

## AUGUST 2, 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 Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was called to have a discussion concerning the paving project for 2011 as well as to conduct any other business that may come before the Board.

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

Others Present: Elaine Kelly, Kellie Blake, Tim Tefft and Phil Spiezio.

Dispensing with formalities, Supervisor Idleman opened the meeting.

Notes from the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting: The condition of the pavement on North Road was discussed. The Board was concerned with the quality of the pavement that was put down last year. The pavement is already cracking and the Board wondered if this was due to the percentage of millings being used in the blacktop. Councilman Whitehouse contacted Ken Luskin to discuss the issue and make him aware of our concerns. In the meantime, the Board decided to go out to bid for this year's paving and thereby rescinded Resolution 72-11 which was the 2011 Agreement to Spend Highway Funds.

Tonight: Supervisor Idleman stated that after the last meeting she received several calls from Ken Luskin asking about going out to bid for the paving job and questioned what the problems were from last year. They decided to meet last Wednesday. Supervisor Idleman, Ken Luskin, Peter Simoneau, Rick Sullivan, Brian Barbur and Steve Patrick met on North Road to look at the areas of concern. Mr. Luskin and Mr. Simoneau told them that the cracks they were seeing along the edge of the new pavement were the result of work that had been done years ago. When the old, narrow dirt roads first started being paved they were 16 feet wide. Over the years the roads were widened and paved and these cracks are where the edge of the original road used to be.

Councilman Patrick stated roads were widened to comply with the State's requirement for CHIPS reimbursement. Also, that last year the paving went farther than it was supposed to and was thinner than it should have been on the northern most section. This year the paving will begin at the thin area, they will repave over that part then continue on. Councilman Patrick also said that Peckham told them that using millings does not affect the quality. Another point that was noted was proper rolling of new pavement. The quality of the job depends a lot on how well it is rolled. He said that Rick is aware of this and that particular attention needs to be given to the rolling aspect of the job.

Another option is a process where the blacktop is put down at a cooler temperature and is more ecologically friendly. This will not be done this year but may be discussed for future projects.

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The Board discussed what to do with the current request for proposals that was advertised. At the July meeting the Board directed Highway Superintendent Rick Sullivan to draft bid specifications for the paving project and that the bid specifications be available beginning Monday, July 25, 2011. Bids would be received until 4:00 PM on Thursday, August 4, 2011. The Board is in a quandary as the request for proposals has been advertised in the newspaper but Rick never wrote the specs. One company has called for the specs and was told to call back after tonight's meeting to see how to proceed.

Councilman Jeffords asked if the purpose of tonight's meeting was to rescind the bidding resolution, reapprove the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds, and go with Peckham? Supervisor Idleman said that was what she was thinking. Councilman Jeffords said that we had rescinded the authorization for the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds and went out to bid. He didn't feel that we could pass another authorization until we get beyond the bid date because we legally advertised for bids from other people.

Councilman Whitehouse said if we get any bids we will probably have to reject them since specs were never written.

The Board felt they had no choice but to wait for the advertised bid deadline and they will decide how to proceed at next week's meeting.

The question was asked of what to tell the company that requested specs and was told to call back tomorrow. The Board said to tell them that we didn't have the specs and to call Rick.

- Hardscrabble Lane: Supervisor Idleman stated that she spoke with Dick Wilson at Washington County DPW concerning Hardscrabble. Mr. Wilson has been down and looked at the project. He suggested putting gravel on the bottom part of it; finish the road and hydro seed it. The County has a hydro seeder and he offered to let the Town use it. The Board decided to have Supervisor Idleman ask Mr. Wilson to contact Town Engineer John Hartnett with his suggestions.

- Roundabout: Supervisor Idleman updated the Board on cleaning out the roundabout. The original plan called for saving the hydrangea bushes and the Russian sage; cleaning out the rest of the area, laying down fabric, mulching and leaving it until next year. The cost of this project has been covered by an anonymous donor. The landscape contractor that is doing the work has looked at it and suggested that the area be cleaned out completely. The Board was okay with that. Supervisor Idleman will check with NYS DOT to make sure they don't have a problem with that.

- Supervisor Idleman stated that the Economic Development Committee is almost finished making its video and has decided to seek sponsorships for it. The letters have been written and the Town will complete the mailing.

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- Beginning next week the Greenwich recycling center will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday for a three month trial period. This is part of an experiment to maximize the use of the center and generate more revenue.

- Kellie Blake stated that Highway Superintendent Rick Sullivan had called her and said Innovative is all out of metric ton bags of calcium and only has 50-60 lb bags left. He called Chemung and they are all out of bags too. He asked what he has to do to give him time to re-bid by next week. The following discussion points were noted:

- Too late to put on roads for dust control; might be used to harden the roads back up after grading;
- If he had ordered it when the Board had originally authorized him to there wouldn't be a problem;
- 50 – 60 lb bags may be more expensive due to packaging;
- By the time we took delivery dust season would be over.

Councilman Jeffords stated that everything the Board is talking about tonight is a highway issue and our Highway Superintendent isn't even here. We get accused of micromanaging but where is our manager?

RESOLUTION NO. 95-11  
Highway - Calcium

Resolution by Councilman Whitehouse  
Seconded by Councilman Jeffords

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the Town not purchase any more calcium for this season because it's too late; because it was not purchased originally when it should have been.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Councilman Patrick  
Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse

and passed unanimously by said Board,

that the Board enters into Executive Session at 7:38 P.M. for personnel reasons.

Motion by Councilman Jeffords  
Seconded by Councilman Patrick

and passed unanimously by said Board,

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that the regular meeting be resumed at 9:02 P.M.

Supervisor Idleman stated that the Executive Session was devoted to personnel discussion and no decisions were made.

Motion by Councilman Whitehouse

Seconded by Councilman Patrick

and passed unanimously by said Board,

that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine A. Kelly, RMC, CMC  
Town Clerk