

**Regular Board Meeting, Town of Manheim, February 23, 2010 at 7:00PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Supervisor John Haughton  
Councilman Larry Austin  
Councilman Frederick Doerrer  
Councilman Peter Jaikin  
Councilman Kevin Snell

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Carl Stallman, Justice George,  
Marge Youker, Betty Sykes,  
Dave & Linda Carlson, Jim Keiper,  
Paul Kenney

Supervisor Haughton called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM. Roll call was taken and the pledge of allegiance recited.

**A Motion** was made by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Doerrer to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2010 regular meeting. Ayes All.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None

**DAVE CARLSON ON GRANT FUNDING FOR WORKING FARMS**

Mr. Carlson explained how he was able to get grant funding for farmers in the Town of Schuyler. He was able to get \$400,000.00, with the awardees getting approx. \$35,000.00 each. The funds were used for new buildings, repair to existing buildings as well as the purchase of equipment. The process would start with sending out a pre-application survey to farmers. Once returned then Mr. Carlson would write a pre-submission application telling the state what the town wants to do. If approved, then applications would be taken and Mr. Carlson would write the grant. His fee would be \$6500.00, which would be a town expense, not recoverable thru the grant funds. The board felt we should go ahead with the per-submission survey to see if the farmers are interested.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

There's nothing new on the truck. The men have had the blower out a couple of times. He, John and Fred will be going to the advocacy day March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Tina Rumrill has been hired as the cleaner for the office building. Supervisor Haughton had some more information from other towns on their courts. Justice George commented that the court is running efficiently, each of the judges is back –up for the other if one can't handle a case. The cost of operating the court isn't a strain on the tax payers because of the revenue it brings in. Reducing the number of Judges would support the state's opinion that town courts should be dissolved. He felt that he was the only one to make a sacrifice (by a \$3000.00 a year reduction in his salary) when this issue was previously proposed by Supervisor Parisi in 2002. Supervisor Haughton reiterated that his only concern is the caseload. If one judge in the town of Schuyler can handle between 2500 and 3000 cases a year is it too much to expect that one judge could handle 707 cases in a year in Manheim.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Village of Dolgeville has decided to use the town's dog control officer and no longer have one of their own. This is allowed under State Law. Supervisor Haughton will attend their 3/15/10 board meeting to discuss this with their board.

The clerk reported that as 12/31/10 the Dept of Ag & Markets will no longer handle licensing dogs. It will be up to each town to send out renewals, buy tags and supplies, etc.

The clerk asked permission to attend the annual clerk's conference in Saratoga on April 26, 2010 to attend the Ag & Markets seminar.

**A Motion** was made by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Doerrer to allow the clerk to attend the conference on April 26, 2010. Ayes All.

The clerk also asked permission to attend a state archive seminar on managing E-Mail on Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup> in Schuyler.

A Motion was made by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Snell to allow the clerk to attend the March 25<sup>th</sup> seminar. Ayes All.

**COORESPONDENCE**

SUNYIT is offering a class on property maintenance on 3/11/10. (fee is \$15.00)

This years Legislative Breakfast will be 3/5/10 at the Knight's Inn in Little Falls. (John, Fred & Pete will plan to go)

**A Motion** was made to adjourn at 8:03 P.M. by Councilman Snell and seconded by Councilman Jaikin. Ayes All.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Gressler  
Town Clerk

