

AUGUST 12, 2011

A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenwich, Washington County, New York was held at the Town Office Building, 2 Academy Street, Greenwich, New York on Friday, August 12, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. This meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the 2011 Agreement to Spend Highway funds as well as any other business that may come before the Board.

PRESENT:	Sara Idleman	Supervisor
	Bob Jeffords	Councilman
	Steven Patrick	Councilman
	George Perkins	Councilman
ABSENT:	Eric Whitehouse	Councilman

Others Present: Elaine Kelly, Kellie Blake and Rick Sullivan.

Dispensing with formalities, Supervisor Idleman opened the meeting. Councilman Patrick stated the meeting was called to discuss the paving schedule and possibly signing the 2011 Agreement to Spend Highway Funds.

1) Supervisor Idleman has been away on vacation and asked that she be updated. Councilman Patrick stated that the reason for this meeting was to discuss the paving. A motion to approve the 2011 Agreement to Spend Highway Funds was defeated at Tuesday night's meeting and paving was scheduled to begin next Monday. This meeting was called to see if there were now enough votes to pass it.

Motion by Councilman Perkins
Seconded by Councilman Patrick

that the Town Board accepts the "2011 Agreement to Spend Highway Funds" as previously presented.

Discussion: Supervisor Idleman asked that based on new information for Hardscrabble, how much more are we going to need to spend there than we had originally intended? \$11,000 is left with anticipated expenses of \$4,000 for material and possibly \$5,000 for gabion baskets.

Councilman Jeffords stated that he has two issues; one is that he is reluctant to spend all of the money we have left because once we authorize this agreement we have no where to draw money from if we need it for Hardscrabble. The second is based on principle. The Board made a decision to go to bid and the Highway Superintendent refused to write the specs.

Supervisor Idleman said her biggest issue is that there are too many unknowns at this point with Hardscrabble.

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Councilman Patrick stated that even with the gabion baskets we should still be under budget. Highway Superintendent Rick Sullivan stated that the culvert pipes that he just ordered were not included in those figures.

Discussion followed including:

- How late the paving might be able to be done and that depends on the weather.
- Possibly not paving this year and rolling the CHIPS funds over to next year, thus freeing up the Town's funds for Hardscrabble if needed.
- Shortening up the proposed distance this year to 2.5 miles. Once Hardscrabble is finished if there is money still left possibly going back and paving the remaining one-half mile.
- Difficult to estimate as material prices fluctuate and prices are based on the day of delivery.
- Time is on our side right now as there will still be good weather for awhile.

Councilman Perkins stated that he agrees with Councilman Jeffords in that we should be looking for the best price in anything that we do and this is a big one. We need to make sure that if we make a decision to go to bid for something that proper specs are produced so we can get the proper bids. Competitive bidding is the way to get the best prices. He is concerned with the long term paving schedule being disrupted. We have done a good job in keeping on top of paving and thinks we need to move forward with it.

More discussion:

- Possibly delaying the paving until Hardscrabble is finished. If all of the money is spent on paving, it could jeopardize Hardscrabble being finished this year.
- Again discussed shortening the proposed distance back to 2.5 miles and once Hardscrabble is finished if there is money still left possibly going back and paving the remaining distance.

Motion by Councilman Perkins

Seconded by Councilman Patrick

To amend the original motion to state "That the Town Board accepts the "2011 Agreement to Spend Highway Funds" with the distance being reduced to 2.5 miles on North Road and that the Board will re-visit at a future date to consider paving the remaining distance."

Discussion:

Highway Superintendent Rick Sullivan stepped out to call Ken Luskin to see if he would be available to re-measure and re-quote the paving project for 2.5 miles. Mr. Luskin agreed and will come on Tuesday to do that. Supervisor Idleman suggested not making any decisions now and postpone the paving until September.

Motion by Councilman Perkins

Seconded by Councilman Patrick

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To rescind the motion.

RESOLUTION NO. 110-11
Highway - Paving

Resolution by Councilman Perkins
Seconded by Councilman Patrick

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the Board agrees to contract with Peckham Materials for all 2011 paving with the expenditure of funds being discussed at the September 14th meeting.

2) Fort Miller Bridge (T-10) Washington County Inspection to decide to replace or take down. Excerpts from the Washington County Department of Public Works letter: *Per request of Rick Sullivan, a follow up inspection of Bridge T10 was performed by personnel from the Washington County Department of Public Works Engineering Section.....One of the major concerns we had was whether or not the footings, abutments, and wingwalls had been undermined over time due to continuous inundation by the Hudson River and its tributary stream, Slocum Creek, which Bridge T10 actually spans.....It is quite likely that over a long period of time standing water above the footings has infiltrated into lower levels of backfill behind abutments and wingwalls through fatigued construction joints and cracks that have formed during the service life of the structure.....The southeast wingwall is totally disconnected from the main body of the abutment as evident by large vertical crack, and generally speaking is in very poor condition.....Relative to the deck, a point of concern is the extensive areas of exposed transversal reinforcing bar on underside, particularly at north end and in eastmost bay between stringers..... Ultimately what is done with this bridge is the decision of the Town Highway Superintendent, however, in light of the deficiencies we have noted relative to the structure, it is our recommendation that it continue to be closed to the traveling public.....*

Rick provided a letter that was received from River Road resident Louis Flanders. The letter gave the history of the area and the bridge and its importance in the history of our country as well as the importance to life today. Mr. Flanders requested that the Town replace the bridge and thanked the Board for there consideration.

Highway Superintendent Rick Sullivan stated that the bridge would need a lot of work and is more than we have in the budget this year but would like to keep it open to foot and bicycle traffic. The Board thought that was a good idea as long as it is safe and will contact the Town's attorney about the specifics of designating it as such.

Councilman Patrick said that according to Mr. Flander's letter maybe the Town could get some grant money to do the project. Rick stated that he had checked into it and we were turned down because the project was too small.

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3) As a follow up to Resolution No. 101-11 adopted at the August 9th meeting which allows firemen and emergency service responders to respond to emergencies during work hours, the Clerk provided the Board with a sample policy that was provided by NYMIR. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

4) Rick told the Board that highway department employee Randy Sloan will be out of work for a week or two due to a slipped disc in his back and a torn Achilles tendon.

Motion by Councilman Jeffords
Seconded by Councilman Patrick

and passed unanimously by said Board,

that the meeting be adjourned at 10:13 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine A. Kelly, RMC, CMC
Town Clerk