

Year-End Meeting  
December 30, 2009

The year-end meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Homer held on Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, in the board room of the Town Hall Building was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Dan A. Weddle at 12:10 p.m.

PRESENT

Dan A. Weddle, Deputy Supervisor  
Barry E. Warren, Councilman  
Kevin M. Williams, Councilman  
Brian D. Young, Councilman  
Patrick M. Snyder, Attorney for the Town  
John R. Phelps, Highway Superintendent  
Anita W. Jebbett, Town Clerk

ABSENT

Frederick J. Forbes, Supervisor, due to knee surgery

OTHERS PRESENT

Gary Shiffer, Town Justice  
Kathy Shiffer  
John Daniels, Code Enforcement Officer

Deputy Supervisor Dan Weddle led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Town Clerk Jebbett conducted the swearing in of all the re-elected officials for the beginning of their new term of office: John Phelps, Highway Superintendent; Gary Shiffer, Town Justice; Barry Warren, Councilman; and Kevin Williams, Councilman.

MINUTES

**The minutes of the December 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting and the December 15<sup>th</sup> special meeting were approved as presented**, on motion by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Young and carried unanimously.

BILLS TO BE PAID

General bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that General vouchers #327 through #357 totaling \$19,759.64 be approved for payment.**

Highway bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that Highway vouchers #241 through #256 totaling \$21,744.98 be approved for payment.**

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent Phelps informed the Board of the purchase of a low mileage 1993 International plow truck, including the plow & wing and sander box, formerly owned by Onondaga Community College for \$11,000. Phelps said that he may put the old 1976 Brockway truck up for bid this coming year.

Phelps informed the Board of the purchase of a pot-hole patcher from a Town in Western New York purchased for \$3,550 plus the buyer's premium of \$284 for a total of \$3,834, from an on-line auction of Roy Teitsworth, Inc. The patcher will be shared equally by Homer with the Towns of Truxton and Cuyler who will each pay a third of the cost or \$1278.

Highway Superintendent Phelps said that the Town salt shed has again been struck by vandals; although this time they will be able to patch the tears. He said he has reported the matter to the Homer Police Department. Councilman Young asked him to look into the cost of installing security cameras.

#### ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN

Attorney Pat Snyder said that after attending a special meeting of the Town Board on December 15<sup>th</sup>, in which the Town Hall Exterior Rehabilitation bid results were discussed, listening to Code Enforcement Officer John Daniels (also Chairman of the County Legislature) who told of problems the County had with the contractor not following project specifications on a Court House project, and receiving a letter from Jon Carnes of Crawford & Stearns stating concerns about the low bidder, James & Son from Skaneateles, he has written a letter to James Alibrandi, President of James & Son, stating that the Town Board is inclined not to accept their bid. Snyder said that Alibrandi has until the end of business on January 4<sup>th</sup> to contact him if Alibrandi wishes to meet with the Town Board to discuss the matter at the next Town Board meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

#### TOWN JUSTICE

Town Justice Shiffer introduced his wife, Kathy, to the Town Board and said that he appreciates all the Board's support over the past year. Board members said that they appreciate the fine job that he is doing as Justice.

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Code Officer John Daniels reported that the number of building permits was down this year.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Board members signed Certificates of Insurance required by the County for the upcoming tax collection.

The Board received a thank-you letter from the Phillips Library Director, Priscilla Berggren-Thomas, for the Town's continued financial support for 2010.

Deputy Supervisor Weddle reminded Board members that the next meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010, would be the Town's Organizational Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Anita W. Jebbett  
Town Clerk