

Town of Berkshire  
Variance Hearing  
3-15-10

Ronald Hartwig(acting chair) opened the variance hearing at 6:30 pm. At issue Harold and Bonnie Swartwood are requesting a variance from the Berkshire town board to have an addition closer than the 10 ft, required distance between two properties.

1. The addition is already there.
2. No building permit was obtained at the time it was built.
3. David Brame complained when it was first being built.

The Town of Berkshire planning board submitted a letter to the town board recommending that the variance not be issued.

Lee virtue explained that the States intent for the distance is mainly for fire protection. The state only requires that the distance from property line be 3 ft.

The town Board will consider all the information put forth and make a decision in executive session. The decision will be sent to the Swartwoods after this has transpired.

Ronald Hartwig closed the public hearing at 7:03 pm.

Town of Berkshire  
Regular meeting

Ronald Hartwig opened the regular meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Members present: Ronald Hartwig, John Stoughton, Lillian Hoffmier, Fraser Williams. Absent Supervisor Mike Simmons. Also present Karl Spoonhower highway superintendent.

A motion to approve Februarys minutes was made by Fraser Williams and seconded by John Stoughton, and carried.

Privilege of the floor: None

Reports:

Co. planning board- James Lacey: Patriot water recycling with drew request to use the old Mathews Chevrolet property to recycle water from gas drilling.

Highway- Karl Spoonhower: We are Working on finishing the inside of the highway garage. Should be done by the end of the week.

Code enforcement- Lee Virtue: Amandas Law has gone into effect. All houses must have a co2 alarms installed in there house. They must be in the lowest story in the house. He has also had a sub division request on Glen Rd.

Planning Board- Kenneth Cuerter: Training sessions coming up, most members are planning on attending. Fraser Williams is planning to also attend the one on the Susquehanna river.

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Planning board cont.. County is working on a road use agreement which will be shared with towns.

Town Clerk- Constance Liddington: passed

Dog control- Ronald Raab: Pleased with the progress of the dog enumeration.

Supervisor- Ronald Hartwig(acting chair): A company in Tioga Co. over paid NYS sales tax. Tioga county's share of that overpayment is a million dollars. The State will deduct this amount from the County share in March. This will effect the amount the towns get in March. The census papers have been sent out please fill them out and send them back it does effect us in representation. Heafele TV is raising their rates to 47.47 per month. Dog control is out of town for a couple weeks. He has Patrick Cartwright covering for him.

Old Business:

News Letter- We needed to find a new place to print the news letter. Fraser Williams submitted a motion to use village printing. The cost will be covered by the advertising. A motion by Fraser to spend the money was seconded by John Stoughton and carried.

Ad hoc- A motion to accept Sarah Albrecht to fill the ad hoc vacancy on the planning board was made by Ronald Hartwig seconded by Fraser Williams and carried.

Highway agreement to spend- Karl Spoonhower submitted his agreement to spend. It includes paving Dimon rd from ford hill down, Payne marsh paved from 38 to Richford town line, remaining funds for other road maintenance. A motion to accept the spending agreement was made by John Stoughton and seconded by Ronald Hartwig and carried.

Town wide trash collection- The town wide trash collection will be held the last week in April(26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>) curb side pick up will be available for the seniors and disabled people upon request. They must call the town barn and make arrangements. Others may bring there stuff to the town barn during the week. The clerk will put an ad in the Owego penny saver.

Board concerns; None

Approval of the warrants:

A motion to pay the highway warrant voucher #24-#36 in the amount of 9876.19 was made by John Stoughton and seconded by Lillian Hoffmier and carried.

A motion to pay the General Warrant voucher #31-#43 in the amount of 6619.58 was made by Fraser Williams seconded by Ronald Hartwig and carried.

A motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm was made by John Stoughton seconded by Ronald Hartwig and carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Constance Liddington