

**Town of Burlington
Public Hearing/Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2014**

The public hearing was called to order at 6:30pm by Supervisor Russell McCall. The purpose of the hearing was to discuss if the town residents wanted to pursue keeping a transfer station for the town once our contract with Pittsfield is up in April 2015, and to see if there was interest in going from a three man assessor board to a sole appointed assessor for the town.

Summary of the Public Hearing on the Transfer Station:

The start up cost was the biggest concern. Could we afford to do one on our own.

Board: Other than the initial set up cost, we would keep the same budget we have now for the transfer site as we currently pay half of all bills.

Bernie, spoke on prices of a new and or used compactor with the option to lease. We would also need fencing, electrical work and a pad.

Second question, why are we doing this.

Board: Town of Pittsfield sent us a letter stating they are not going to do the transfer station after April 2015 with the Town of Burlington. No other reasons were given in the letter.

Third question, How many are for the Town pursuing keep a transfer station , location would be the highway barn on Norton Road and how many against the idea.

Board: 40 people were present and all but 2 were for the town moving ahead to see if we could afford to do our own transfer station.

Fourth questions asked by Jim Deuvall and Mark cullin, needs to be a special district line item making it more fair for tax payers and why do we want another dump in our town, and traffic concerns.

Board: we looked at this years ago and decided it would be too hard as to what landowner is using it, what is vacant land who pays what so we

just left it in the budget as a line item.

Second part of Public Hearing: going from three Assessors to One

First question by most, What is the benefit to the town

Board: a better understanding of things by having just one, no savings as far as salary, but there is with classes for three vs one.

Second question, what brought this on was there issues with the assessors.

Board: yes we have had several issues with the assessors, one would make it more professional.

It was decided on to put it on the ballot and let the town residents decide if we stay at a board of three or go to a sole assessor.

The public hearing was closed at 7:24p.m.

The September meeting was called to order by Russell McCall, supervisor at 7:28p.m.

Present: Russell McCall, Supervisor

Councilman: Dale Mayne

Mark Bolton

Neil Hourihan

JB Harbison (Absent)

Recording Secretary: Deborah Wengert

Highway Superintendent: Marty Slentz

A motion was made by Dale Mayne and seconded by Mark Bolton that the meeting minutes of august 2014 are approved.

Public Participation:

Tom Salo: Terms of office or limits for planning board members, he did not mean it as anyone was too old or on too long to serve just a

suggestion to have terms.

Dave McLean: state came in and appraised some of the properties the town increased from 53% to 56% assessment rate.

New business:

Budget: will set up a workshop

must adjust for the rising costs, raises and keeping within the 2% property tax cap.

Ongoing:

Transfer Station: will move ahead with plans to start one, will get more numbers on costs

Sole Assessors: Will call board of election for time frame to put on ballot, also call real property to see on wording

Planning board: Cliff stated that the major concession was to leave things alone right now on term limits. Vote was 4 to 1 .

If problems arise the planning board is to bring it to the town board.

Employee handbook: working on

Power line/Time Warner: nothing new

Highway Report:

Marty received letter from state on the bridge on Munson Rd.

Must get an engineer in to look at options as it was red flagged.

Assessors: n/a

Dog: n/a

Town clerk: Deer licensing, computer issues

Rabies clinic

Justices: n/a

The financial report was discussed and Dale Mayne made a motion to approve the report and seconded by Mark Bolton. Approved.

The general Fund bills 138-155 were audited and approved for a total of

\$12,601.63.

The Highway fund bills 149-163 were audited and approved for a total of \$34,258.94.

The special district fund #9 was audited and approved by the board for a total of \$252.57.

Public Follow Up:

Craig Buckbee: planning board term limits, such as rotating term limits

Tom Salo: Need transfer station

Suzy winkler: find ways to promote recycling in town that would be a good way

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY
OCTOBER 14TH**

With no further business Dale Mayne made a motion seconded by Neil Hourihan that we adjourn our meeting at 8:25 pm.

**Deborah wengert
Town Clerk**