

PRESENT: Don Buckley, Chairman
Jeffery Szudzik, Financial Secretary
Scott Johnson
Mike Monin
Sharon Stuart

ABSENT: Jason Keding

ALSO Gary Vara Councilman – Town Board Liaison
PRESENT: Thelma Faulring Secretary to the Boards and Committees

Chairman Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

MINUTES

Chairman Buckley asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of January 21, 2014. Being none Mr. Monin made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Stuart and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Faulring reported:

- February Conservationist magazine received and sent to Boston Free Library

Mr. Buckley reported:

- E-mail sent to Tanya at Hawk Creek regarding their bill

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Szudzik reported:

- Renewed Arbor Day subscription in the amount of \$10.00

Mr. Monin added:

- \$800.00 was spent to stock the ponds for the Fishing Derby
- Mr. Vara will submit the bill to Bookkeeper Selby

ERIE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Mr. Monin reported;

- Presentation from (LEWPA) Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance
 - Newly formed group, maybe about two years
 - Examine different effects of water runoff
 - Contingent of funding, who's in office
 - Study was done last year in surrounding Towns
 - Boston did not complete and return the survey in 2013
 - Let's make sure it gets done this year
- Quasar Project in West Seneca
 - Waste (human, medical, etc.) treating it and using it in farmlands
 - To be used as fertilizer, and just to get rid of it
 - Many opposed to the project
 - Heavy metals cause the most problem to root crops
- Different Towns discussing various 'drop-offs' for Earth Day

LIAISON – COUNCILMAN VARA

Mr. Vara reported / commented on the following:

- Drop off day in Town
- Co-sponsor with other towns and select a central location of those towns and share expenses
- Other Town are already talking about 'drop-off' days and what type

Mr. Vara asked Secretary Faulring if the Town had ever held a town-wide drop-off and for what?
Secretary Faulring: There used to be a tire drop-off only around Earth Day; sponsored by the CAC – former Councilman Karl Simmeth was CAC Liaison at the time.

Mr. Vara: There is another project where the Town sells boxes to the residents and once they are full the boxes are picked up; no cost to the Town but to the individual.

Mr. Buckley: They also talked about a partially sponsored event where the Town sponsors a certain portion of it and the residents would have a certain burden that they would share with it. They had quite a few options that was through Hazmat.

Mr. Monin: That was discussed at the E.C.E.M.C. meeting too that the most southerly drop-off location is at Erie Community College and they're looking for a location further south in Erie County. They didn't have a particular location yet but did mention Springville.

Mr. Buckley: Discussed also at the N.E.S.T. meeting, looking for a location like Springville, wherever.

Mr. Vara: There is a N.E.S.T. meeting coming up. They've also talked about reusing paint. Like a paint swap.. Waste Management will pick-up dried latex paint. We should work on getting the State Troopers barracks to be a drop-off site for prescription drugs.

Mr. Buckley: Sarah from Hazmat is willing to come out and talk to the Town about options; maybe the Town Board should be approached to see if there is any kind of budget that can be put toward that.

Mr. Vara will talk to Supervisor Ballowe about budget money for a project like this.

OLD BUSINESS

2014 Fishing Derby

Mr. Buckley reported:

- Scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2014, reserved from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Application has been filled out requesting use of Lion's Shelter, restroom facilities, two ponds, town fields
- Space has been reserved on the sign standard

What needs to be done:

- Start working on poster
- Update shopping list
- Make arrangements with Tops for purchases that may need to be made during the event: extra hot dogs; pop, etc.

What (suggestions) should be done differently from previous years:

- Use a ticket system for food – one ticket for pop, one ticket for hot dog, one ticket for ice cream
- Refreshments for fishermen and fisherwomen only; CAC members and Southtowns Walleye workers
 - This would cut down on food expenditures
 - Change posters to reflect this
- Secure the prize area and let child enter, select prize and exit prize area

Mr. Buckley: This is a great event, for the children, I don't know of other Towns that do this type of event, prizes that are given are of good quality, not just a thank you for participating certificate, so there shouldn't be any problem with curtailing some of the expenses.

2014 Environmental Awareness Day

Mr. Buckley reported:

- Will be sending out invitations so that participants can mark their calendars

Looking for new ideas:

- Bee hives (observation hives – for demonstrations of this type)
- Making maple syrup
- Cow milking demonstration

Past participants:

- Hawk Creek (paid participant)
- NYSERDA
- Alan Young – U.S.D.A. Soil Erosion
- BCO Llama Farm
- 4-H Flopper Hoppers
- Emerald Ash Borers
- SPCA
- Penn Dixie
- Southtowns Walleye Association

Need new fresh ideas so that it's not the same thing every year.

- Farming and agricultural industries from Town

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Monin: My term on the CAC ends March 1.

He added:

- that his 'lifestyle' will be changing on approximately April 15 with the birth of his first child
- With that he stated that he didn't know if he would be able to dedicate the time to the CAC and E.C.E.M.C. and asked for a replacement to be appointed in his place
- He said he doesn't like being an 'absent' member; but likes to give 100% when he commits to something
- Would like to help with the Fishing Derby and other projects when he is able to
- Enjoyed being on the E.C.E.M.C. and has met some very nice people
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Mr. Johnson will consider taking the appointment

Mr. Buckley: Is there any further business for this evening?

Being none Mr. Monin made a motion to adjourn (8:47 PM), seconded by Mr. Szudzik and carried

Respectfully submitted,


Thelma Faulring
Secretary to the Boards and Committees