

Parma Town Board meeting held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at the
Parma Town Hall, 1300 Hilton Parma Corners Road, Hilton, New York

ATTENDANCE

Supervisor	Jim Smith	
Councilperson	Gary Comardo	
Councilperson	James Roose	
Councilperson	Daniel Barlow	
Town Clerk	Donna K. Curry	
Building and Development Coordinator	Dennis Scibetta	
Absent	Highway Supt.	Brian Speer
	Dir. of Parks and Recreation	Tom Venniro

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Finance Director Mary Gavigan, Deputy Town Clerk/Receiver of Taxes Carrie Webster, Len Petitti, Michael Weldon, Mike Green, Brady Oyong, Austin Hertel, Audrey Hoyt, and other members of the public.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence. Emergency exit procedures were noted.

MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 21, 2017

RESOLUTION NO. 126-2017 Motion by Supervisor Smith, seconded by Councilperson Comardo, to accept the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Parma Town Board on March 21, 2017.

Motion carried: Aye 4 (Smith, Comardo, Roose, Barlow) Nay 0

TOWN CLERK REPORT

The Town Clerk reported that Town Clerk and VFW reports for March have been submitted, filed and provided to the Town Board.

Notice was received from the NYS Public Service Commission announcing they would be holding a public statement hearing regarding the March 2017 windstorm event and the resulting power outages. They are looking into storm preparations and response by RG&E and NYS Electric and Gas. They are requesting public participation and comment.

Notice was received from DEC of proposed changes to SEQR. They will accept comments on April 18, 2017 at the RIT Inn and Conference Center. A copy was forwarded to Dennis Scibetta.

The Town Clerk reminded anyone whose term renewed January 1st and are part of the NYS Retirement System that they must complete and submit their time reporting.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Supt. Speer was not in attendance. Supervisor Smith reported that the Department has been busy picking up debris from the windstorm.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Scibetta reported that at the April 17, 2017 Planning Board meeting there will be a Community Rating Service Presentation by Jayme Thomann. She will explain how CRS can be used to reduce flood insurance in the Town and if it is worth it for us to participate. They are also looking for ideas on how to broaden the program so more people can use it. All members of the Town Board and Zoning Board are also invited to attend.

The report for March was finished today and will be sent to all Board members. They are one permit behind last year. There has been some subdivision activity and a new phase of All Seasons will be starting. It seems that the builders have a handle on what the new code is requiring for the new energy code and how they are going to approach it.

Mr. Scibetta reminded the Board about the Solar meeting on May 19, 2017. He gave a report on the Solar applications. There are about 8-9 solar applications. There is only one project that has received the OK from RGE which is the one at 1680 Hilton Parma Corners Road. The applicants are working with Comida on a Pilot Program. The new applicants understand that they have to work with and receive approval from RGE before moving forward. Mr. Scibetta explained that it is a very expensive process, between engineering and permitting costs. Solar farming is a long way from being a profitable venture. He also stated this has been a learning process and he believes that we are the first Town/Village to permit a Solar Farm.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Venniro was not in attendance due to the NYS Recreation Conference and his active involvement in the planning of the convention which wrapped up today. There were six sessions running every 2 hours and even with four people there, they could not attend all of the sessions being held.

PUBLIC FORUM

Supervisor Smith asked if there was any other citizen who would like to address the Town Board with any concerns.

Leonard Petitti, resident on Webster Road stated that he would like the Town to reassess the drainage issues on Webster Road. There has been flooding in his backyard and the neighbor to the North's backyard since Calebs Trail has been developed. The drainage pipe goes into his backyard. He showed pictures to the Board taken after it had rained

recently. He stated that he has talked to Dennis Scibetta about this and he has been to the property a couple times. He talked to Brian Speer in January and he went to the property but nothing has been done about it. There was discussion among the Board and it was determined that there are two different issues going on and that the Town Engineer would be contacted about this.

BUSINESS ITEMS

RESIGNATION OF KYLE MULLEN

Supervisor Smith read a letter from Kyle Mullen submitting his resignation from the Board effective March 31, 2017 citing both personal reasons and a significant uptick in his business responsibilities. Supervisor Smith stated that his hope would be that when things calm down, he would circle back and give it another go.

RESOLUTION NO. 127-2017 Motion by Supervisor Smith, seconded by Councilperson Comardo, to accept the resignation of Kyle Mullen with regrets effective March 31, 2017.

Motion carried: Aye 4 (Smith, Comardo, Roose, Barlow) Nay 0

PHONE SYSTEM TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER SELECTION

Supervisor Smith explained that we put out for bids for Telecommunication Providers for the Town Hall, Parks and Recreation, the Highway Department as well as upgrading a couple of phones out in the Parks Department.

