and carried.

Respectfully submitted
Town clerk

Constance Liddington