

**Town of Manheim, Regular Board Meeting, March 9, 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, Betty Sykes,  
Marge Youker, Scott Carmen,  
Larry Brandow

Supervisor Haughton called the meeting to order at 7:15PM, roll call was taken and the pledge of allegiance recited.

**A Motion** was made by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Snell to accept the minutes of the February 23, 2010 meeting. Ayes All.

**A Motion** was made by Councilman Doerrer and was seconded by Councilman Austin to accept Abstract #3 of 2010 as audited. Ayes All.

**A Motion** was made by Councilmen Austin and was seconded by Councilman Jaikin to accept the Supervisors report for January 2010. Ayes All.

**A Motion** was made by Councilman Jaikin and was seconded by Councilman Snell to accept the clerks report for February 2010. Ayes All.

**Public Comment Period**

None

**Superintendent's Report**

Carl reported that the men are doing spring maintenance on the equipment. The gradall has a piston that is leaking; this will be worked on next.

He, Supervisor Haughton and Councilman Doerrer will be attending the 2010 Grassroots Campaign for CHIPS in Albany tomorrow.

Fuel prices are going up again; Carl asked the board to consider buying in bulk and storing it at Brandow's like we did in 2008.

**Old Business**

After discussing the court caseload information provided by Supervisor Haughton the following resolution was proposed and adopted:

**RESOLUTION # 21**

Introduced by Councilman Doerrer  
Seconded by Supervisor Haughton

**RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF TOWN JUSTICES FROM TWO TO ONE**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Manheim has determined that it would be in the best interests of the town to reduce the number of town justices from two to one in that there is presently no need for two justices to handle the volume of matters in the Town Court of the Town of Manheim.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph 2 of Section 60-a of the Town Law of the State of New York as follows:

1. The number of Town Justices of the Town of Manheim shall be reduced from two to one effective January 1, 2012.
2. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of Section 60-a of the Town Law, this resolution shall not become operative or effective unless and until thirty days have elapsed after its adoption provided that no petition protesting this resolution is signed and authenticated as required by law and filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Manheim, and in the event that such petition is properly filed, a proposition for approval of this resolution to be submitted at the next general election or a special election for that purpose pursuant to said section and with the affirmative vote of a majority of the voters voting thereon to eliminate one of the two justice positions.

Ayes

Supervisor Haughton  
Councilman Doerrer  
Councilman Jaikin

Nays

Councilman Austin  
Councilman Snell

Councilman Jaikin reported that the Legislative Breakfast was pretty much the same as last year's, with the exception of talk of the unionization of farm workers.

The clerk reported that she ordered and received 400 dog tags and licensing forms from Ag & Markets.

There is still a vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review. Councilman Doerrer will ask Sam Licari and Tim Bergeron if either of them would be interested.

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**New Business**

Supervisor Houghton and Carl met today with three representatives from Iberdrola Renewables who are in charge of the Fairfield wind farm project. They are looking for permission to transport the blades for the project over the Heller and Carlson roads. They will need to use Main Street in Dolgeville to transport the turbines. There are 37 turbines, each with 10 tractor trailer trucks full of components. They plan to move 5 a week starting the first week in July. The town board will wait to review the "road use contract" that the County is working on before any decisions are made.

The town received the 3<sup>rd</sup> snow removal payment of the year for \$30,668.93. Even though this is down \$1,124.43 from 2009, we will still come in \$2,675.72 over what was budgeted for this year.

**Correspondence**

Herkimer County Soil & Water's annual report was available for the board members to review.

**A Motion** was made to adjourn by Councilman Doerrler and was seconded by Councilman Austin at 8:17PM. Ayes All.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Gressler