

**Danby Town Board  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
October 8, 2012**

**Present:**

Supervisor: Ric Dietrich  
Councilpersons: Leslie Connors, Kathy Halton, Dan Klein, Dylan Race

**Others Present:**

Town Clerk Pamela Goddard  
Bookkeeper Laura Shawley  
Public Two residents

**The Regular Meeting was preceded by a budget workshop.**

The Preliminary Budget was presented and reviewed during this informal meeting. Some questions regarding the 2% cap on the tax levy were clarified. The TB agreed to meet at 6pm prior to the October 15 meeting when budget consideration will continue.

**The Meeting of the Danby Town Board was opened at 7:10pm.**

**Warrants**

**WATER DISTRICT FUND**

#053-057 for a total \$514.25

**Moved by Halton, Second by Dietrich. The motion passed.**

**In Favor: Connors, Halton, Klein, Race, Dietrich**

**HIGHWAY FUND**

#128-141 for a total \$123,046.02

**Moved by Race, Second by Klein. The motion passed.**

**In Favor: Connors, Halton, Klein, Race, Dietrich**

Vouchers for September prepaid bills were inadvertently omitted from the General Fund warrant folder. The Board passed a portion of this warrant, without a total amount, so that vouchers could be paid. The remaining portion of this warrant, with a total dollar figure, will be reviewed at the Oct. 15 meeting.

**GENERAL FUND**

#435-460

**Moved by Connors, Second by Halton. The motion passed.**

**In Favor: Connors, Halton, Klein, Race, Dietrich**

**Approval of Minutes**

Connors requested that an amendment be made to the September 17 minutes, to clarify her comments during the discussion related to the broadband buildout grant.

**RESOLUTION NO. 95 OF 2012 - APPROVE MINUTES**

**Resolved**, that the Town Board of the Town of Danby approves the minutes of September 10, 2012, and September 17, 2012 as amended.

**Moved by Klein, Second by Race. The motion passed.**

**In Favor: Connors, Halton, Klein, Race, Dietrich**

## **Digital Projector Donation**

Klein provided information about the donation of a digital projector from Cornell University. This has already been used at a meeting and works well. This donation was received with enthusiasm, as there are several upcoming meetings that will benefit from the projection of information.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 96 OF 2012 - ACCEPT DONATION OF DIGITAL PROJECTOR**

**Resolved**, that the Town Board of the Town of Danby accepts the donation of a digital projector from Cornell University.

**Moved by Klein, Second by Connors. The motion passed.**

**In Favor: Connors, Halton, Klein, Race, Dietrich**

## **Aquifer Study Report**

A report has been received from Todd Miller. This will be distributed to the TB as soon as it is available from the Code Officer. Information in the report will be discussed at the October 15 meeting.

## **Broadband Update**

Dietrich informed the Board that the grant has been submitted with support from the County and other municipalities. It is unknown when a decision will be made on the grant award. There seems to be some gridlock on grant applications in Albany.

## **Time Warner Franchise Meeting**

Dietrich provided some information about a meeting of the committee seeking additional information regarding franchise payments. The intent of the meeting to gather public sentiment/input on issues related to Time Warner.

## **Veteran's Exemption - Status Report**

Deputy Clerk, Sue McLellan presented a revised memo with additional information for consideration regarding a NYS partial tax exemption on real property owned by qualified veterans.

There was new information about a possible tax exemption for Cold War Vets. McLellan is attempting to get clarification from the Tompkins County Assessment Office regarding a more accurate count of veterans in Danby who would be eligible for a tax exemption. The true number could be closer to 62, rather than the count of 80 previously estimated. The information she presented at this meeting reflects the maximum number of vets who might qualify for an exemption. Less than 100% of eligible vets have applied for the tax exemption in other municipalities.

The Town Board will review the information presented. In order for a Veterans' Tax Exemption to be in effect by the 2014 tax year, a local law would need to be passed by March 1, 2013. Jay Franklin, of Tompkins County Assessment, has offered to meet with the Board to answer questions and clarify information. This topic should be kept on upcoming agendas. A meeting with Franklin could be arranged in the next few months.

### **Short Reports and Correspondence**

Reports from the Town Justices were circulated.

Goddard presented the Town Clerk's report and Records Management Report. In September, the Town Clerk's office processed 3 marriage licenses, 38 dog license renewals, four building permits, and several hunting licenses and other misc. revenue.

### **Adjournment**

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

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Pamela S. Goddard, Town Clerk