

**Town of Burns**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 8, 2013**

Supervisor Lauren Oliver called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Present:** Supervisor Lauren Oliver, Superintendent Steve Mullen, **Council:** Dennis Rawleigh, Larry Thompson, Cathi Kenyon, David Ras, **DCO:** Richard Stephens, **Historian:** Chris Green, Dean Harvey, Butch Underwood, James Neary, Pat Maker, Mary Norton, Jason Kernan, Tom Hoffman, Susan Selberg, Chuck Mann and Clerk Mary Duthoy.

The motion was made by Cathi Kenyon and seconded by Larry Thompson to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

**Highway Report:** The crew has done repairs to the Mack (slack adjuster), shoes and drums on the 01 truck, cut shoulders, cleaned pipes and ditches, hauled gravel up to Miller and Harrington roads, fixed soft spot and graded Monegan Rd.

Superintendent Mullen has got a quote from Suite Cote for Friener Rd. for a double surface, which are a layer of 1's and then a layer of 1a's. The price of the quote was 101,301.00. This would be a CHIPS project. The Superintendent is looking into the purchase a new grader. He has checked out a Velvo, and the contract which is \$30,760.00 for five years and then buy for \$106,000.00. This was tabled until it could be decided where the money would come from.

**Highway & General Fund Bills:** Highway abstract #5 containing vouchers #44-54 totaling \$4,702.15 and General Fund abstract #5 containing vouchers #47-58 totaling \$6699.62 were approved for payment on a motion made by David Ras and seconded by Dennis Rawleigh . Carried.

Susan Selberg from the Crowell Insurance Agency presented the insurance proposal for the year 2014/2015. It was discussed with the board with a few changes. Cathi Kenyon made the motion seconded by David Ras to accept this proposal for a total of \$10,728.41. Carried.

**Dog Control:** Dog Control Officer Richard Stephens reported two dogs in from Birdsall. One call with dog returned to owner. The rabies clinic is all set for May17th. Revenue of \$10.00 was given to the Supervisor.

Resident Jason Kernan asked to approach the Board about helping out with the cost of a basketball court to be placed in the Village Park. Part of this is being financed by the Kalei Delaney Memorial Fund. The Village is donating \$3,000.00. The Supervisor and Board generally agreed to table donation until talking with Baldwins to review budget status. The 5k walk for Kalei is June 21<sup>st</sup> if anyone wishes to participate.

**Clerk Report:** Revenue for the month of April was \$223.00 with the Supervisor receiving \$128.59. She asked the Board how long they would like the minutes to be on the web site, and they generally agreed that three months was long enough. She will relay this to the tech. Reported grievance day is June 2<sup>nd</sup> 5pm-9pm. Training for the Board of Assessment Review was completed by Karla Orgek and James Friener.

**Historian:** Mr. Green has not received a key for the Library yet. Jail will be open every weekend for the summer.

**Cemetery:** Members of the Cemetery board were present and asked for money to get mowing underway. The motion was made by Larry Thompson and seconded by David Ras to give \$3,000.00 of the money budgeted for the cemetery. Carried.

Chuck Mann addressed the Board on the buildings on Main St. which the Town is acquiring in the near future. He asked if the Town would consider other options rather than total demolition. He estimating that it would take \$120,000.00-\$160,000.00 to tie it together and put a roof on. The motion was made by Cathi Kenyon and seconded by Larry Thompson to hold a public input meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. Carried. The Supervisor is looking for grants to help with cost of saving the building.

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**Old Business: Discussion on renewing the Moratorium Law. It was decided to hold a public meeting on the law on June 5, 2014 at 7:00pm.**

**Planning Committee: Butch Underwood reported the Comp Plan is now at the final stage. The Committee has put a lot of work into this, and it certainly has been a labor of love. It is hoped to hold the Farmers Market sometime in June. The Fire Company has donated their property for this event. Emma Brown Shakley has been very instrumental in getting this up and running. Village cleanup is scheduled for this weekend.**

**The Historical Society is in need of chairs. The Board agreed to let them use some of theirs (15) for now.**

**Correspondence: Rick Houser notified the Supervisor that he would come and do a visual inspection of the old Drug Store that the Town is now acquiring.**

**Wells Fargo has done some of the work required at the Munn property.**

**Allegany says that are not in favor of the new property tax freeze.**

**A letter from Cindy Gowiski stating the Town of Birdsall is not in favor of giving the election inspectors a raise in pay.**

**Tom Reed wants to come on May 31<sup>st</sup> for a Town meeting at 3:30pm. He has in the past never shown up for one of these scheduled meetings.**

**Citizen recognition: A question on a budgeted item was asked and answered. Dick Stephens questioned as to why the County does not take more than 4 tires or have a free tire day here. No clear answer as to why.**

**The motion was made by Dennis Rawleigh and seconded by Cathi Kenyon to adjourn at 9:10pm. Carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**