

TOWN OF ESSEX
Regular Board Meeting
August 11, 2016
6:00 pm

Supervisor Gardner called the meeting to order and led with the pledge.

Roll Call:	Present	Absent
	Councilperson Claire LaPine	
	Councilperson Bryan Garvey	
	Councilperson James LaForest	
	Councilperson Gretel Schueller	
	Supervisor Edward Gardner	

Andy Buchanan was not in attendance but Claire stated that at the committee meeting he had asked to be put on the agenda to discuss the proposed new boiler for the Grange. Jim said that he thought that they were looking for another quote.

Supervisor Gardner offered the floor to anyone else with no Taker.

James LaForest made a motion and Claire LaPine seconded the acceptance of the meeting of July 14, 2016.

Roll Call:	Yes	Abstained
	Councilperson Claire LaPine	Councilperson Bryan Garvey
	Councilperson James LaForest	
	Councilperson Gretel Schueller	
	Supervisor Edward Gardner	

Gretel asked if the Peddlers Policy is old business. It was explained that this is just a policy, that it was submitted as a policy so that it can be fined tuned. There can be no fees attached to a policy because of enforcement. Gretel asked about the no parking on Main Street with the exception of the three events. So if someone wants to put a food truck for in their driveway for a party, is that ok because they are being hired by one person. That is a private function not related to vendor. A vendor sells to the public. But if they are placed on a state highway, they also need DOT approval. Bryan asked about enforcement. This is just a policy and the Code Officer can ask them for their permit but the only enforcement we have is to revoke their permit. Claire asked about #10 on the restrictions. It was clarified that as long as it was not impeding the operation of the business or an inconvenience to the public, it was ok. Everyone agreed that this was a good start.

James LaForest made and Bryan Garvey seconded a motion to accept the Peddling and Soliciting Policy.

Roll Call:	Yes	No
	Councilperson Claire LaPine	
	Councilperson Bryan Garvey	
	Councilperson James LaForest	
	Councilperson Gretel Schueller	
	Supervisor Edward Gardner	

Supervisor Gardner referred to the letter that each board member received from the Belden Noble Memorial Library board stating that they had received a grant from the NYS Education Department to renovate and repair the building. The board submitted a proposal for the handicapped ramp and are requesting the approval of the town board to go ahead with it.

Gretel Schueller made and Claire LaPine seconded a motion to approve the work with the stipulation that proof of insurance be submitted to the town from the contractor. All in favor, no nays.

Supervisor Gardner explained that a budget adjustment is needed because we budgeted the CHIPS on what we received last year. This year we were awarded more money. The addition to the budget is the difference, which we should receive from them before the year ends.

Resolution 59-2016 is being made to increase the following line items in the budget due to an increase in CHIPS for paving:

Permanent Improvement Account # 51122.03 - \$7638.07

Revenue State Aid/CHIPS Account # 3501.03 - \$7638.07

Motion Made by: Claire LaPine	Yes	Second by: Bryan Garvey	No
Councilperson LaPine	X		
Councilperson Garvey	X		
Councilperson LaForest	X		
Councilperson Schueller	X		
Supervisor Gardner	X		

Jim reported that Shirley had received a call from Margaret Gibbs from Lakes to Locks. She would like to meet with the board to talk about a story board sign of the history of the town. She would like to be added to the September agenda. Questions about where the sign would go and how much money is needed were raised by board members. It was decided that Ms. Gibbs would be able to answer these next month.

Supervisor Gardner informed all that a person came in to the town hall complaining that the wells are illegal. NYS Parks says that you **cannot** build anything on a public park. Supervisor Gardner stated that he has talked to Rep. Dan Stec and Senator Betty Little. He has also talked to SHIPO and they will be sending information to us. It does not matter that the water department has tanks and a building there already. Anything new has to be approved first.

Supervisor Gardner stated that we are advertising for 2 alternates for the planning board. He has talked with Harold MacDougal who is interested. We have advertised this on our web page and bulletin boards.

A discussion on the AES billing including the bills they have from Hydrosorce. It was asked if the town can get a more itemized bill for hours, like a lawyer gives. Ed told the board he will be scheduling a water source meeting in a few weeks and will ask for this.

James LaForest made and Bryan Garvey seconded a motion to pay Abstract #8-2016.

	Yes	No
Councilperson LaPine	X	
Councilperson Garvey	X	
Councilperson LaForest	X	
Councilperson Schueller	X	
Supervisor Gardner	X	

Gretel told the board that on August 28, 2016 there will be a Volunteer Appreciation Day at the Grange to honor our local Fire and EMS/

Supervisor Gardner passed around a quote for a water leak detection devise that the Water Department would like. It will be brought up next month when Tina is there to answer questions and the report from the testing we had done is complete. There were no questions concerning any of the reports.

Claire LaPine made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted
Patricia Gardner
Town Clerk