

**WALWORTH TOWN BOARD - REGULAR MEETING
1 FEBRUARY 2007**

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

Board members present:	Thomas Yale	Councilman
	Patti Marini	Councilwoman
	Suzi Hawkins-Mance	Councilwoman
Necessarily Absent:	Daniel Keyes	Councilman

Town employees present:	Susie Jacobs	Town Clerk
	Michael Frederes	Highway Superintendent
	Debora Germain	Parks & Recreation Director
	George Schaller	Sewer Superintendent
	Karen Ambroz	Assessor
	Ed Parrone	Engineer
	Art Williams	Attorney for the Town

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Plant commented that he had received a letter from a resident who is interested in serving on the MS4 Citizens Committee.

TOWN CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT:

Motion by Councilman Yale to accept and file the Town Clerk's 2006 Annual Report. Seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No one present offered any comments.

PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2007:

Susie Jacobs read the Legal Notice. No comments were offered from the public.

Motion by Councilman Yale to close the Public Hearing.

Seconded by Councilwoman Marini.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Time: 7:45 PM.

ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2007:

Motion by Councilman Yale to adopt Local Law 1 of 2007, amending Chapter 154 of the Walworth Town Code entitled "Taxation" as follows:

§154-4. Exemption Established

Pursuant to the provisions of Subdivision 2(d) of §458-a of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, the maximum veterans exemption from real property taxes allowable pursuant to §458-a of the Real Property Tax Law is established as follows:

- A. Qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of 15% of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed the lesser of \$12,000.00 or the product of \$12,000.00 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the town in which the property is situated.

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- B. In addition to the exemption provided by Subsection A of this section, where the veteran served in a combat theater of combat zone of operations, as documented by the award of a United States campaign ribbon or service medal, qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed the lesser of \$8,000.00 or the product of \$8,000.00 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the town in which the property is situated.
- C. In addition to the exemptions provided by Subsections A and B of this section, where the veteran received a compensation rating from the United States Veteran's Administration because of a service connected disability, qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property multiplied by 50% of the veteran's disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed the lesser of \$40,000.00 or the product of \$40,000.00 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the town in which the property is situated.

Seconded by Councilwoman Marini.

Roll call vote:	Councilwoman Marini	Aye
	Councilwoman Hawkins- Mance	Aye
	Councilman Yale	Aye
	Supervisor Plant	Aye

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Councilwoman Marini to adjourn to executive session for litigation.
Seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance and unanimously carried.
Time: 7:48 PM.

RECONVENE:

Motion by Councilman Yale to reconvene the scheduled Town Board Meeting.
Seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance and unanimously carried.
Time: 8:40 PM.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT –
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mike Frederes, Highway Superintendent, stated that he had one item to discuss in executive session. He also stated that he has had enough of Winter and is ready for Spring!

**PARKS & RECREATION –
LIONS CLUB EASTER EGG HUNT:**

Motion by Councilwoman Marini to approve the use of Ginegaw Park or the Town Hall (weather dependent) for more than 100 people on March 31, 2007, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, for the Walworth Lions Club's annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

LIONS CLUB FESTIVAL IN THE PARK:

Motion by Councilwoman Marini to approve the use of Ginegaw Park from July 15 - July 23, 2007, by the Walworth Lions Club for the Walworth Festival in the Park.

Seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

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TOWN TOPICS FLYER:

Parks & Recreation Director Debora Germain reported that the *Town Topics* flyer has gone out in the mail and it looks very good.

SEWER DEPARTMENT –

Nothing reported at this time.

ASSESSOR DEPARTMENT –

FULL DISCLOSURE NOTICE REQUIREMENT:

Karen Ambroz, Assessor, reported on the requirement to do a full disclosure of assessments this year, whether or not the parcels are being revalued. This is required for participation in the Annual Reassessment. Additional cost for this is approximately \$2,000.00, which was not budgeted for.

Motion by Councilman Yale to modify budget line A1355.42, to be offset by revenue line A3040, for an amount of approximately \$2,000.00.

