

WALWORTH TOWN BOARD - REGULAR MEETING**2 FEBRUARY 2006**

Presiding Supervisor Plant called the regular scheduled Town Board meeting, held at the Walworth Town Hall, 3600 Lorraine Drive, to order at 7:30 P.M.

Board members present:	Councilman	Thomas Yale
	Councilwoman	Patti Marini
	Councilwoman	Suzi Hawkins-Mance
Necessarily absent:	Councilman	Daniel Keyes
Town employees present:	Michael Frederes	Highway Superintendent
	Debora Germain	Parks & Recreation Director
	Paul Russell	Town Engineer
	George Schaller	Sewer Superintendent
	Susie Jacobs	Town Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from David Rogers, Financial Consultant, with RBC Dain Rauscher was read. Mr. Rogers would like the Town Board to consider his successful record with Penflex and his long-term commitment to volunteer Firefighter's and EMT's.

Motion by Councilman Yale to accept and file the letter.

Seconded by Councilwoman Marini.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

PUSH BUTTON DOOR OPENERS:

Supervisor Plant stated that the State quote for the door openers is estimated at \$1,800 each (openers only). This upgrade will allow easier access into the building by the physically challenged.

WIND POWER FARMS:

Supervisor Plant commented that anyone interested in "wind power farms" is welcomed to attend a Wind Task Force Meeting at the Lyons Community Center at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2006. The "farms" could provide long-range benefits and may result in lower energy costs to our community and county.

MINUTES:

Motion by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance to approve the Minutes of January 19, 2006, as presented.

Seconded by Councilwoman Marini.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No one present offered any comments.

APPOINTMENT:

Motion by Councilwoman Marini to approve the appointment of Susie C. Jacobs as:

Registrar of Vital Statistics	Term to 12/31/2009
Records Access Officer	Term to 12/31/2009
Records Management Officer	Term to 12/31/2009

Seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance.

Roll call vote: Supervisor Plant	Aye
Councilman Keyes	Absent
Councilwoman Mance	Aye
Councilwoman Marini	Aye
Councilman Yale	Aye

Motion carried.

WALWORTH TOWN BOARD – REGULAR MEETING**2 FEBRUARY 2006****APPRAISAL OF FARMLAND PRESERVATION GRANTS FUNDING:**

Supervisor Plant stated that the Farmland Appraisal Grant Funding is in the second round of required appraisals for the two grants approved and underway. Federal funding looks like it won't go through until the end of 2006 or early 2007, and the second appraisal is required within 12 months prior to the closing. Supervisor Plant has spoken with the appraisal company and farm owners, Mr. Weber and Mr. Keyes, and they are aware that the second appraisal is at their cost and not the Town's.

WAGES FOR DEPUTY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Marini discussed the presented wages for the Deputy Town Clerk's position and recommended scaled wages be used. Motion by Councilwoman Marini to advertise wages for the Deputy Town Clerk on a scale of \$9.50 – \$11.50 per hr. based on experience and qualifications.

Seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

LOCAL LAW TO ALLOW ADVERTISING:

Supervisor Plant stated that he has researched advertising for the Town Topics Newsletter and that a Town Local Law would need to be passed. Supervisor Plant would like to contact the Town Attorney to write a Town Local Law allowing advertising.

DAVEY TREE CONTRACT:

Motion by Councilman Yale authorizing Supervisor Plant to enter into contract, not to exceed \$1,000.00, with Davey Tree for tree/lawn/shrubs maintenance to be expended as follows:

\$513.00 A7110.46

\$450.00 A1620.42

Seconded by Councilwoman Mance.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

Mike Frederes stated that we are doing well with the road salt.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

Drainage Committee will schedule a meeting.

CLAIM:

Motion by Councilwoman Marini to approve payment of audited voucher for Crystal Creek Drainage Claims totaling \$500.00.

Seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

COPIER ISSUE:

Motion by Councilman Yale authorizing Supervisor Plant to negotiate with DDL an equitable price to buy out the current contract.

Seconded by Councilwoman Marini.

Roll call vote:	Supervisor Plant	Aye
	Councilman Keyes	Absent
	Councilwoman Mance	Aye
	Councilwoman Marini	Aye
	Councilman Yale	Aye

Motion carried.

WALWORTH TOWN BOARD – REGULAR MEETING**2 FEBRUARY 2006****DARWIN WELKER PROCLAMATION:**

Supervisor Plant presented the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, Darwin Welker has been a lifelong resident of the West Walworth area; and**WHEREAS**, Darwin has provided valuable support to the Town of Walworth through his services to the West Walworth Fire Department; and**WHEREAS**, Darwin has been a member of the West Walworth Fire Department for fifty years; and**WHEREAS**, Darwin has served in positions in the West Walworth Fire Department of Captain, 3rd Assistant Chief, 2nd Assistant Chief, 1st Assistant Chief and Chief (twice), as well as on many of its various committees; and**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Walworth extend its deepest appreciation to Darwin Welker for the outstanding work he has performed over the past fifty years for the West Walworth Fire Department and the Town of Walworth.**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Councilman Yale to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Marini and unanimously carried.

TIME: 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Susie C. Jacobs
Town Clerk