

Special Meeting
May 12, 2017

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Homer held on Friday, May 12, 2017, in the board room of the Town Hall building was called to order by Supervisor Frederick J. Forbes, Sr., at 11:30 a.m. to authorize the extension of Time-Warner cable on Searls Road.

PRESENT

Frederick J. Forbes, Sr., Supervisor
Larry R. Jones, Councilman
Barry E. Warren, Councilman
Kevin M. Williams, Councilman
Anita W. Jebbett, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT

Wendy Pitman, resident, Searls Road
Roberta Mulvana, resident, Searls Road

Wendy Pitman described how she had been misled by Time-Warner into believing that cable internet was available at the home on Searls Road that she had purchased, and her campaign to have the service extended to her home and other homes in the area. She said now that Spectrum/Charter has purchased Time-Warner they are obligated by the State of New York to expand coverage. While Searls Road will be first, they will also extend coverage on Forbes Road, Maxfield Road, O'Shea Road and Health Camp Road.

Supervisor Forbes explained that the only reason the Town is involved is because the Town must issue a permit for them to place the cable underground in the Town right-of-way. He said that normally the cable is placed on poles which does not require any approval by the Town.

Forbes reported on a meeting that took place earlier in the week with representatives from Time-Warner (Spectrum), New York Underground, the construction company, the Highway Superintendent, John Phelps, and board members Mike Park and Kevin Williams.

On motion by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Warren and carried unanimously:
RESOLVED: that whereas Time-Warner (Spectrum) has proposed an underground installation of cable along Searls Road in order to provide television/internet service to certain properties located on that road, and whereas the Town has received from them an outline of the scope of the project, a certificate of workers' compensation coverage, and a letter indemnifying the Town; and whereas the Town has required an environmental assessment form, and finds that the project will not have an adverse environmental impact; therefore, the Town agrees to issue a Highway Permit to Time-Warner/Spectrum at no cost.

Pitman said that she and Mulvana could not thank the Town Board enough for helping them to obtain service.

On motion by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jones and carried unanimously:
RESOLVED: that Joseph Gilbert is hereby appointed as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to complete the term of David Deasy, appointed after Kenneth Poole resigned at the end of last year.

Supervisor Forbes scheduled a special meeting of the Town Board to hear a presentation by an insurance company representative on worker's compensation for Thursday, June 1st, at 6:00 p.m. He plans to invite other towns and the Village to attend if they are interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Anita W. Jebbett
Town Clerk