Seconded by Councilwoman Marini.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

ENGINEER –

BLACK CREEK SEWER EXTENSION:

Ed Parrone presented Council Members with a study analysis regarding the Black Creek sewer extension. A copy has been submitted to Stuart Brown, Community Development Grant person. This has to do with the potentiality of further development in the northwestern portion of the Town.

BEAVER PERMIT:

Ed Parrone stated that the first permit for beavers has been received.

DESIGN CRITERIA:

Engineer Ed Parrone spoke of the overhauling of design criteria and will get back to Council Members.

NEW STANDARDS FOR WAYNE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY:

Ed Parrone commented that he received via Marty Aman the new standards from the Wayne County Water Authority for their system. He would like Parrone Engineering to review these new standards to make sure they are in line with the Town's water authority specifications.

ATTORNEY –

Nothing reported at this time.

TOWN CLERK –

LGRMIF GRANT:

Susie Jacobs, Town Clerk, advised Council Members that she has completed and submitted the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grant application for inactive records. She thanked all of those who helped her and stated that she was honored to have had fellow co-workers support her this past week. Kudos to all!

OATHS OF OFFICES SIGNED:

Susie Jacobs, Town Clerk, stated that all of the Oaths of Offices for 2007 appointments have been signed and are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NEW YORK STATE RECREATION & PARKS SOCIETY CONFERENCE:

Motion by Councilwoman Marini authorizing Debora Germain, Parks & Recreation Director, to attend the New York State Recreation & Parks Society Conference from April 22 - April 25, 2007, at a cost not to exceed \$571.00 from budget line A7310.45. Payments will be \$226.00, payable to NYSRPS, Inc., and \$345.00 payable to Adam's Mark Hotel.

Seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE:

Tom Yale advised that the Master Plan Committee is meeting on Saturday, February 3, 2007, at 9:30 AM, to review the work that has been done in zoning re-alignment.

LOLLYPOP FARM NOTICE:

Suzi Hawkins-Mance reported that she received a letter from Lollypop Farm stating that effective March 1, 2007, all Animal Control Officers admitting a dog to Lollypop Farm will be required to pay a \$25.00 admission fee. Discussion ensued regarding the difference in fees charged between the Humane Society of Wayne County and Lollypop Farm. Animal Control Officers will be instructed to take all dogs to the Humane Society of Wayne County in Lyons first. If this location is not accepting dogs, Lollypop Farm will be used as back-up.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY FEBRUARY 24, 2007 – CAREY LAKE:

Motion by Councilman Yale approving the fireworks display to be put on by Young Explosives February 24, 2007, at Carey Lake.

Seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

FIREWORKS DISPLAY JULY 21, 2007 – LIONS CLUB FESTIVAL IN THE PARK:

Motion by Councilman Yale approving the fireworks display to be put on by Young Explosives July 21, 2007, for the Walworth Festival in the Park.

Seconded by Councilwoman Marini.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT DISCUSSION RESOLUTION 16-07:

No action taken at this time.

SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION:

Tom Yale stated that the contract from Schindler Elevator has been reviewed by the Town Attorney.

Motion by Councilman Yale authorizing the Supervisor to sign the contract with Schindler Elevator.

Seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 No 0

INTEGRATED SYSTEMS CONTRACT:

Motion by Councilman Yale authorizing the Supervisor to sign "Contract D," which is 100-plus hours at the hourly rate of \$65.00, with a total cost \$6,500.00 plus, with Integrated Systems.

Seconded by Councilwoman Marini.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 No 0

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WALWORTH TOWN COMPLEX CLEANING BIDS:

Supervisor Plant reported that the bids had been opened. Councilman Yale advised that it was discovered there were inconsistencies in the bid specifications.

Motion by Councilman Yale to reject all bids until such time that the specifications can be refined.

Seconded by Councilwoman Marini.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 No 0

SPRING 2007 TOWN CLEAN-UP DATES:

Motion by Councilman Yale to enter into agreement with Alpco Recycling for the annual Spring Clean-Up dates of May 17, 18, and 19, 2007, at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00.

Seconded by Councilwoman Marini.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 No 0

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilwoman Marini to adjourn.

Seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance and unanimously carried.

Time: 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susie C. Jacobs
Town Clerk