

Town of Berkshire  
Public Hearing/Organizational meeting/ Regular Meeting  
January 18,2010  
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Public hearing on two (attached) proposed new laws was opened at 6:45. The meeting began with an explanation of the new laws by Kenneth Cuerter. The floor was then opened to the public for questions and comments. Brett Welch asked about owning racecars and having them stored on your property. Ken Cuerter explained that He would need to obtain a variance from the town board to keep them there. Several other questions were raised and addressed.

The public hearing was closed at 7:05 pm on a motion made by Ronald Hartwig and seconded by Fraser Williams and carried.

Organizational Meeting: The organizational meeting was opened at 7:06 p.m. by Supervisor Simmons with the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Simmons read the organizational resolution (#1attached) to the board as written. A motion to accept the resolution as written was made by Ronald Hartwig and seconded by John Stoughton. A motion to adjourn the organizational meeting was made by Ronald Hartwig and seconded by Fraser Williams, and carried.

Town of Berkshire  
Regular Meeting

Members present: John Stoughton, Lillian Hoffmier, Fraser Williams, Ronald Hartwig, and Mike Simmons. Also present Karl Spoonhower Highway Superintendent.

A motion to accept the Minutes from December was made by Fraser Williams seconded by Ronald Hartwig and carried.

Privilege of the floor:

Brett Welch: Fire dept. has agreed to the plan put forth By Mike Simmons in regards to the ambulance service. Berkshire fire and Berkshire EMS will both be dispatched in Berkshire with EMS doing the transporting unless they are unable to answer the call. Hoping to have the new ambulance up and running by February 6, 2010.

Communications: none

Reports:

County Planning Board- James Lacey-absent

Code Officer-Lee Virtue-absent

Town Clerk-Constance Liddington-passed

Highway Dept.-Karl Spoonhower-none

Planning Board-Kenneth Cuerter- Ron Raab dropped off copies the Town of Richford and Nichols dog ordinances for the planning board to look at. Still working on updating and prioritizing laws that need to be redone.

Dog control-Ronald Raab-getting ready to send out tickets to people whom have been previously notified about unlicensed dogs and have still not done so.

Old Business:

Local Laws- a motion to accept "local law to rescind local law #1"(attached) was made by Ronald Hartwig seconded by John Stoughton and carried.

A motion to accept the “Unregistered Vehicle Local Law” (attached) was made by Fraser Williams seconded by Ronald Hartwig and carried.

Ambulance Service- covered in privilege of the floor.

Variance Hearing- Swartwood postponed until March.

Dog control- covered under reports.

Financial Statement- 70,000.00 under budget. 180,000.00 left over some was used to toward this years budget.

New Business:

Committees:

Fraser Williams- Public Relations

John Stoughton- facilities/grounds

Lillian Hoffmier- Audits

Ronald Hartwig- Highway

Checking account signatures- Mike Simmons, John Stoughton, Ronald Hartwig

Adhoc- was passed in December 2009.

Fraser Williams agreed to pick up an external hard drive for the computer to back up the files.

Approval of the Warrants:

Highway- Ronald Hartwig made a motion to pay the highway warrant as audited vouchers #1-#12 totaling 10,595.14 seconded by Lillian Hoffmier and carried.

General-A motion was made by Mike Simmons to pay the general warrant as audited vouchers #1-#14 totaling 22511.73 seconded by John Stoughton and carried

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A motion to adjourn was made by Ronald Hartwig seconded by Lillian Hoffmier and carried

Respectfully submitted

Constance Liddington

Town Clerk