

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

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

Chairman Buckley called the meeting to order and welcomed new member Scott Johnson.

MINUTES

Chairman Buckley asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of October 15, 2013. Mr. Keding and Mr. Szudzik both made the correction during the interview with Mr. Johnson: change Mr. Johnson’s statement “Jason gave me a pretty god idea” to “Jason gave me a pretty good idea of the CAC.” With that correction Mr. Keding made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Stuart and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Faulring reported:

- Receipt of Arbor Day pamphlet
 - Copies in members folders
 - Original in Town Hall lobby
- Receipt of pamphlet – ‘TIPS for Minimizing Paint Waste’
 - Copies in members folders
 - Suggested for use at 2014 Environmental Awareness Day

Mr. Buckley: I think next year we should get some of the NEST people involved and some of their ideas on this type of thing – properly getting rid of paint cans. They have a lot of good ideas that would be beneficial to the E.A.D. program.

Mr. Vara: I attended the NEST meeting and met the Hazmat people and Waste Management. He is going to set up something with Hazmat and try to schedule it in connection with your Environmental Awareness Day.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Szudzik reported:

- Last reported that the balance was \$917.79
 - From that reimbursement to Dick Lee of \$205.41 and \$192.00 to Metro Group
- Balance as of today is \$520.38

Mr. Buckley stated that he didn’t think that the Hawk Creek fee had been processed at this time, which would be an expense of \$450.00.

Mr. Buckley will contact them and ask them to submit their bill.

Mr. Szudzik: Whispering Pines prices vary from year to year - \$800.00 to \$400.00 back to \$800.00 then back down to \$400.00.

ERIE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Mr. Monin reported:

There was a presentation tonight by Troy Schinzel from the Parks and Forestry Department, he is the Commissioner for Erie County Parks; and Edward Kowalski, he the head of the Forestry Department, and they were there explaining what they do. All the parks are in disrepair, the shelters are falling apart. They have about a third of employees as they used to have.

E.C.E.M.C. - continued

Mr. Buckley: There is an opportunity for three positions in the Parks and maybe one position in the Forestry and there will be some different votes coming up and they were asking for support from us for these things.

One position in the Forestry Department is a \$60,000.00 position; and it costs Erie County \$100,000.00 a year to have position because of all the fringe benefits.

Other topics of discussion:

- Tree Surveys
 - have not been done in a long time;
 - they want to determine their boundaries so that people won't plant on State property.
- Recycling
 - Southtowns does have drop-offs for electronics, tires, paint
 - Now they are talking about adding in the medical drop-offs – like syringes, out dated prescription drugs
 - The issue with that is there has to be a Sheriff on site for this type of drop-off, to prevent any theft of these materials

Mr. Vara: I think that Colden does have a Sheriff on duty at the Town Hall for drop-off on a daily basis. The Trooper barracks would be a perfect location for this area.

- E.C.C South is holding an electronics recycling on Saturday November 23
- Supervisor Leonard Perro, from Brant talked about how he lowered taxes by putting solar panels on equipment buildings and like the buildings around here (Town Hall)
- Another person from the Town of Eagle talked about how the town is going to \$20 million over the next 20 years from the windmills that are there

LIAISON – COUNCILMAN VARA

Mr. Vara reported:

- Attended NEST Meeting
- Met with Waste Management
 - Inquired about: recycling, composting, bigger containers
- Hazmat
 - Will set up a date for pick-up in Boston
 - May not coincide with E.A.D.
 - Possibly taking place this spring
- Eden, Collins, North Collins, Colden maybe Springville are getting together to have a drop-off site for:
 - Paint
 - Tires
 - Solid Waste pick-up
- Discussion also included about pick-up out west
 - Food waste is the biggest pick-up
 - Food waste is the one that releases the gas into the ozone layer
- I'll get some more information from him when we meet on the 21st

Mr. Vara: Also talked with Marty (Supervisor Ballowe) about the grants for fighting the Emerald Ash Borer. But is it a problem in Boston? There in money available, maybe not for this year but after we get a count of how many Ash trees there are in Boston.

Mr. Buckley: At one time they did have traps set up in the area and they were checking to see if there was anything being picked up in our area.

Discussion continued on the Emerald Ash Borer and Mr. Vara will get more information on this topic for the next meeting.

Mr. Buckley: At the Environmental Awareness Day they had a map and Boston was not on the 'warning map.'

Mr. Keding: I've been looking into a type of bee that attacks Emerald Ash Borer but will not bite humans; I'll keep looking into that and setting up a hive.

Mr. Buckley: Another thing – Waste Management said there has not been a great response to the 'Recycle Points program'. One thing that was mentioned that they supply us with a 4 by 8 board that can be put in the standard intermittently to get residents to sign up; there are businesses in Hamburg where you can redeem your discounts points.

Mr. Vara: They did come and bring that to many senior groups to try to get them to participate. I will talk with them about that at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Scenic By-Ways Update

Mr. Szudzik: The sign has been put up back by the pond behind the Town Hall.

Mr. Vara: It's been up for some time – May, June. The plan is to landscape around it in the spring. It's right by the walking path. Correspondences have been very sporadic.

2014 Fishing Derby discussion

Following discussion it was decided to hold the Annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 10, 2014.

Mr. Buckley will start notifying presenters of that date.

2014 Environmental Awareness Day discussion

Following discussion it was decided to hold the Environmental Awareness Day on Saturday, September 20, 2014.

Mr. Buckley will start to notify presenters for that event.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Buckley: I'll make a motion to cancel the December 17, 2013 and schedule our next meeting for January 21, 2014, seconded by Mr. Keding and carried.

Mr. Monin offered his assistance to Mr. Vara for drop-off planning:

- To be held at the town Hall
- Other Towns will be notified
- Hope to have a date for January meeting

Mr. Keding was given past 'Earth Day' folders to review for activities that had previously been completed by the CAC.

Mr. Buckley: If there's no further new business I'll make a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Szudzik and carried

Respectfully submitted,



Thelma Faulring
Secretary to the Boards and Committees