

MINUTES OF JOINT INFORMAL MEETING

Saturday, April 23, 2016

AT 8:00 AM

PERSONS PRESENT

TOWN BOARD Supervisor, Merilee Walker  
Councilperson, Bill Mann  
Councilperson, Mike Hillier ABSENT  
Councilperson, James Forrester  
Councilperson, Doris Marsh

RECORDING CLERK Cheyenne DeMarco

VILLAGE BOARD Mayor, Bob Cox  
Trustee, Darren Snyder  
Trustee, Fritz Amrhein  
Trustee, Mel Allen, ABSENT  
Trustee, Jack Morgan, ABSENT

RECORDING CLERK LeRoy Wood

SCHOOL BOARD President, Todd Galton  
Member, Pat Long ABSENT  
Member, Ron Duttwiler  
Member, Monica Morris  
Member, Jeff Bugman ABSENT  
Member, Terry Lowell  
Member, Jill Burley

PERSONELL

KESHEQUA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDIANT Thomas Kopp

TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENTANT Rick Moran

At 8:04 AM the pledge of allegiance was said by all members present.

**Old Bus Garage – Busy bees**

Supervisor Merilee Walker handed out packets to each board member containing several Nunda property assessments made by Brian Knapp for a comparable assessment on local businesses. Supervisor Walker stated that Brian had mentioned at the Town board meeting that he had to be careful not make other tax payers pay for this property by giving them such a low assessment. Included in the packet are several areas and their assessments in Nunda. (See Attached Form.)

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Town Councilperson Jim Forrester stated that this can't be about what we want to do with a building; it has to be what building can be sold at. At the town board meeting they told Brian that they thought his assessment was much too high and in Brian's letter to the boards to day he has dropped the assessment to \$75,000. Jim suggested this be referred to Phil Brooks and Bill Bacon, the new director for IDA.

School Superintendent Thomas Kopp asked about any communication with Nunda Mustard that had taken place since the last meeting? Village Trustee Darren Snyder answered yes, but they are waiting for everyone's options with buying and renting figures. Nunda Mustard is anxious to hear what we come up with. School Board Member Terry Lowell asked if Nunda Mustard was interested in staying permanently? Darren answered that it depends if they can expand business here.

**Dalton: Sewer & Water**

Thomas Kopp stated the water and sewer idea has been sitting around because there was no real direction from the last meeting.

Mayor Bob Cox stated that you get your water before you have your sewer. It would have to be a big grant for a treatment plant. School Board President Todd Galton asked if they can purify water in Dalton or does it need to be brought down to Nunda? Mayor Cox answered they would need a new treatment plant built.

Town Highway Superintendent Rick Moran stated that he thought Tom Baldwin had looked into the water and sewer utilities previously with the County.

Jim suggested Town Councilmen Bill Mann to work with Roy Wood and Cheyenne DeMarco for the previous project done about 10 years ago and look at the paper work from then. Supervisor Walker also suggested speaking with the county.

School Board member, Ron Duttwiler asked through the three entities here, was there a grant writer? Mayor Cox answered that there was grant writer at the County.

**Once Again Nut Butter (OANB)**

Jim stated that OANB intends to exercise their rights on town property; their contract from 2012 has an 8 year window where they plan to expand towards Watercure Road. They are willing to work with us for opportunities in land options.

Jim suggested getting a HWY and Building committee between the three entities who would sit down with Bobby Gelser periodically. Bill Mann added this would catch minor details and micro issues, then come back to the whole body with a report.

The members from each entity board went as follows:

Town – Bill Mann and Merilee Walker

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KCS – Terry Lowell

Village – Fritz and Bob Cox

Terry Lowell asked Rick Moran how much land does the Town Highway department need? Rick answered five acres.

Town Councilperson Doris Marsh asked where Rick's ideal location in town for highway department would be? Rick answered centrally located outside the village to the east.

**Central School designs**

Tom Kopp stated that on Thursday the Board of Education representatives will look over the sketches for plans of moving KCS students to one site with the option of closing Dalton School.

There are presently 17 empty classrooms at Dalton Elementary and 13 empty on Central campus. Tom Kopp goes on to state the school is losing 50 kids a year.

Right now the Central campus does not have the proper number of bathrooms, and the Pre-K classrooms will have to be built. For now the cafeterias are working but need to expand for another one, and the same goes for the gymnasiums. Terry Lowell adds that it takes three years for building projects to get started. Tom Kopp adds that it will be four years before Pre-K can put their foot in the central campus school.

Todd Galton stated they are meeting with Clark Patterson & Lee where they will look at the design of the school and then come back to present it to all.

**Water sampling for lead update**

Todd Galton stated that water samples have been taken from every site including sinks and water fountains. There are 80 to 85 sources of drinking water. Majority of lead pipes have been removed excluding the soldering and fixtures to some pipes, but lead pipes themselves are mostly out.

**Make Communities**

Tom Kopp stated there is a new fund called "Make Communities" which relates to community groups that work with schools, a hand out was given to all board members present. Justin Booth from Buffalo is hosting a meeting in Franklinville. Tom has been in contact with Booth, and plans on going to this meeting over the summer.

Tom addressed Bob Cox stating that he noticed the street signs were up at the four corners of Mill and S. Church Street. Bob Cox stated that the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) came and took the signs down on Monday, April, 18th.

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Bob stated he has already called Cathy Young about it, but he wanted to speak with the town and school before going public. Jim stated we should get local press, speak with Bill Nojay and channel 13 about this situation.

Darren Snyder stated they had wanted to put an electric speed sign on Mill Street and were given the cost of \$18,000 per year from NYSDOT.

Tom Kopp stated he put up a sign on the bulletin at school for volunteers to be crossing guards since the last meeting and hasn't gotten any response.

Bob Cox stated we should have parents write letters and sign petitions. If there is no support from the community it going to be harder for us to get it. Merilee Walker helped the income study at the beginning of the year by going door to door and bob suggests we use the same tactic here.

Jim stated there are 70 teachers and 29 of them live in the district. Jim suggested the staff could write letters as well.

Next Month's meeting items were listed and go as follows:

- CP&L presentation with School
- May 17th , third public hearing for the school budget
- Grant options for Water/Sewer
- Bill Mann reach out to Phil Brooks
- Get previous water and sewer project documents from Cheyenne and Roy.
- Jim follow up with Angelia Ellis and Bill Bacon.
- Todd Galton talk to Bernie Donagan, i.e. Financial Consultant.

The Next joint School/Town/Village meeting was set for May 14th, 7:30 am – 8:30 am before Clean-up day begins at 9:00 am.

The informal meeting ended at 9:23 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

CHEYENNE DEMARCO  
NUNDA TOWN CLERK