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### **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The regular monthly meeting of the Truxton Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Lloyd Sutton, Jr. at the Truxton Town Office, Historic Train Depot on March 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Nicki Sprouse, P.J. Dwyer, Carlton Young, and Lloyd Sutton, Jr.

Excused: Gus Wehbe.

Others present: Sandy Hartnett, Fran & Stan Bushaw, Suzanne Proffit-Moore, Tracey Cartland, Jim Smith, Tom Baranska, Jeff Reakes, Highway Superintendent, Stephanie Potter, Bookkeeper, Michael Kenneally and Loren Prate from Comp Alliance.

Pledge to the Flag.

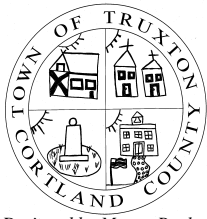
### **COUNTY LEGISLATOR UPDATE: Jim Denkenberger**

Jim Denkenberger, Cortland County Legislator. Jim delivered the 2016 Town Roster books to the board members. Jim briefly discussed the Ash for Trash. Apparently, the topic has reared again at the committee level. Jim is disappointed.

Jim said the County received a donation of land. The County is considering this parcel for the construction of a new jail. However, Jim feels that other sites should seriously be considered. He said three sites are being considered; the donated site (south Cortland); where the jail currently is; and the last site is confidential. Jim said the County is looking to hire an architect for approximately 2 million dollars to evaluate the building site in south Cortland. Jim wants to know where this money is coming from.

Jim thanked Lloyd for attending the recent CCTVS meeting regarding the topic of the County's self-insurance fund.

Jeff asked Jim about the status of Amnesty Week. Jim said it has not yet been decided by the County but he believes it is on the upcoming agenda. He did say there will be a 30-ton limit and no tires will be accepted.



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**PRESENTATION FROM COMP ALLIANCE:** Workers Comp Insurance with County self-insurance fund. Discuss current issues with the County self-insurance fund and the County's revised local law.

Lloyd introduced Michael Keanelly and Loren Pratt to educate the Board on the self-insurance fund process and offer any suggestions to the Town. Lloyd had previously provided to Michael and Loren the County's current Local Law. The gentlemen shared a power point presentation handout and said that there are many questions to ask the County, i.e., what are the administration costs and how are the costs going to be allocated? Who carries the risk? It appears the County sets aside \$500,000.00, how do they use this money? How does the County determine what claims to settle? How are the volunteer firemen covered? Mr. Keanelly and Mr. Pratt suggested that the Town may want to consider having an actuary study done. This will show where the County's claims are. Lloyd thanked the speakers for their time.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 17, 2016

Motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the February 17, 2016 regular monthly meeting, as presented, made by Nicki Sprouse and seconded by P.J. Dwyer. All in favor.

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:** Community members

Privilege of the Floor:

Jim Smith commented that insurance is a big issue. Jim came to the meeting tonight to express his concerns about the neighboring property to him. He said he came to a meeting in the past and did not get any answers. Jim said that a few years back, he was pressured by the town board about the condition of his property and he complied. He feels, however, that this is not the case for his neighbors. He specifically wants to know about the status of the abandoned trailer, the status of the sewage disposal inspection made by the County, if building permits have been issued in the past and if the status of any exemptions being applied and if they are in compliance to receive those exemptions. Lloyd said that he we would talk with the Code Enforcement Officer about the status of the matter. Nicki suggested conversations being had with Bill Bearup about how the land is assessed. Nicki suggested she or Lloyd visiting the property with Bill. Lloyd said that he will contact the County and Scott Evener so there is a concerted effort because this has been an ongoing issue that needs to be resolved.



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P.J. Dwyer asked about the “No Parking” signs on Academy Street. He said that he has received comments from residents that it seems to be a bit much and do they need to stay up and/or have so many? Lloyd suggested revisiting the issue. Nicki said it was pre-emptive with the school and now that it is going to be a community building, the issue should be revisited. Kim will pull the previous Resolution that was passed by the Board for the signs to be installed and it will be on the next agenda.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeff said his department is happy for the nice weather this winter. He and Tom were here tonight to discuss the Transfer Station. Jeff had previously emailed a draft of a handout of a flyer that he and Tom worked on. This flyer would be handed out to town residents simply to remind them of regulations at the Transfer Station. The board discussed. Gus, via email, said that he would like to revise slightly. P.J. suggested adding information about having a (household) battery collection box. Lloyd asked Jeff if there is anything that the board can do to assist them at the Highway Department or at the Transfer Station. Jeff and Tom agreed that things were running pretty smoothly at both.

Lloyd said that he talked with Don Armstrong (town attorney) about the issue of the PA resident who owns land in Truxton wanting a dump tag. Don Armstrong suggested doing a local law. The board said that that seemed extreme. A handout clarifying the day-to-day operations would be sufficient for now.

Lloyd said that he will try to do a spreadsheet of the past years of the Transfer Station so the board could see operation expenses. Jeff said that by hauling our own trash versus having a hauler has been a tremendous savings. Lloyd said that the Transfer Station may have the ability to do other things for the town. If we had a compactor, we would be taking less loads and it could be a savings. Lloyd said that there is the idea of opening the station up to neighboring municipalities. The board discussed and decided that this was not a vision at this time.

Jeff said that the new plow truck is in and is getting its equipment added. It should be delivered soon.



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**Discussion on Draft Comprehensive Plan:** Review the Draft Plan and discuss plans to go forward including the possibility of scheduling a Public Hearing.

Lloyd commended the Comprehensive Plan Committee for their diligent work on the draft. Randy Young had previously emailed the draft plan to the town board members for their review along with the written comments received from townspeople who answered the survey. The board discussed and decided to give themselves one more month to review the draft plan document.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Lloyd advised that a motion was needed to appoint Tom Brown as town's liaison for the Tompkins County Health Insurance Consortium. Motion made by Nicki Sprouse and seconded by P.J. Dwyer to appoint Tom Brown. All in favor.

Stephanie Potter said that additional transfers were needed within accounts in order to balance the 2015 books. Lloyd reviewed the transfers (attached). Stephanie said that this was a revision of what was done in December. Motion made by P.J. Dwyer and seconded by Nicki Sprouse to accept the budget transfers as submitted.

Lloyd said that there will be another CCTVS meeting to further discuss the self-insurance matter. Lloyd said he plans to attend but doesn't want to head in a direction that the Board might not want him to go. The board agreed that they want to explore this topic more.

Motion to approve the General bills (abstract #3) made by P.J. Dwyer and seconded by Carlton Young. All in favor.

Motion to approve the Highway bills (abstract #3) made by Carleton Young and seconded by Nicki Sprouse. All in favor.

Supervisor's Report:

Not available.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:50 p.m.