

Town Board Minutes  
February 13, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Torrey Town Board was held on Tuesday February 13, 2018 at 56 Geneva St. Dresden NY and called to order by Supervisor Flynn at 7:30PM.

Present: Supervisor Patrick Flynn, Councilmen; Colby Petersen, Peter Martini, Lawrence Martin, Grant Downs

Others present: George Thompson, Richard Wilson- District Legislator, Jim Smith, Linda Downs, Dave Granzin, Phil Bracht, Patricia Brede- Assessor

Mr. Flynn led the pledge of allegiance.

Patricia Brede Town Assessor gave a brief overview of plans for upcoming assessment revaluation. The equalization rate is at 99% but with farm sales higher that assessment the rate will start dropping to 94-96%. She would like to do the reval in 2019.

Now using state assessor program she would like to complete entering the data information for the Town which is a big job. She would like to hire an assistant as she prepares for the revaluation. She does have \$ 2,000 in her budget for help.

The Town will need to adopt a resolution calling for the assessment revaluation this spring.

Mr. Flynn presented the abstract of vouchers for review.

Motion by Mr. Martini, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Martin, that the bills on the General A & B accounts in the amount of \$ 21,830.79 be paid, carried.

Motion by Mr. Martini, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Martin, that the bills on the Highway DA & DB accounts, in the amount of \$ 28,051.09 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Flynn 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Petersen that the first installment on the 2018 Fire Contract in the amount of \$ 32,000. be paid, carried by all.

Mr. Flynn presented a letter from Linda Lefko dated January 9, 2018, tendering her resignation from the Planning Board and Board of Assessment Review.

Motion by Mr. Martini, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Downs, to accept, and send a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Lefko for her faithful and diligent service to the Town, Carried.

Mr. Flynn presented a consent letter from NYS DEC regarding a Lamphrey Eel Treatment planned for Keuka Outlet. All property owners bordering the outlet must be notified and give consent. Motion by Mr. Martini, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Martin authorizing the Supervisor to sign the consent form on behalf of the Town, carried.

Mr. Flynn presented a contract from Casella Disposal requesting a three year contract.

Following a discussion it was determined to table this for more information on price and competitor pricing. Tabled to March meeting.

The Town received correspondence from Dutchess County introducing a resolution for town adoption supporting the "ThinkDIFFERENTLY" initiative to foster a welcoming and supportive environment for residents with special needs specifically Autism.

Following a discussion, Mr. Martini will seek more information and clarification of what support is being requested. Tabled to March meeting.

Mr. Chambers gave the highway report. Had issues with plugged culverts needed to rent an excavator to reach problem area.

Borrowed Yates County sewer cleaning machine to correct one culvert on Crowsnest. Bridge NY has funding available for bridge and culvert projects. At Highway Supt. Breakfast meeting information was made available about culverts. He stated a concern on Perry Point that may need remediation; a costly project. Mr. Chambers will get more information on application requirements and report back to the board.

Received notification from NYS DOT of 12 railroad crossing violations. The stop signs must be larger and affixed to break away post. Discussed using the existing post material for modification to the signs. Mr. Chambers will get more information and report on this next meeting.

Mr. James was out of town, Clerk submitted his January Code report.

Correspondence-

Seneca Seven Relay race is scheduled for April 29, 2018

Seneca Watershed Inter-Municipal Organization letter to Romulus opposing the trash incinerator.

Motion by Mr. Flynn 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Petersen to send a resolution letter opposing the Trash Incinerator in Romulus to NY Public Service Commission, Governor Cuomo, Senator Thomas O'Mara, Assemblyman Philip Palmesano, Congressman Thomas Reed, Romulus Supervisor David Kaiser, carried by all.

### **Resolution Opposing the Trash Incinerator Proposed for the Town of Romulus**

**Whereas** a limited liability company called Circular EnerG LLC has proposed to build a trash incinerator in the Town of Romulus of Seneca County, in the Seneca Lake Watershed; and

**Whereas** this facility will import waste and trash from outside of this area, including likely from hundreds of miles away, to the extent of two to three thousand tons per day, delivered initially by over 200 trucks per day traveling along Routes 96, 414 and 5 & 20, 286 days per year, that will later be supplanted in part by rail cars traveling local rails Monday through Saturday throughout the year, but trucks will still

deliver trash and refuse to the rail cars and will likely also deliver some trash to the incinerator; and

**Whereas** the incinerator proposes to draw for cooling 445,000 gallons of water per day from Seneca Lake, and it will discharge this water, warmed by the process, into Reeder Creek, which empties into Seneca Lake, and the incinerator will also generate 126,000 gallons of leachate daily, which is water contaminated by the process that has to be treated and disposed of, possibly with some of it returned in some form to Seneca Lake; and

**Whereas** Seneca Lake is already situated between the largest and second largest landfills in New York State, Seneca Meadows and Ontario County, that together import almost 10,000 tons of trash each day and are responsible for hundreds of heavy trash trucks traveling local roads, offensive odors, and millions of gallons of leachate each year that must be disposed of, some into Seneca Lake; and

**Whereas** the Town of Torrey is bounded on the EAST for nine (9) miles by Seneca Lake continues to foster and implement practices that protect the lake from inputs that are causing the degradation of its water quality and harmful algal blooms, such as those that will come from this proposed incinerator and will pose a threat to the health of Seneca Lake; and

**Whereas** facilities and programs that support exporting waste undermine efforts to encourage responsible local stewardship of the land, water and air needed for life; and

**Whereas** the Finger Lakes area is now recognized as a world-class destination for visitors and is home to a vibrant wine industry and farm community, and being a waste import destination is inimical to this and must cease as soon as possible, and certainly not be increased; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED that the Torrey Town Board** opposes the trash incinerator proposed by Circular EnerG LLC and urges the Town of Romulus and all agencies of New York State with jurisdiction over any aspect of the project to reject this proposal and work with us to foster sustainable practices and industry that will protect Seneca Lake and preserve the Finger Lakes as a wonderful place to live and work, now and into the future.

Motion by Councilman Peter Martini, Second, Councilman Colby Petersen,

Carried by all. 5-0

Mr. Downs drafted the letter.

Perry Point Water District was discussed. No new information has been received from the Village of Dresden or attorneys. Mr. Flynn will contact Mayor for update and report next meeting.

Mr. Flynn presented the minutes of the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Martin noted clerical errors, made the motion to approve with corrections 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Martini carried by all.

Mr. Flynn presented a letter from George Dowse of Perry Point Rd stating his interest in serving the Town Planning Board.

Motion by Mr. Martini 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Petersen to appoint Mr. Dowse to the Planning Board vacant seat remaining term to May 31, 2019, carried by all.

Linda Downs thanked the board for the comment letter sent to NYS DEC opposing Penn Yan Municipal Water Treatment Plant request to increase outfall on SPDES permit renewal application.

Mrs. Downs gave an update on the Keuka Outlet water quality standard & classification. Presently classified as a C & D. She stated on the renewal SPDES permit application the water treatment plant plans on disinfecting the effluent being discharged into the outlet only 6 months per year April to October. Presently they do not disinfect the effluent. She has been in contact with Senator Tom O'Mara's staff to arrange a meeting to discuss the outlet poor water quality and the substandard treated water that is being discharged into it.

No further business before the board, Mr. Flynn made a motion to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Downs at 9:15PM carried by all.

Respectfully yours  
Betty M Daggett