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The regular monthly meeting of the Truxton Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Gus Wehbe at the Truxton Town Office, Historic Train Depot on March 18, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Gus Wehbe, Stephanie Potter, Lloyd Sutton, Jr., Nicole Albro-Sprouse and Tom Brown.

Others present: Jim Denkenberger, Cortland Co. Legislature, Kim Harris and daughter, Lesa Williams, Kathie Arnold, Gina Nourse, Bookkeeper, Scott Evener, Code Enforcement Officer, Bruce Potter, Truxton Fire Department, and Alison King.

Pledge to the Flag.

Motion to waive the reading of and approval of the minutes of the February 18, 2015 regular monthly meeting, as presented, made by Stephanie Potter and seconded by Tom Brown. All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor: Kathie Arnold stated that she was initially in favor of the concept of Ash for Trash and the County investigating its idea more. Kathie said that now that the more details have emerged on the environmental impacts, she now disagrees with this proposal. Kathie hopes that the County will learn more about trapping the top ash and disposing of that as hazardous waste and then utilizing the bottom ash.

Several more comments were received from the audience on the topic. Alison King shared some handouts of the environmental statistics. Alison said that her husband has done extensive research on the dioxides in surrounding landfills and as well as Cortland's existing leachate levels. Nicki asked Alison if her husband had any concerns about the leachate now. Alison said that her husband has been satisfied with those readings and has spoken with Pat Reidy and Pat agreed that the levels are satisfactory. Kim Harris added that she feels it is a bad long-term idea. Stephanie Potter was asked by Craig DeMuth to share that he doesn't want Onondaga County's trash and does not support the burning of any trash. Alison King commended Jim Denkenberger for his efforts on this topic. Jim Denkenberger, also added additional details about his concern of the environmental issues and said that he would continue to spend his time researching the issue. He said that he is here tonight to field questions. Gus asked for the status of the matter as of now. Jim shared why he voted no on the FEIS. He said his no vote is a statement that the FEIS statement is incorrect and that several public comments/questions were not addressed. Jim



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clarified that his voting no wasn't eliminating the Town Board's input (after he said he would poll the board members prior to his vote). Jim stated "If the majority of the board members vote no, I will vote no and stand by that." Jim further stated that flow control will probably be part of the Ash for Trash deal. Jim said that he anticipates polling the board at the May meeting. Gus commented that Tompkins County is making money with their trash arrangement. Tom asked Jim to push for shortening the length of the contract with Onondaga County. Jim said that he has not been privileged to any of the financial details of the contract. Scott Evener added that he is the County Safety Officer and, to date, has not been involved in any of the Ash for Trash conversations, etc. He said as Safety Officer, he feels it is his duty to make sure the workplace is safe for the County employees working near the ash.

Jim Denkenberger commended the highway crews for their efforts throughout this endless winter.

Gus asked Jim to please drive the Truxton-Tully Road to appreciate its disrepair. Jim said that he continues to ask the County and they continue to tell him it is on the 2015 agenda for completion.

Gus also commended the highway men and said it has been a tough winter on the men and the equipment. Gus said that one truck has an \$8,000 bill for a head gasket.

#### Misc. Matters/Correspondence:

Gina Nourse, Town Bookkeeper. Gina said that the Annual Report will be finished and filed on Monday. Gina was asked to explain to the Board the Transfer Recommendations previously submitted to close the 2014 books. Gina reviewed the figures and the board had no questions. Gina further explained the attached Final Budget amendments in that transfers needed to be made to cover accounts that ran out of money.

Lloyd asked if other towns were receiving state funding for their recreation programs. Gina said that Virgil does but Gina doesn't foresee Virgil continuing to receive funding because of all of the state cutbacks. Tom Brown asked Gina to please get him the forms that need to be completed as Tom said it is worth a shot to apply for any funding that may be available.

Bruce Potter, Truxton Fire Department. Bruce gave his annual presentation of the Truxton Fire Department/District. Bruce shared the noted changes of: Molly McDermott is a new Fire Commissioner, the Department's budget has not changed in six years, and a surplus budget has allowed the department to be able to purchase some new equipment. Bruce also shared some



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pieces of the fire apparatus recently purchased. Bruce showed how the new new hand-held radios work and complimented the Cortland County Fire/Emergency Management Department for their diligence in having the towers installed and radios purchased which has greatly increased the coverage and safety of the members. Lloyd asked Bruce what the status is of the department's building. Bruce said that certainly the department would like a new building with more space. Gus said that he is thinking about writing a letter to NYSDOT about the dry hydrant on Route 13 and that it is not working.

Scott Evener, Cortland County Safety Officer and as a member of the Tobacco Free Coalition of Cortland County came tonight to ask the Board if they would consider designating John J. McGraw Park as a "smoke-free park". Scott gave a small presentation and handed out pamphlets to the board members. The board tabled the matter.

Old Business: The Board discussed the status of the inquiry made by a Town resident about the Common Place Land Trust. Scott Evener said that he has visited the Land Trust on several occasions over the years and most frequently, this past summer as there is a pending building permit presently. Nicki asked if Scott felt that the septic systems are adequate. Scott referred us to Bob Carmen at the County Health Department. Kim is to follow up with the complainant to receive more information about the junk car/trailer situation.

Hartnett School. Gus said that the committee for the Charter School recently met. Lloyd shared the idea of the Town Board hiring a professional accountant to review the report that will be provided by the district's private consultant. Tom said that he heard from the Teacher's Union that 14 teachers will be laid off. Lloyd said that he still has the hope that the elementary school will remain as is for the 2015-16 school year.

Motion to approve the General bills (abstract #3) made by Stephanie Potter and seconded by Lloyd Sutton, Jr. All in favor.

Motion to approve the Highway bills (abstract #3) made by Lloyd Sutton, Jr. and Tom Brown. All in favor.



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### Supervisor's Report:

General Fund	\$331,653.21
Highway Fund	\$352,478.75
Trust & Agency	\$ 53.15
Comm Dev Fund	\$ 75.88
Capital Project-Depot	\$ 43,574.24

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.