

TOWN OF PHILADELPHIA
MARCH 9, 2016 - BOARD MEETING @ 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Supervisor: Cheryl Horton, Clerk: Cheryl Reed, Hwy. Supt.: Mike Freeman, Council Members: Sandra Carpenter, Deborah LaMora, Bob Watson Sr., Ron Spicer and Assessor: John Kiechle.

GUESTS: Indian River Central School Student: Sonja Beckstead, Lance Ronas representing Indian River Ambulance Services, Bridget Carpenter and Casey Carpenter.

At 5:30 P.M. Supervisor Horton called the meeting to order followed by Prayer and Pledge.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Was given to Lance Ronas who spoke regarding the Indian River Ambulance Service (IRAS) responses to the previous year's activities. The following items were discussed: There were 613 calls, 393 received care and transport, one baby was delivered, two cardiac arrests and sixteen heroin wake-ups.

The most calls were from: #1 Theresa, #2 Philadelphia and #3 Antwerp. There are 50 people on their roster. Twelve Volunteers from Philadelphia, Twelve Volunteers from Antwerp and two volunteers from Theresa. Two Federal Grants have been applied for: #1) New Ambulance and #2) Three Cardiac Monitors.

Purchases: One new Stretcher Lift and one new Stair Chair.

There has been an increase in violent patients. Employees have been and are being trained to retreat and protect themselves in such a situation.

IRAS now has 10 Paramedics, 25 Basics and 10-12 drivers.

Medicare and Medicaid payments have been reduced by 3%. Sixty percent of IRAS Patients are Medicare and Medicaid.

A discussion was held on Indian River Ambulance Services self-sufficiency and Mr. Ronas answered all questions presented.

The Fire Department is currently searching for a new location to move and build.

Mr. Ronas asked if there were any further questions or comments. With there being none, Supervisor Horton and the Town Board Thanked Mr. Ronas for attending.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: At 6:00 P.M. Privilege of the Floor was given to Bridget Carpenter. Bridget wished to address the issue of Lawn Care at the Town Park's Baseball Field. On more than one occasion last year when a team was there to play the grass had not been recently mowed. Mike Freeman who oversees the upkeep of the Town Park gave Bridget his personal cell phone number and asked that she feel free to call him at anytime regarding a schedule for the upcoming summer. This contact will ensure that the fields are in adequate condition for everyone attending. Bridget also spoke regarding the lack of a Summer Recreation Program in the Town of Philadelphia. After discussion, Supervisor Horton and all Town Board Members agreed their willingness to spearhead a Summer Recreation Program. Supervisor Horton will contact Mayor Montroy regarding the Village's possible participation in this program. Advances on this issue will be discussed in the future. There were no more comments or questions and Supervisor Horton thanked Bridget for attending the Board Meeting.

MINUTES: Clerk Reed noticed she had made an error posting a date on page two. It should read, Supervisor Horton attended the Annual Association of Towns Meeting in NYC, February 14th to 17th, 2016. Sandra made a motion to accept the minutes with this correction. Ron seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Not available at this time. Board Members will be notified by Clerk Reed when report is ready for their review and signature.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The following are those who will be attending the 2016 Annual Local Government Conference at Jefferson Community College March 31, 2016: Supervisor Horton, Clerk Reed, Highway Superintendent: Mike Freeman, Assessor: John Kiechle, Code Enforcement Officer: Shawn Barbarito Planning Board Members: Greg Delles, John Liston, Debora Kottelnicki, Zoning Board Members: David Reed, Dale Fikes, Roy Matteson.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

1. Dozer needs new chain track pads and seals will be replaced. (See attached resolution)
2. A Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$271.88 from Highway Account DA-5130.4 to Highway Account DA-5130.2 will be done to purchase new truck.
3. Received letter from New York State Department of Transportation regarding speed zones on NYS Route 11. These zones have been deemed appropriate according to a D.O.T. Traffic Study.

RECYCLING REPORT:

1. Received check in the amount of \$4,949.15 from Carthage Specialty for two and a half loads of cardboard.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

1. Data back up.
2. Fort Drum land use.
3. Final Residential Assessment Ratio History.
4. Last Assessor Meeting with Stewart King was very informative.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Received Intergovernmental Agreement Relative to Dog Control Services from Jefferson County Dog Warden. This agreement will be reviewed by all board members and further discussed at the next meeting.
2. Supervisor Horton met with Officials from the State Comptroller's Office while on her trip to the N.Y.S. Association of Town's Meeting. A booklet regarding the Overview of the Accounting Process from the State Comptroller's Office was shared with board members.
3. A Certified Public Accountant has been requested by the Town Board to audit Town Books, as this hasn't been done in recent years, except by the Town Board.

At 7:15 P.M. Supervisor Horton asked if there were any further questions or comments. With there being none, Sandra made a motion to adjourn. Ron seconded this motion. All were in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Reed ~ Town Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Sandra and seconded by Ron who moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION: 2016-35 – DOZER REPAIR

WHEREAS: Highway Superintendent, Mike Freeman has come before the Philadelphia Town Board and has explained that the Dozer is in need of repair and

WHEREAS: needs new chain track pads and new seals and

WHEREAS: Mike has compared prices at three different stores and S&S located in Marcellus New York quoted a price of \$3,326.90 and

WHEREAS: There will be no added labor costs as the Town Highway Employees will perform all needed work and

WHEREAS: The Town Highway Employees will also pick up the needed parts, therefore saving freight cost,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Philadelphia Town Board does approve the purchase of the needed parts to repair the Dozer.

This resolution was adopted via the following roll vote:

Supervisor Horton: aye

Council Members:

Sandra Carpenter: aye

Deborah Lamora: aye

Bob Watson Sr.: aye

Ron Spicer: aye

I hereby certify that the above resolution was approved by the Philadelphia Town Board on March 9, 2016.

Cheryl Reed ~ Town Clerk