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6th Grade, 2005

TOWN OF TRUXTON

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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 June 17, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Others present: Kim Harris and her daughter, Roger Young, Jeanetta Laudermilk, Chris Mathis and Jeff Reakes, Highway Superintendent.

Pledge to the Flag.

Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes for the May 13, 2015 meeting, as presented, was made by Nicki Sprouse and seconded by Lloyd Sutton, Jr. All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor: No comments received from the floor.

Bid Opening for Sale of Tractor.

Nicki Sprouse noted on the record that she will abstain from all voting as she knows someone who has submitted a sealed bid.

Five bids were received. The Town Clerk was asked to open the sealed envelopes and each bid was read aloud by the Town Supervisor, the awards are as follows:

1995 Ford Tractor \$9,500.00 Wade Sprouse

Motion to approve sale made by Lloyd Sutton, Jr. and seconded by Stephanie Potter. All in favor with Nicki Sprouse noting abstention.

Alamo Heavy Duty Flail \$1,010.00 M&D Excavation

Motion to approve sale made by Nicki Sprouse and seconded by Tom Brown. All in favor.

Land Pride Finish Mower \$1,711.00 George Courtney

Motion to approve sale made by Nicki Sprouse and seconded by Stephanie Potter. All in favor.



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Gus introduced Herb Barnhart, Undersheriff for Cortland County. Herb introduced himself as the Republican candidate for County Sheriff. Herb said that one of his campaign points is to introduce community policing. He would like each town to have a community liaison that would work closely with his department. Herb shared figures from 2013 and 2014 calls for service to the department. 2013 there was 319 calls and 2014 had 490 calls. He said the calls are all calls for assistance, i.e., fire department assistance, accidents, etc. He said that the new county radio system has been a tremendous asset to the department. Herb then talked about Cortland County recently gaining the title of being #1 in the State for meth labs. He said that there is a reason for this. The department has been pro-active in combating meth by visiting pharmacies to see which individuals are purchasing large amounts of Sudafed, training departments in the community on what to look for in a possible meth lab. Herb spoke on the need for a larger jail. Lastly Herb said that he will work hard to have the Safe Act repealed.

Truxton Charter School. Jeanetta gave an update to the board on the charter school application. She said that she has received word that the Homer district may intend to dispose of memorabilia stored in the school in the very near future. She suggested that if the town were to write a letter, the items may be available to the town. Such items may include musical instruments, yearbooks, plaques, trophies, etc. The board said that it would prepare and send a letter to the school. A discussion was also had about the playground equipment and whether the town could acquire that and who actually has ownership of the playground equipment. Apparently, the PTA of many years ago purchased the equipment. Jeanetta said that the charter school group continues to meet and work diligently on the Letter of Intent.

Jim Denkenberger not present tonight. Jim sent a note to Gus that a contract was recently approved to have Suit-Kote pave Truxton –Tully Road.

Highway—Jeff gave an update on highway happenings. He said that the board may want to begin to think about a new 450 plow truck. This one is 10 years old and has had lots of equipment issues. The 2004 10-wheeler should also be considered for an upgrade. Lloyd asked Jeff about developing a purchasing system. Lloyd would like Jeff to sign off on the bills that the town receives before the Board approves for payment. Jeff said that this would not be a problem but he would need to work out a system with Gina.

Jeff said that 33 tons of trash was taken to the landfill for clean-up day. He said it went very smoothly.



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Misc. Matters/Correspondence:

Gus shared correspondence from Blue Cross/Blue Shield that they anticipate a 15.9% premium increase.

Gus acknowledged the 2015 Sixth Grade Graduating class of Hartnett Elementary and read the names aloud:

Aidan Brown
Naomi Burlingame
Jacob Denkenberger
Michaela Eichorst
Adrianna Gilbert
Gabriel Gilfilian
Sean McDermott
Justin Osterhoudt
Sophia Sahn
Bradlee Small
Dylan Steed
Neal Sutton
Anna Wright
Natalie Wyatt

Old Business:

Hartnett School—The board had a lengthy discussion about the recent school board meeting and the board's decision to auction the building.

New Business:

Transfer Station Tag Policy—Kim asked Gus to put on the agenda for the purpose of developing a protocol for tags handed out to tenants. The board discussed and Gus tabled the matter.



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Supervisor's Report:

General Fund	\$423,868.28
Highway Fund	\$570,503.89
Trust & Agency	\$ 113.20
Comm. Dev Fund	\$ 75.88
Capital Project-Depot	\$ 43,576.36

Motion to approve the General bills (abstract #6) made by Nicki Sprouse and seconded by Tom Brown. All in favor.

Motion to approve the Highway bills (abstract #6) made by Lloyd Sutton, Jr. and seconded by Stephanie Potter. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.