

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

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

Chairman Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:47 PM.

**MINUTES**

Chairman Buckley asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of February 18, 2014. Being none Mr. Szudzik made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Stuart and carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Secretary Faulring reported:

- Notification received from Gary Huber advising of fishing stocking 18-Mile Creek on Tuesday, March 25, 1:00 PM; meet behind the Town Hall
- Arbor Day pamphlet received
  - Copies in members folders
  - Original in Town Hall lobby
- Other Arbor Day correspondence given to Mr. Szudzik

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Szudzik reported:

- \$10.00 for Arbor Day renewal
- \$800.00 for Whispering Pines has not been sent
- \$1540.00 balance after Whispering Pines is paid
- \$7.51 spent this evening for gloves for Fishing Derby

**LIAISON – COUNCILMAN VARA**

Mr. Vara reported:

**NEST Meeting**

- Want communities to work together in regards to centralizing drop-off site locations
  - Tabled at meeting
  - Working together to have one of these drop-off sites in the Southtowns
- Hamburg is having electronic drop-off
  - Hamburg residents only
- Prescription drugs / needles drop-off
  - State Troopers don't and do not want to participate in this activity
  - Gary Carrel will send a list of drop-off locations for prescription drugs
- Matching Funds are available from the County if a town sponsors a hazardous waste drop-off and submits a date and time for that drop-off
  - Probably could not be scheduled until fall
  - Including other town increases cost submitted by Hazmat or Waste Management
  - Matching Funds would help in alleviate some of this cost

Mr. Vara asked about the Watershed Survey.

Mr. Monin will contact the Watershed Coordinator for this project and ask that the survey be sent directly to him when it becomes available, so that Boston completes and returns the survey.

Questions followed about what is on the survey; who is qualified to complete the survey – Town Engineer?

**ERIE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

Mr. Monin reported;

- Emerald Ash Borer presentations being given at
  - Reinstein Woods, Depew – Saturday, March 22, 9:45 am – 12:00 pm
  - Harlem Road Community Center, Amherst – Saturday, March 29, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
  - Open to public – free of charge
  - Information will be posted on Town Website – ‘Happening Now’ section
- Clean-up of Brownfields – presentation by Ken Swanekamp
  - Brownfields not considered hazardous
  - Clean up usually goes several feet underground
  - Usually found around steel plants, railroads or waterways, old factories
  - Some of these sites / buildings:
    - Torn down
    - Renovated and being reused
    - Property refurbished and left for greenspace
    - Made into parks
  - Clean up funded by ‘Restore N.Y. Fund’ and ‘Environmental Restoration Program’
    - Now that fund is dried up
    - NYS gave \$20 million (statewide) in 2013 just to finish some of the projects that had been started
  - Super Fund in NYS
    - Can be used for hazardous waste clean up
    - Hazardous waste must be proven to be on site
- QUASAR
  - Company from Ohio
  - Waste, specifically human waste, treat it and sell it as fertilizer
  - Many people opposed
    - Contamination of root plants
    - Runoff into waterways
  - Plant in West Seneca
    - After being treated taken to Marilla
    - DEC gave permit for West Seneca / Marilla project
  - Quasar wants to do presentation
  - E.C.E.M.C. wants presentation DEC
  - Holding tanks only get to 50° and will not kill anything that could be detrimental

Discussion followed not pertinent to the minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2014 Fishing Derby**

Mr. Buckley reported:

- Use of Town Hall property has been approved and sign
- Poster to be worked on (Mrs. Stuart)
- Purchase tickets ‘food’ tickets to be distributed to Fishing Derby entrants (Secretary Faulring)
  - This system should cut down on food purchase
- Need to inventory prizes – Mr. Buckley
  - Last year approximately \$400.00 was spent for prizes
  - Need donations
  - 26 from CAC and 50 from the Board

- Walleye Association will be available on that day
- Patchin Fire Company will be on site for the event
- Get pictures from last year to 'Sun' for CAC publicity and advertising to Town residents
- Mr. Buckley will meet with Town Hall Laborer Jensen to get keys
- Mr. Vara will see about getting the sides for the Lion's Shelter

**2014 Environmental Awareness Day**

- Request for use of property, parking diagram and sign completed
  - Secretary Faulring will give to Town Clerk Mulé
- Mr. Buckley will start contacting presenters past and possible new presenters
  - Will contact Gary Huber about 'Deer Search' presentation (new)
  - Bee Husbandry (new)
  - Blue Bird Society (new)
  - Maple Syrup producing (new)
  - Flopper Hoppers will be back
  - Hawk Creek will be back

Mr. Keding advised the members of a bluebird workshop in Town this weekend; he was not sure of the time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Monin: I will be requesting reappointment if somebody else will attend the ECEMC meetings. I will attend the next meeting because I'm really interested in this Quasar project.

Mr. Johnson offered to attend ECEMC meetings if Mr. Monin is unable to attend.

Location and starting times of meetings make it difficult for working southtowners to attend: meetings are usually in West Seneca, U.B. in Williamsville or Tiff Nature Preserve and meetings begin at 5:30 PM.

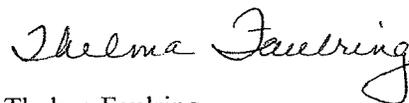
Mr. Vara will announce at Town Board meeting that we're looking for new members.

Scenic By-Way: sign is up but no dedication date has been set.

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

Being none Mr. Szudzik made a motion to adjourn (8:37 PM), seconded by Mr. Monin and carried

Respectfully submitted,



Thelma Faulring  
Secretary to the Boards and Committees