

January 12, 2015

MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

All officials elected in the November election were sworn into office by Judge D.L. Evans prior to the beginning of the meeting.

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Tubbs.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to add an executive session per IC 67-2345 (b). Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to retain Max C. Firth as the Chairman for the Board of County Commissioners.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

The claims were reviewed.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to approve the claims.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to approve the minutes as written.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

One affidavit of residency was reviewed.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the affidavit.
Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve and sign the paperwork closing out the Industrial road grant.
Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

Landfill/solid waste:

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to name Steve Ward as the lead person over the land fill and to initiate a \$1.00 dollar per hour increase in wages effective as of the first full payroll of calendar year 2015, to be in effect for a six (6) month probation period with a final decision to be made at that time.
Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

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Deloy Mills' solid waste exemption request: Mr. Mills questioned the requirement to remove the trailer on the property before the solid waste fee could be taken off. He explained that the structure was being used as a storage building of sorts and asked if he could leave it in place. The commissioner explained that the original decision was based on the facts that no livable structure could be on the property without paying for the solid waste services, and with the added clarification that the trailer was not nor ever will be inhabitable that they might reconsider.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to modify the previous motion made in last meeting and to approve the exemption with the property as is.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Alisa Reiss property tax: Mrs. Reiss sought tax relief on a newly purchased home indicating that, at the time of sale the home still had a homeowner's exemption in place and based her taxes on this reduced amount. Because of the timing of the sale, and her ability to receive her own homeowner's exemption, the taxes were requested at full value. The commissioner respectfully explained that this was an issue that should be resolved between the buyer and the seller, that the county was not at fault however the penalties and interest on the remaining 2014 taxes may be waived when the situation was resolved.

Supervisors reports: The Assessor is actively working with circuit breaker applicants, the Treasurer has completed the first half collection cycle for 2014 taxes and is working with several tax payers on delinquent taxes. Attorney Smith indicated that it was business as usual with nothing out of the ordinary to report. The probation office reported that they would be utilizing the SUDS money for the first time to help some of the youth in the valley while the Sheriff is wrapping up the install and upgrade to the E-911 system. Road and Bridge reported a change in the school bus routes have initiated a small change to their snow plowing route. The Weed department applications will be received until 5:00 pm on the 15th, of this week and the old landfill needs only to be reseeded in the spring to complete the closeout process with the exception of the well monitoring that will continue for some time.

Commissioner discussed the need for a well moratorium in the valley. Attorney Smith reported that this must go the State department in the form of a formal request.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to have Attorney Smith draft a letter of request to the State Department of water resources to place a well moratorium on all well permits issued in the last 12 months but have not been acted upon and all new well permits requested in the future with a subsequent study to see just where the water supply in the Malad valley stands.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion passed.

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Planning & Zoning: Commissioner discussed the Pheasant Brook subdivision and the process that is followed from inception to final approval. as there was a bit of confusion on this process, the Commissioner requested some clarification in the next meeting prior to continuing with this specific project.

One building permit for Bruce Jackson was presented.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to approve the building permit.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

The Commissioners further discussed the building permit fee increase for mobile homes when they are place on basements or receive other enhancements such a patios or porches whereby requiring additional inspections.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to increase the permit fee for mobile homes when they are modified by way of additional construction or placed on basements.

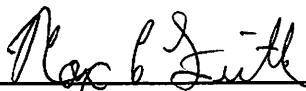
Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to move into an executive session per IC 67-2345 (b).

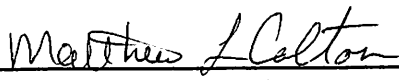
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk