

PUBLIC HEARING – TOWN BOARD MEETING

2/26/2004

1.) Interviewing of applicants (5) for position of Town Justice

Present Town Justice John Yuhas will retire April 1, 2004. Appointment of new Town Justice will be made sooner (2/26/04) due to upcoming mandatory Town Justice training session in March. Supervisor Ireland stated the Justice meets for 2-3 hrs per evening, every 2-3 weeks. The salary is \$3,000 per year; court clerk position will also need to be filled, and the salary for this position is \$1250 per year. Some of the duties of the Town Justice will be to enforce local laws, and settle disputes.

The candidates make their bid for this position on these recorded voice files.

What you will hear:

Gordon Ireland, Ann Roth?, Eric ?, Webb Stevens, Bill Vinzant [003]

Schinaman, Bill Vinzant [004]

TOWN BOARD: Could you bring yourself to sentence a neighbor?

SCHINAMAN: You do what you have to do.

After returning from an executive session, the Town Board appointed Fire ____ Jerry Schinaman for the position of Town Justice until this Fall, at which time he may run as a candidate for this office. Mr. Schinaman will need to select a Court clerk.

TOWN BOARD passed a resolution to appoint a Town Justice. [end 004]

2.) Highway Superintendent, Carl Weiss,

[005 not much]

[006] Carl Weiss lists costs of items he'd like the Board to consider purchasing for the Highway Dept. this year. Needs new radios for the trucks, new pick up truck, new grader, and mower.

[007] Gordon states _____. Joyce Barnett says she'll do this for next board meeting.

Gordon states there will not be time to hear a proposal by Frank Moran to review problems and possible solutions for Borodino Landing, but will do so at next month's Town Board meeting (March 11, 2004)

3.) Joyce Barnett submits request for a letter of support for grant for the Grange building (she says Grange hall).

4.) [007] Gordon Ireland reviews priority list for Grange restoration repairs from Joyce Barnett. You will hear Joyce Barnett discussing this with Gordon Ireland. Bill Vinzant asks questions of Barnett. Barnett says she spoke with Sen. Nancy Lorraine Hoffman 'as early as today,' and 'without fail, every month.'

“So what we'll do is we'll go with the architect's Priority List.”

Gordon questions some of the items and asks for corrections. Joyce B. says some of the items listed have already been completed, and tells Gordon the document is from March 2003.

[voice file 007, 23:53 minutes]

“It would be a very nice touch if the board came together as one...”

Ireland asked Barnett to have Crawford & Stearns to revise the priority list, and that this could be done before the next Town Board meeting, and he would sign it.

“Before I’m willing to support this, I want to see where my money is going.”

BARNETT: “We don’t have any money to hire Crawford & Stearns.”

IRELAND: “What money do you have that could be used to hire Crawford & Stearns.”

BARNETT: “I withdraw my request. I see what’s going on here...”

Ireland asks the question several times, as you will hear. The conversation goes on (too long) as Barnett says they have no money. Ireland suggests that they come up with some to update their priority list. Barnett says they are waiting for the EDI (Community Development is the pass-thru agency for this \$89,000 grant) money to come through, and from that money they will hire Crawford & Stearns to update the list.

BARNETT: I WOULD THINK THAT THAT MONEY WOULD COME ANY DAY

IRELAND: ...I DON’T KNOW WHAT YOUR PRIORITIES ARE...(without Crawford & Stearns updating the priority list)...GET YOUR PRIORITIES IN LINE

Barnett did not seem to know, at least she did not say, what Crawford & Stearns would charge to update the list.

She said Sen. Hoffman would come and tour the building... (Barnett says Hoffman is willing to try to obtain another \$86,000 for the SAHS to complete their Grange building restoration project.) Hoffman did not ask for the Town to sign a letter of support, says Barnett. It was her own idea. “I thought it would be a nice touch.”

Ireland had his own ideas. “It wouldn’t be hard for you to send this list over to Crawford & Stearns, and say, “Look”

AND SINCE YOU CONDEMNED THE BUILDING NO ONE HAS BEEN USING THE BUILDING.

this is where the voice file ends.

Lauri Clark (SAHS) stood and corrected Barnett. Says Doug Staley cited the grange building for 14 code violations, but did not actually CONDEMN the building. Mrs. Clark stated all violations had been fixed.

Bill Vinzant explained the normal course of action following receiving a Notice to Remedy is to contact Life after corrections have been made, to schedule a revisit.

(We know this is true, we posted this to the bullet months in January after Joe’s Auto Body received a Notice to Remedy. After calling Life Safety Consultants, we were told to

write a letter stating we had corrected any violations, and they would re-inspect. Doug Staley came out and gave us a clean report. Very easy, very professional, and frankly I'm surprised the SAHS has not done the same. jg

LISA VALLETTA stated that Jay Curry inspected the Grange building for Life Safety Consultants. The building needs to be reinspected before they use the building.

GORDON IRELAND: (to Jo