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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 April 15, 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 County Legislator, John Troy, Cortland County Legislator, Kim Harris and daughter, Jeff Reakes, Highway Superintendent, Tom Baranska, Paul VanValkenburg, and Randy Young.

Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes for the March 18, 2015 meeting were not available for approval.

Privilege of the Floor: No comments received.

Updates from the County: Jim Denkenberger gave an update to the board on the Ash for Trash matter. Once he received the financial details from the negotiation team, he will be sure to pass it on to the three town boards. The major points of the deal would be shared with Gus if these details happen to be released prior to the next town board meeting. Jim invited John Troy to attend tonight's meeting as John has been involved in the Ash for Trash deal since its conception. Jim said that John and he disagree on many items of this proposed deal. Nicki thanked John for attending tonight's meeting and for bringing the business side to the deal. John said he is still very much in favor of the Ash for Trash project. John gave some history of the project. He said that financially, in his opinion, this is a good idea. Currently, we are losing \$400-\$450,000/year at the existing landfill. Each year, the general fund has to support the Solid Waste fund. With the continuing bond payments, the shortfall year will continue to increase. John is confident that when all is said and done, John predicts a \$1 million surplus each year. John also predicts a savings of not having to replace the compactor and mine shale which he calculates to be roughly a \$100,000/year savings. John said that OCCRA has been in the ash business for 20 years and has never failed an environmental test. People that work at the current facility in Rochester told John they have no problem working with it or around it. John said that Cortland County has, however, had some contaminants in its leachate. John is encouraged by the idea of building a partnership with Onondaga County not only in this project but other areas as well. Onondaga County has offered to help Cortland County with its recycling and possibly the food waste that soon will be monitored more closely by DEC. The board and audience asked several questions to John. Gus thanked John for his time.



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Jim assured the Board that the Truxton Tully Road will be re-done this year.

Jim said that he has been meeting with the senior center folks as to investigate ways to boost attendance. The senior center is not just for meals but an information place for the elderly.

Jim said that the County has designated Amnesty Week as May 18th – May 22nd.

The search for a County Budget Officer continues.

Jim touched briefly on the recent antics of some members of the County Legislature over a parking spot dispute.

Highway: Jeff said he had no issues to share. Gus thanked the Highway Department for their efforts this winter. Gus requested Jeff to install the no-parking signs on Academy Street. The board discussed Spring Clean-Up Day. It will be held Saturday, May 16th. There will be a fee for tires. \$5.00 per car tire; \$15.00 per large truck/tractor tire.

Hartnett Elementary: Tom said he attended last night's school board meeting. No new information to share on this matter. The town board discussed the matter briefly. Gus said that the board does need to have a serious conversation about whether or not the town wants to purchase the building. Nicki said not to discuss tonight as this matter was not on the agenda. Gus said that maybe having a town meeting advertise specifically for this topic, might be a good idea. Lloyd wants to wait to hear from the Town Attorney for his opinion on purchasing the property.

Misc. Matters/Correspondence:

Gus received communication from the NYSDOT regarding the town completing a work permit. Gus clarified with the state that this is only necessary if the town were to do work within the state's highway right-of-way. Otherwise, there is no need to complete the permit application.

Gus communicated with the NYSDOT about the request from the snowmobile club to acquire the Bells Mills Road bridge. According to NYSDOT, in order the bridge to be re-opened under the club's ownership, the bridge would have to be re-inspected and rebuilt to pass inspection.



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Smoke-Free Park. At last month's meeting, Scott Evener requested that the Town Board designate the John J. McGraw Park a "smoke-free" park. No motion was made to proceed.

Gus received a letter from the Office of Homeland Security regarding the town's participation in an intra-state mutual aide. Gus will scan and send the letter to the Town Board for their full review but Gus read the letter aloud. Every municipality is a participant in this program unless the municipality opts out by resolution. The board decided it is in the town's best interest to remain a participant.

Supervisor's Report:

General Fund	\$319,431.78
Highway Fund	\$331,558.71
Trust & Agency	\$ 73.26
Comm. Dev Fund	\$ 75.88
Capital Project-Depot	\$ 43,574.89

Motion to approve the General bills (abstract #4) made by Stephanie Potter and seconded by Tom Brown. All in favor.

Motion to approve the Highway bills (abstract #4) made by Lloyd Sutton, Jr. and Nicki Albro-Sprouse. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.