Mary Gavigan and Dennis Scibetta highlighted the following about the bids:

- There were four bids received by three companies and three different kinds of phones, NEC, Mitel and a 3CX. One company placed two bids.
- The NEC phone system is what we currently have. Three of the systems are hardware driven. The 3CX is software driven; this was the second lowest bid. The benefit of this system is that there are no extra fees or licensing fees.
- The 3CX would be serviced by the same company as our computers, and would be covered under the same maintenance agreement. There was some concern about the ability of the company to be able to handle the increase in maintenance. The benefit is that this is a local company. In the event of a disaster this system could be transferred to any computer so the system could continue operating. It was discussed that this was new technology and is more the way of the future. There would be a lifetime warranty on this.
- There was some concern about the bid from Next Generation and what the support would be like from the company. It was stated that Matrix, our current provider, has been good to us.
- It was suggested that we bring in the three systems so the departments can look at them all. All of the phones look the same but this would give them a chance to look at their capabilities.

After discussion it was decided to table this until the next meeting to allow more time to review the information before making a final decision. The Board wants to be sure this change is for the better.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

LAMAR SIGNS – MIKE GREEN

Mike Greene, Lamar Signs, explained that their company was in front of the Zoning Board in March and after discussion there they withdrew their application. They were told that the Town Board is looking at making changes to the part of the code pertaining to signs and they wanted to come and educate on their company and billboard signs. They have been in the area since 1997. Seventy-five percent of their advertisers are local. They decide where these should go based on traffic patterns. They do not want to be in residential areas, they want to be where the traffic is. 4618 West Ridge Road is zoned Highway Commercial and 600 feet from the intersection. All around it are commercial and industrial space, car dealers, motels, retail shops and gas stations. They have received NYS preliminary approvals for a sign at that location. They showed the style of billboards, how quick it moves between ads, no scrolling or blinking, it is all one solid image. It changes every 8 seconds in one quick turn. NYSDOT requires 6 seconds. Cars traveling at 45 mph might see two images. He showed similar signs in the area. They explained that they are on a dimmer so they are not so bright at night compared to during the day. The one side is digital faced and would change images. The backside would be static faced and would remain one image. They also work with law enforcement and can post emergency information, weather updates and Amber Alerts. Malfunctioning sign can be fixed within 24 hours and will go into shut down mode showing only a black screen if necessary.

TOWN CODE CHANGES – SET PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Smith explained that there has been talk over the last couple of months about some code related changes. There would have to be a Public Hearing set but that could not be set tonight. After discussion it was decided that there needed to be more time to collect information and that sample verbiage would have to go to the Town Attorney for review. There was some wording in our code that states the Monroe County Sheriff's and Peace Officers designated by the Town could enforce some sections of the code so that would also have to be addressed when making changes. Town Clerk was going to send the wording that she has to the attorney.

There was also discussion about the change in fees. Town Clerk said that her office has put together a list of current fees and proposed changes to the fees. Dennis Scibetta said he is still working on this; some of their fees are set by the state and others they can look at. Supervisor Smith said it might be a good time to look at the fine structure for Court; their fees usually have a range. It was decided this would become an agenda item for the next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Supervisor Smith reiterated that various items have been posted at Town Hall and on our website. Those items include the Public Service Commission who is holding a public statement hearing regarding RGE's handling of the wind event on April 13th at 2 pm and 6 pm at Monroe Community College. RGE already has men on the ground ready to go, tonight, if this wind storm turns into a big event.

Dennis Scibetta stated that they had just received a bid on the truck and that process is up to \$9,300.00. There was discussion about how that was going to be sold. Supervisor Smith stated that it was determined that it was declared of as surplus and he thought there was talk about putting it on a website. The Town Clerk stated that it was declared surplus but the Board never decided how it would be disposed.

LIAISON REPORTS

**Councilperson Barlow did not have a report.

**Councilperson Comardo reported the Farmland and OpenSpace Committee has not met in a couple of months which is not unusual. Dennis Scibetta explained that there have been five meetings cancelled for weather, St. Valentine's Day and unforeseen circumstances. The HPDICE group went to the Apple fest Committee to discuss their booth having better visibility. At their last meeting they had a speaker who addressed the very strong link between childhood abuse and substance abuse later in life.

**Councilperson Roose reported that Tom from the Recreation Department sent out a lengthy list of damage from the windstorm at the Town Hall, the VFW and the cemeteries. This included blown shingles, downed trees, fence and bench damage. The Insurance Company was coming out on Friday to look at the damage. There has not been a Special Police meeting since we met last, but training is ongoing there.

**Supervisor Smith, as a follow up to the above, updated the Board about the Inter-municipal Agreements to be signed for the Special Police. The Fire Department cannot enter into an Inter-municipal Agreement but the Fire District can and will. He has heard different rumblings that the school district cannot sign but our attorney feels that they can.

There was no further business before the Town Board, Supervisor Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m., seconded by Councilperson Comardo and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna K. Curry
Parma Town Clerk

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