

# Regular Meeting of the Vestal Town Board August 8, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Vestal, County of Broome and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 605 Vestal Parkway W, Vestal, NY on August 8, 2012.

## **TOWN BOARD PRESENT:**

**Supervisor John Schaffer**  
**Councilman Fran Majewski**  
**Councilwoman Patty Fitzgerald**  
**Councilman David Marnicki**

**ABSENT: Councilman Steve Milkovich**

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Town Attorney David Berger, Town Clerk Emil Bielecki, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Town Clerk Kathie Young and approximately 55 members of the community.

The Supervisor called the Regular Meeting in the Vestal Town Board Room to order at **6:00 PM**, welcomed everyone and asked that all present join in the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion of Councilman Majewski, seconded by Councilman Marnicki, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Majewski, Fitzgerald, Marnicki, Schaffer  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Milkovich

Resolved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 are approved.

## **BID OPENINGS**

The following sealed proposals were received and publicly opened in the office of the Town Clerk on Monday, July 23, 2012.

This project involves the **Cleaning and Painting of the Main Street Bridge near Glenwood Rd.** The two lane steel truss bridge has a span of approximately 120 LF.

<b>Marine Steel Painting Corp</b>	2064 Zoeller Road	\$256,000.00
	Alden NY 14004	

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<b>P.S. Bruckel</b>	2697 Lakeville Road, Suite 1	\$287,860.00
<b>J&amp;K Painting Corp</b>	Avon, NY 14414 2403 Ditmars Blvd Astoria, NY 11105	NO BID
<b>Atlas Painting and Sheeting</b>	465 Creekside Drive Amherst, NY 14228	\$384,000.00
<b>Erie Painting and Maintenance</b>	999 Rein Road Cheektowaga, NY 14225	NO BID
<b>Inspec Coatings, Inc.</b>	464 Sycamore Drive Campbell, Ohio 44405	NO BID
<b>Amstar of Western New York</b>	825 Rein Road Cheektowaga, NY 14225	\$233,600.00
<b>Allied Painting, Inc.</b>	4 Larwin Road Cherry Hill, NJ 08034	NO BID
<b>Tara Enterprises Corp</b>	PO Box 5751 Astoria, NY 11105	NO BID
<b>Sky Rise, Inc.</b>	141-70 85th Road Suite 1A Briarwood, NY 11435	NO BID
<b>Abhe &amp; Svoboda, Inc.</b>	177066 Revere Way Prior Lake, MN 55372	\$719,990.00
<b>PCI International</b>	26 Cooper Avenue Tonawanda, NY 14150	\$240,000.00
<b>Olympus Painting Contractors</b>	556 Anclote Road Tarpon Springs, Fl. 34689	\$693,020.00
<b>Phoenix Development</b>	180 Genesee Street Corfu, NY 14036	NO BID

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The Supervisor offered *Proof of Posting* and *Affidavit of Publication* for Public Hearings regarding the Petitions for the Establishment of:

***Consolidated Sewer District No. 1 Extension 153***

Petitioner: Robert Walsh  
B.C.T.M.P.: Portion of 158.16-1-35.2  
Address: 3520 Almar Drive

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***Consolidated Water District No. 1 Extension 191***

Petitioner: Robert Walsh  
B.C.T.M.P.: Portion of 158.16-1-35.2  
Address: 3520 Almar Drive

***Consolidated Water District No. 1 Extension 192***

Petitioner: Arthur G. and Ashley M. Hurst  
B.C.T.M.P.: 206.03-1-36  
Address: 2425 Glenwood Road

Seeing or hearing no one wishing to speak the Supervisor closed this public hearing.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (Agenda Items Only)**

Speaker questioned if the bids received for the Clarkson Drive project are reasonable for this work. One bid was very high. Councilman Majewski responded that he spoke with the Water Superintendent and was told that the higher bid was an error.

Speaker questioned the resolution concerning the Susquehanna River dredging stating that this type of work will affect the habitat. Supervisor Schaffer responded that we support doing something to protect our residents from flooding again.

Speaker requested information about the Article 7 settlement on this agenda. Town Attorney David Berger responded that it is a settlement with the Target Corporation that has been approved by the Town Board.

Speaker stated that he does not feel that the assessment cases are handled fairly. The Town only settles with the big corporations. There have been millions of dollars in settlements. He would like detailed information on how many lawsuits have been filed against Vestal, what cases were settled, and what cases we are fighting. Supervisor Schaffer responded that he would mail that information to him.

**RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS**

**Award Main Street Bridge Painting Project**

**R210-12** On a motion of Councilman Marnicki, seconded by Councilman Majewski, the following resolution was

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**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Majewski, Fitzgerald, Marnicki, Schaffer  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Milkovich

Resolved to authorize the **Town Attorney** to draw the necessary paperwork awarding the **Main Street Bridge Painting Project** at the low bid price of \$233,600.00 to:

**Amstar of Western NY, Inc**  
825 Rein Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14555

**Sign Agreements for USDA NRCS Projects**

Supervisor Schaffer – We pursued New York State to get the money to offset the 25% the property owners were to pay.

