

**TOWN OF KRIKWOOD
WORK SESSION**

February 23, 2010

Present: Supervisor Gordon Kniffen, presiding
Councilman Robert Weingartner
Councilman Lewis Grubham
Councilwoman Linda Yonchuk
Councilman William Diffendorf, Jr.

Also Present: Herbert Kline, Town Attorney
Gayle Diffendorf, Town Clerk
Raymond Coolbaugh, DPW Deputy Commissioner

1. Discussion – Water Meter Local Law.

Mr. Kline explained that this is a result of discussions with Dan Griffiths about the testing of water meters in commercial and industrial establishments and it was determined that changes were needed in the local law; he noted that a great deal of the information regarding these changes came from a booklet from the American Water Works Association. This basically allows the district to test the water meters periodically. Some of the meters can be tested in place without removal by using a bypass line and the flow of water will not be interfered with. If the meter has to be taken out, Jones Water Supply has the ability to do that. If the testing shows that the water metered was to the Town's advantage by more than 2% they will get a refund and if it was to advantage of the company, they will reimburse the Town for whatever the amount would have been based on the proper flow. This would go back one billing cycle. This is for a test that was done less than two years after the previous test had been completed. Since a number of the meters are in pits, if it turns out they need to be replaced and are difficult to access, the business will put a new meter in a better location. Councilman Diffendorf voiced a concern that this would be a major expense. John Finch will be questioned about this and will be asked to attend the next meeting for additional discussion.

Supervisor Kniffen said that how this originated was a concern about the volume of water that was produced and sales, versus what was being sent to the treatment plant for processing. The water department found a major leak near Highland Heights which was causing the tanks to fill too often. This was repaired and DOT took care of the cost. In referring to that major leak, Councilman Grubham noted that a tremendous amount of water was lost and he questioned if any other reimbursement was going to be received from the State. Ray Coolbaugh said that it is being looked into.

Possible resolution on 3-2-10 agenda to schedule a public hearing for March 30, 2010.

2. Discussion – Resolution Authorizing Supervisor to Enter into Agreement with Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP to Provide Legal Services

Mr. Kline explained that this is in regard to hiring Paul Sweeney to represent the Board concerning negotiations with Teamsters Local 693. Resolution for 3-2-10.

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3. Request from Dick Jones to attend Stormwater Schooling, March 24-25, 2010 in Buffalo, NY at a cost of \$75.00 for the conference and tradeshow and \$99.00 for the hotel, plus all reasonable expenses paid. Resolution for 3-2-10.

4. Update – New FEMA Flood Maps.
Supervisor Kniffen reported that the FEMA flood maps have been released – preliminary maps which are subject to public comment. The first of six county seminars will be held in Conklin, to be attended by Supervisor Kniffen and other town officials. He noted that this is on the county’s website and after the meeting there will be a full discussion at a board meeting.

5. Update – Road Weight Limit Local Law
Supervisor Kniffen explained that the Town has been waiting to see what the County is going to do in this regard. He said that Joe Sluzar will be speaking at the next Association of Towns meeting and Mr. Kline will attend.

6. Update – Elimination of Oil Water Separators – Broome County Recommendations.
Mr. Kline explained that a public hearing was held last month regarding a local law dispensing with oil separators in the CE district and a recommendation had not been received from Broome County so it could not be acted on. He said that they now have commended the Town. Resolution for 3-2-10.

7. Sale of Truck 39 – 1997 Autocar Dump Truck with 92,010 miles – Request to advertise sale of truck – Asking \$20,000, which includes plow, sander & wing.
Ray Coolbaugh said that if this is not sold through the paper it will probably go to the county auction. He noted that the last truck sold did not have the plow and wing, just a sander and they got \$18,000 for it, so the hope is for \$20,000 for this truck. He said that the sander will not fit on the new trucks and the plow is 30 years old. He noted that a plow and wing come with the new truck recently purchased.

In response to Councilman Grubham, Ray said that the new pick-up recently purchased is for Dick’s use and it has a remote starter. Ray added that they sold Mike’s pickup truck at the last auction and he will be driving Dick’s old truck. Ray did not know the reason for the remote starter.

8. Audit of Claims.
Councilman Diffendorf expressed a concern with the voucher for \$3500 submitted by Mark Lake for work he did in the highway office. Ray Coolbaugh said that Mark tore out

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the flooded area in the highway office; the work has not been completed. Since Commissioner Dick Jones is out of town, this will be discussed upon his return. Voucher to be removed from audit.

Other.

In regard to the Balogh matter, Mr. Kline noted there is an application in for SPR at the March 8th Planning Board meeting for which publication and posting is required this week. He said that he will need to know later this evening if there is a chance that it will not be approved, otherwise he will go ahead with the process for site plan review. Marchie Diffendorf, Planning Board Chairman, added that they are trying to facilitate this since the process began back in November.

Jim Smith reviewed a number of projects that will require some borrowing. He said that he has feelers out with M&T regarding rates for short term BANS and serial bonds.

The projects and amounts:

Hillside Sewer Project (Sewer 1 only pays)	- \$ 78,000
Universal Pump Station (Sewer 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 6)	- \$150,000
2010 Volvo Truck	- \$103,000
Circular Stairs – Repair Main Sewer Station (All sewer districts)	- \$100,000 – worst case (waiting on quotes)

Financing discussed – serial bonds, BANS, number of years; up to 10 years with a concern noted. If Mr. Smith is not successful with local 10-year financing, Mr. Kline mentioned using Allardice & Assoc. as an agent since they have connections with banks across the state.

In regard to repairing or replacing the spiral ladder at the main sewer station, it was noted that this is definitely a safety issue. This ladder goes down 25' into the ground and the bottom steps are in rough shape. They are looking into getting a quote to weld them. They will also be contacting the manufacturer for the specs on the stairs and get a quote as to the cost to repair.

Councilman Diffendorf questioned the affect on people in the Sewer 1 district due to the Francis Street Pump Station and Hillside Sewer projects. Mr. Smith said that at this point it has been worked into the budget. He said in terms of cost, it is taking away the ability to put away into reserves. He said there is still a fund balance but he does not want to use all of it because they don't know what to expect in the future.

In regard to the Barlow Road culvert project, Mr. Smith said that it is mostly stimulus money and the only borrowing that might occur is if the project does not get completed, submitted and reimbursed from federal sources before the end of the year.

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It was noted that the Universal Pump Station is located on Stratmill Road and it services Highland Heights and possibly Colesville Road.

Mr. Smith noted that they are still waiting to see how things go with the grant application for the court reconstruction.

Councilwoman Yonchuk moved to adopt resolution to adjourn this meeting to conduct an Executive Session pursuant to Section 105 paragraph e of the Public Officers Law to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to article 14 of the Civil Service Law.

Councilman Diffendorf seconded.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Weingartner	- yes
	Councilman Grubham	- yes
	Councilwoman Yonchuk	- yes
	Councilman Diffendorf	- yes
	Supervisor Kniffen	- yes

MOTION CARRIED.