

**The regular meeting of the Groveland Town Board was held on Thursday July 12, 2012, at the Town Hall.**

**Present:** James C. Merrick, Supervisor; John Driscoll, Craig Phelps, James Love, Councilman;

**Absent:** Bill Carman, Deputy Supervisor; Greg Adamson, Highway Superintendent

**Other Attendees:** Burt Lyon -CLA liaison

Supervisor handed out the monthly financial reports.

**Supervisor called the meeting to order @ 7:58 p.m.**

A motion by Councilman Phelps and seconded by Councilman Driscoll the audited bills to be paid. General Fund vouchers numbered 173-196 for \$6,157.70; Highway Fund vouchers numbered 133-152 for \$62,790.41; Cemetery Fund voucher number 9 for \$275.00. Motion carried.

A motion by Councilman Phelps and seconded by Councilman Driscoll to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 14, 2012 as written. Motion carried.

A motion by Councilman Driscoll and seconded by Councilman Phelps to accept the monthly financial reports as submitted. Motion carried.

**Information handed out/or acknowledged:**

- 1) Liv. Co. Board of Supervisors minutes
- 2) Workplace Violence Statement has been added to the Employee Handbook
- 3) Copier was ordered with the Payment Plan
- 4) Unknown cremation burial was confirmed not to be human remains
- 5) Livingston County Dog Control issued a Satisfactory on their 6/14/12 State Inspection
- 6) Hydrofracking committee meeting 7/17/12 assuming 100% attendance
- 7) EPF Ambuscade Park grant to be e-filed by July 16<sup>th</sup>

**Old/New Business:**

ZONING LAW DRAFT – Copies were emailed last week to all members. The draft law includes changes based on comments from Livingston County Planning and NYS Ag and Markets. Walter from Clough Harbour suggested SEQRA review using a Full Environmental Assessment Form prior to considering adoption.

Supervisor Merrick would like us to inquire with Clough Harbour to see if we can write in the zoning law to gear on protecting Pro/Anti horizontal drilling before moving forward with zoning draft approval. NYS could take years to settle on Hydrofracking and it would be nice to have some buffers if allowed. Town Clerk will inquire and have ready at the next meeting.

ASSESSOR REPORT – Bruce was present and provided handouts of 2012 and 2011 taxable totals. He also mentioned that grievance went well with only 3 grievances.

HIGHWAY – Town Clerk reported that Greg needs to know if the board would give an additional \$5,000 buying power to the already \$30,000 vote a few months ago for a current auction listing a 1996 Ingersoll Rand Roller/Compactor; (picture viewed). They didn't buy the last one as it was too small for what they needed. Caldwell has stopped to look at this one and looks to be a nice one. Motion to by Councilman Phelps and seconded by Councilman Driscoll to allow Greg up to \$35,000 buying power for this auction. Motion carried.

Pictures were passed around of the Eagle Scout project completed by Sean Rollins. 6 Bat houses and 3 benches have been placed at the Ambuscade Park, 1 bench at Lakeview Cemetery; the town supplied only materials for this project which was less than \$400.

JCAP GRANT – RESOLUTION 8-2012 - the 2011-2012 JCAP has been completed with the acoustic ceiling paint and bathroom privacy wall installed. Noise levels haven't improved with the painted ceiling. The 2012-2013 JCAP grants are open again. The court would like to submit for walls in the hall to be dry-walled and for outside lighting to be installed around the building for added security measures.

WHEREAS, the State of New York has enacted a law establishing the Justice Court Assistance Program that will enable communities to apply to the chief administrative judge for a grant of state funds to assist in the operation of justice courts; and

WHEREAS, the availability of grant funding would enhance the ability of the town justice court to provide suitable, safe and sufficient services to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Groveland hereby authorize the Supervisor, James C. Merrick to file an application for a 2012-2013 Justice Court Assistance Program grant not to exceed more than \$30,000.

This resolution was duly put into vote on motion of Councilman Driscoll and seconded by Councilman Phelps. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE FOR HYDROFRACKING – Town Clerk relayed Deputy Supervisor Carman's information. Bill was shooting for July 10<sup>th</sup> but could not get a 100% committee attendance; then hoping 7/16/12 but now looking at 3 other dates to get a full committee. He is confident the meeting will occur before the next regular town board meeting.

### **Communications:**

Supervisor Merrick is in receipt of a thank you from Dansville library for ticket donations for their annual fundraiser. He thanked Councilman Driscoll for taking care of it this year.

Supervisor Merrick had a copy of the next county property tax auction listing 38 properties. There are no Groveland properties this time around.

Supervisor Merrick reported he is in receipt of a letter from Time Warner Cable that our Franchise contract is up for renewal 4/6/15; he would like to address his concerns with Time Warner before we commit to renewal.

Councilman Love inquired if Supervisor Merrick had any news on the Correctional Facility Water contract; no news yet.

Councilman Love inquired the status of the Lapiana dog problem. Town Clerk stated it is scheduled in court sometime in September, and nothing can be done until the court decides. Our office has not heard from Mr. Lapiana or any of the neighbors.

Councilman Phelps reported he attended the Lake Association as board committee representative. The meeting was geared to Lake Clean Up and Invasive Species. Guest speaker, Gene Bolster

discussed how Chautauqua Lake handles clean up which he felt was an interesting process. They talked about some new species in the area to be on the look out. There is talk to have hoses at the lake launches to help prevent invasive species from entering the lake.

Lake Association liaison, Burt Lyon was in attendance and stated he would try to attend many meetings to help keep the communication open between the board and Lake Association. Also stated he is thankful to have Councilman Phelps on as a town committee representative he is very helpful.

A motion by Councilman Driscoll and seconded by Councilman Love to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 p.m. The next meeting will be the regular meeting on Thursday August 9, 2012 at the town hall.

Dated July 13, 2012  
Town of Groveland

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Sandra L. Bean, Town Clerk