

**TOWN OF DANBY  
TOWN BOARD MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2009**

**PRESENT:**

Supervisor Dietrich

Councilpersons: Eugene Beavers, Leslie Connors

**ABSENT:**

Councilpersons: Daniel Klein and Joseph Salino (excused)

**Others Present**

Susan Beeners - Secretary Pro-tem

Code Enforcement Officer

Roy Casterline - Water District Superintendent

Laura Shawley - Bookkeeper

**Members of the Public**

Ronda Roaring, Joel Gagnon, Ames Brown, Liz Owens - Roe

Supervisor Dietrich called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and led all present to the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

1. An item entitled "Clean City Designation"
2. Stimulus Package
3. Health Care
4. Set time and date for committee and board interviews.
5. Water District and Fire Department Resolution
6. Motion to endorse application to County for Danby Fun Day Parade funds.

**Members of the Public:**

**John Smith** - Member of the West Danby Fire Department is here regarding the proposal for joint training session for the West Danby Water District fire hydrant with the Fire District.

**Liz Owens-Roe** addressed the Town Board with congratulations for the Sustainable Tompkins Award from Tompkins County for the Hamlet Planning Project.

**Ronda Roaring** - Reported that at the last Meeting Supervisor Dietrich said he was going to send a letter to Attorney Krogh regarding her complaint regarding an issue she sent to the Danby Town Court and a request that the Town Attorney be present to represent the Town.

Supervisor Dietrich reported that he did not write a letter but has consulted the Town Attorneys and they will generally be available to represent the Town on violations at Town Court on Civil matters.

Ronda also reported that she is greatly disturbed by snow mobile traffic on many roads and trails in Danby.

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**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Council person Beavers reported that he has submitted a resolution to the board regarding the West Danby Water District and the Fire District. The Fire Department needs to use the fire hydrants when there is a need to fill their trucks. At a recent fire, the fire departments were unable to draw water from the hydrants as they were frozen. He has been in contract with members of the fire departments and members of the water district and all parties are concerned that the hydrants did not perform as they should have and want to resolve this issue. A meeting has been set up with T.G. Miller (engineers) The Code Enforcement Officer and Water District Representatives. The Town has set aside monies to do an evaluation of the water system hydrants and possible additions to the system. The hydrants are maintained by the Water District and the Fire District perform two joint training sessions per year.

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## Reports

### County Representative Report:

Representative Protoreported on many items that the County Board and Committees are working on. Legislator salaries - policy on setting salaries for the next year was sent back to committee. County employees have been called into military service.

**DoTBushelter** in West Danby - he asked that the Town submit a letter. (Supervisor Dietrich said that a letter is in process.)

**Health Planning Council** - regarding health care: If Governor Paterson's budget is passed there will be losses in funding in many programs. Home health care, family child services included. The State would want it to be done in-house by the County at a cost in excess of One Billion dollars. COFA-funding.

**TCAT** - possesses a loss of 1/4 million for State Transportation Fund.

**CHIPS** - may suffer losses with less funding.

**County Plan** - the County will need to do a 5-10 year County Plan to sustain ourselves.

The County is in good shape for 2009 - 2010 is very worrisome and the County is trying to get a handle on it.

### Danby's Broadband Proposal:

Representative Protoreported that the County is considering Danby's Broadband project as it is what he considers "trowel-ready" (shovel-ready?).

Supervisor Dietrich said that the obstacle is soft tower that will be necessary should funding be awarded by the State of New York. He is discussing the possibility with Lee Shurtleff of the possibility of collocation to reduce the number of towers that would be required for the Broadband project.

Agricultural Assessment Forms are due to the Tompkins County Assessment by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Governors Proposal

Property taxes on NY State owned lands - Representative Protoreported that the Town is researching NY State owned lands.

## Reports:

Supervisor Dietrich reported that Committee and other written reports are here and the board can review them. He gave the board several items in their board packets for the board to review before

the Agenda meeting of March 2.

Locey and Cahill representatives will be at the March Agenda Meeting to give us an overview of the Municipal Health Insurance Consortium. He asked them to read through the health insurance information.

**Communications:**

Supervisor Dietrich reported that the Town Clerk has received confirmation that NYSDOT approves our request to extend the speed limit NYS 96B both East/West Miller intersection and to reduce the speed limit to 40 mph through the Town from the East/West Miller intersection to Michigan Hollow Road to 40 mph.

**Interviews for Candidates for Planning Board, EMC, and DCC Representative Applicants**

Interviews for residents interested in serving on Town of Danby Boards and Committees were set for Monday March 2, 2009.

