

The regular meeting of the Groveland Town Board was held on Thursday July 14, 2011 at the Town Hall.

Present: James C. Merrick, Supervisor; Bill Carman, Burt Lyon, Craig Phelps, Councilman

Absent: Greg Adamson, Highway Superintendent, John Driscoll, Councilman

Other Attendees: Fire Chief, Steve Teeter

Supervisor handed out the monthly financial reports.

Supervisor called the meeting to order @ 7:55 p.m.

A motion by Councilman Carman seconded by Councilman Lyon the audited bills to be paid. General Fund vouchers numbered 171-206 for \$10,503.10; Highway Fund vouchers numbered 140-156 for \$19,310.68; Cemetery voucher numbered 9-12 for \$455.83; Motion carried.

A motion by Councilman Lyon and seconded by Councilman Phelps to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 9, 2011 as written. Motion carried.

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

Information handed out/or acknowledged:

- 1) Liv. Co. Board of Supervisors minutes
- 2) Republican caucus has been set for Tuesday July 26th @ 7:00 p.m. at the town hall
- 3) Federal IRS Mileage rate increased July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 to 55.5 cents per mile
- 4) State auditors have been in doing court audit – it will be weeks before we get results
- 5) 200th Anniversary kick-off meeting August 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

Old/New Business:

HIGHWAY REPORT – no report given

- a.) Highway applications –14 applications were filed with the Town Clerk's office. Greg is reviewing them in order to schedule interviews.

PROCUREMENT/PURCHASING POLICY – Town Clerk presented a draft policy that was created with the NYS Town Law guidelines for review and to discuss at the next meeting. The Employee Handbook will be added to next months agenda as well for possible approval.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET – Fire Chief Steve Teeter presented a 3 year contract proposal with a 2% increase for the next three years. Supervisor Merrick stated that with the new 2% cap legislation, we may need to hold off until we know all the details of the law. We may only be able to do a 1 year contract and it is restrictive on special districts or can get by if we add the reference of what the law allows. Councilman Phelps commended Steve and the department for maintaining such a low budget with all they do and feels we should accept a 3 year if we place the verbiage into the contract. He wrote a suggestion for Steve to take back and have Steve rewrite it and present it to the next meeting.

Fire Chief stated that the department is doing well but volunteers are low and will continue to be that way with the extensive state mandated training requirements.

AMBULANCE SERVICES – Supervisor Merrick reported that the County has implemented an Ambulance Service which is servicing many townships that have lost theirs. Fire Chief added that they are adding another Ambulance and it will be stored at the Groveland Fire Hall. Supervisor also stated he has received a letter from Dansville Ambulance that has separated and has gone to direct billing. The Supervisor suggested that we consider looking into what the county can offer for servicing all of our town with one contract as oppose to 2 companies.

HAINSWORTH WASTE PERMIT — Supervisor Merrick has received information to the concerns, which Mr. Maxwell has spoken with DEC and Ag & Markets representatives. Maxwell relayed his suggestions and email copies to the Supervisor which at this point NYS DEC’s response asks if we would want them to do a Highway Traffic Study. Supervisor also reported that the agencies stated that it is a permitted use and if any wrong doing it falls onto DEC and AG & Markets and that we have no jurisdiction.

Councilman Phelps is not in favor of doing a road study, he feels that the county gives money to help companies come to the county (Barilla used as example) but we do nothing to help keep the existing businesses here and he does not feel we should discourage business even if it stinks. He also stated he feels that the towns responsibility to build the roads to the needs of the business.

Board all agreed that this board has no jurisdiction and if complaints come in we will provide the phone numbers to DEC.

DONATION OF \$25 FOR AMBUSCADE PARK – Supervisor is in receipt of a donation from National Society Children of the American Revolution. The group utilizes the park for their annual meetings and really enjoys it and is pleased with the upkeep. Motion to by Lyon, seconded by Phelps to accept such donation. Motion carried.

BOND FINANCIAL – Supervisor Merrick wanted to be sure there was no objection to engage in a contract to handle our employee relations for our Health Insurance benefits since there is no charge for this service. Councilman Lyon said he is okay but wondered if we should look closer at our own resident that offers the same service to give an opportunity there first before going with Bond Financial. All agreed. Councilman Lyon will look to see if Mr. Rauber can attend the August meeting.

MID-YEAR ACCOUNT TRANSFERS – RESOLUTION 8-2011 Baldwin Business has prepared a list of account transfers. Copies were given to all members.

RESOLVED:

That the Groveland Town Board members do hereby authorize Baldwin Business Service to make the account transfers within the adopted budget with the line items mentioned below:

GENERAL FUNDS

Transfer From:	A3040	Real Property Tax Admin	\$ 1,647.00
Transfer To:	A1440.4	Engineer Contractual	\$ 1,025.00
	A7550.4	Celebrations Contractual	\$ 72.00
	A8090.4	Compact of Towns	\$ 550.00
			<u>1,647.00</u>

HIGHWAY FUND

Transfer From:	DA3089	EPF Grant	\$153,675.00
Transfer To:	DA5110.4B	EPF Grant – Ditching	\$153,675.00

WATER DISTRICT

Transfer From:	SW2140.6	Rel-Wat. S/W	\$ 2,637.30
Transfer To:	SW8320.4	Source of Supply Contractual	\$ 2,637.30

CEMETERY DISTRICT

Transfer From:	C2190	Sales of Cemetery Lots	\$ 1,470.00
	C2192	Cemetery Services	\$ 2,800.00
	C2401	Interest – CD	<u>\$ 205.37</u>

			4,775.37
Transfer To:	C8810.1	Cemetery Services	\$ 1,705.00
	C8810.4	Cemetery Contractual	\$ 2,434.00
	C9030.8	Social Security	\$ 131.00
	C9050.8	Interfund Transfer	<u>\$ 205.37</u>
			4,775.37

The adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was duly out in vote on motion of Councilman Carman and seconded by Councilman Lyon and the results were carried with no Nay votes.

Communications:

Town Clerk reported that Effective July 24th same sex marriages are legal in NYS and our office is prepared with the forms to handle such requests.

Town Clerk passed around a tentative 200th anniversary agenda and also suggested that we plan on putting some funding in the 2012 budget to help get things started.

Town Clerk mentioned that the gentleman that has been provided through the social service program has been painting the front entrance, doors and all trim from red to green to match the new roof.

A motion by Councilman Carman and seconded by Councilman Lyon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting will be the regular meeting on Thursday August 11, 2011 at the town hall.

Dated July 15, 2011
Town of Groveland

Sandra L. Bean, Town Clerk