6:00-George Blanchard-Planning Board

6:15-Ted Melchen-Planning Board

6:30-Roberta Dixon (EMC)

6:45-A Community Council member-County Youth Board

**RESOLUTION NO. 17 OF 2009**

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DANBY FIRE DISTRICT AND THE WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT**

By Councilperson Beavers: Seconded by Supervisor Dietrich

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Danby recognizes due diligence being performed by the West Danby water district and Danby Fire District, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Danby wishing to integrate fungible services to protect and preserve the health, safety and welfare of the populace of Danby, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Danby recognizing that to obtain these goals requires conscionable interdepartmental training and cooperation, **NOW, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Danby direct the West Danby Water District to host a minimum of two fire hydrant trainings sessions per year. These preferably coincide with the water districts biannual flushing of the water system. Dates and times are to be set by the West Danby Water Commissioners, but should consult with the Fire District for workable dates and times. And be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Danby direct the West Danby Water District to help the Danby Fire District on educational training and the proper use of limitations of the West

DanbyWaterDistrict.

Arollcallvoteontheresolutionresultedasfollows:  
(CouncilpersonsSalinoandKlein-excused)

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

**Carried**

**MotiontoEndorseApplicationtotheTompkinsCountyCelebrationsFund**

AmotionwasmadebyCouncilpersonBeaversandsecondedbySupervisorDietrichthattheTownBoardoftheTownofDanbyendorsesanapplicationtotheTompkinsCountyCelebrationsFundforagrantfortheJuly11DanbyFunDayandparade.

Arollcallvoteonthemotionresultedasfollows:  
(CouncilpersonsSalinoandKlein-excused)

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

**Carried**

**MotiontoApproveAgreementtoSpendHighwayFunds**

AmotionwasmadebySupervisorDietrichandsecondedbyCouncilpersonBeaversthattheTownBoardoftheTownofDanbyapprovestheAgreementtoSpendHighwayFundsassubmittedbytheHighwaySuperintendentandtheCouncilpersonspresentsignedtheagreement.

Arollcallvoteonthemotionresultedasfollows:  
(CouncilpersonsSalinoandKlein-excused)

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

**Carried**

**PermissionforLauraShawleytoAttendNYSAssociationofTownsAnnualMeeting**

motionwasmovedbySupervisorDietrichandsecondedbyCouncilpersonBeaversthattheTownBoardoftheTownofDanbygrantspermissionforLauraShawleytoattendtheNYSAssociationofTownsAnnualMeetingandtheboardmemberssignproxy'sforLauratocasttheirvotesattheconference.

Arollcallvoteonthemotionresultedasfollows:  
(CouncilpersonsSalinoandKlein-excused)

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

**Carried****Permission for Town Clerk to Attend NYSTCA Annual Conference**

A motion was made by Councilperson Beavers and seconded by Councilperson Connors that the Town Clerk is granted permission to attend the NYSCAA Annual Conference in Rochester NY from April 26-29, 2009

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:  
(Councilpersons Salino and Klein-excused)

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

**Carried****Supervisors Report to be deferred****Town Clerks Report to be deferred****Approval of Warrants:****General Fund Warrant No. 2 of 2009**

A motion was made by Councilperson Beavers and seconded by Supervisor Dietrich that the Town Board of the Town of Danby approve the General Fund Warrant No. 2 of 2009 in the amount of \$16,775.56 voucher numbers 24-61.

**Discussion**

Councilperson Beavers asked why the supervisor's phone bill was so high and asked what the Card Member Services-Christmas Party.

The Bookkeeper reported that we have a credit card and the funds were reimbursed from item stolen for recycling of scrap that was booked to revenue of the town. OSHA Poster is a requirement.

Supervisor Dietrich said that he had no idea why his phone was increased.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:  
(Councilpersons Salino and Klein-excused)

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

**Carried**

**HighwayFundWarrantNo.2of2009**

A motion was made by Councilperson Beavers and seconded by Councilperson Connors that the Town Board of the Town of Danby approve the Highway Fund Warrant No. 2 of 2009 in the amount of \$45,894.66 voucher numbers 5-19.

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A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:  
(Councilpersons Salino and Klein-excused)

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

**Carried**

**WestDanbyWaterDepartmentFundNo.2of2009**

A motion was made by Councilperson Beavers and seconded by Councilperson Connors that the Town Board of the Town of Danby approve the West Danby Water Department Fund Warrant No. 2 of 2009 in the amount of \$547.54 voucher numbers 6-9.

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A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:  
(Councilpersons Salino and Klein-excused)

Beavers	Aye
Connors	Aye
Dietrich	Aye

**Carried**

**Adjournment**

On a motion the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.