**R211-12** On a motion of Councilman Marnicki, seconded by Councilwoman Fitzgerald, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Majewski, Fitzgerald, Marnicki, Schaffer  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Milkovich

Resolved to authorize the Supervisor to sign, notarize and return to the Town Engineer, the following agreements sponsored, by the Town of Vestal, to work with the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) and the NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Services) with their Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) funds to help private property owners on the sites selected by the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS). NRCS will fund 75% share and NYS has agreed to pay the 25% share.

- 1) Rayelene Creek, 320 Rayelene Drive and houses above – Agreement B-TV-03 at \$245,880.00
- 2) Tracy Creek along Norris Ave – agreement B-TV-01 at \$506,920.80
- 3) Tracy Creek at 910 Tracy Creek Road – septic issue – Agreement B-TV- 01 at \$99,081.60
- 4) Main Street at Weis Market – Agreement B-TV-02 at \$265,260.00
- 5) Rockwell Road Bridge area –upstream – removed - work done with FEMA funds

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**Submit Grant Application for Federal Excess Property Equipment Acquisition and Process Reengineering**

Supervisor Schaffer - The departments have been trying to use Federal Excess Property equipment to lower our costs.

**R212-12** On a motion of Councilman Majewski, seconded by Councilman Marnicki, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Majewski, Fitzgerald, Marnicki, Schaffer  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Milkovich

Resolved to adopt a Resolution approving an **LGPEP** grant application entitled: **Federal Excess Property Equipment Acquisition and Process Reengineering** as follows:

**Whereas**, the New York State Department of State has established the Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program (LGPEP), and

**Whereas**, the LGPEP will provide direct financial awards to local governments in recognition of actions implemented on or after January 1, 2010 that are producing recurring financial savings and having a positive impact on reducing the growth in local property taxes, and

**Whereas**, the Town of Vestal has:

- sought way to minimize the purchase of new machinery and equipment by using the Federal Excess Property Program;
- gained efficiencies from reengineering of its processes through the purchase and refurbishment of said machinery and equipment; and
- continued to provide a consistent level of service due to these new processes despite reductions in staff, and

**Whereas**, the Town of Vestal has been successful in achieving recurring financial savings through its use of the Federal Excess Property Program and is committed to sustaining the project and measuring the future impacts of its savings and service efficiencies,

**Now be it resolved**, that W. John Schaffer, Supervisor, and is hereby authorized to represent the Town of Vestal as the lead applicant and to sign and submit the grant application for the project entitled **Federal Excess Property Equipment**

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**Acquisition and Process Reengineering** and further, that Laura McKane, Comptroller, be the lead contact person for the LGPEP. As such, either Supervisor Schaffer or Comptroller McKane shall have the authority to execute all financial and/or administrative processes relating to the implementation of the program.

**Submit Grant Application for the Project Entitled Police Department Retirement Incentive**

**R213-12** On a motion of Councilman Marnicki seconded by Councilwoman Fitzgerald, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Majewski, Fitzgerald, Marnicki, Schaffer

Nays 0

Absent 1 Milkovich

Resolved to adopt a Resolution approving an LGPEP grant application entitled: **Police Department Retirement Incentive** as follows:

**Whereas** the New York State Department of State has established the Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program (LGPEP), and

**Whereas** the LGPEP will provide direct financial awards to local governments in recognition of actions implemented on or after January 1, 2010 that are producing recurring financial savings and having a positive impact on reducing the growth in local property taxes, and

**Whereas** in 2010 the Town of Vestal offered a Police Department Retirement Incentive, and

**Whereas** the Town of Vestal has been successful in achieving recurring financial savings through the Police Department Retirement Incentive and is committed to sustaining the project and measuring the future impacts of its savings and service efficiencies,

**Now be it resolved** that W. John Schaffer, Supervisor, is hereby authorized to represent the Town of Vestal as the lead applicant and to sign and submit the grant application for the project entitled **Police Department Retirement Incentive** and further, that Laura McKane, Comptroller, shall be the lead contact person for the LGPEP. As such, either Supervisor Schaffer or Comptroller McKane shall have the authority to execute all financial and/or administrative processes relating to the implementation of the program.

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**Adopt Resolution Regarding Study of Removal of Islands and Trees from the Susquehanna River**

Councilman Marnicki would like the words *and trees in the flood way* to be added wherever the word *island* is used. He firmly believes that if this had been done previously there would have been no major flooding in Vestal.

Councilman Majewski stated that this resolution emanated from Elmira noting that many years ago, the rivers were periodically dredged, and no major flooding occurred in Vestal or the surrounding areas. He would like this motion to also include Congressman Richard Hanna on the list of those to be sent this resolution.

On a motion of Councilman Marnicki, seconded by Councilman Majewski, the following motion was

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Majewski, Fitzgerald, Marnicki, Schaffer  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Milkovich

Resolved to **amend** the ***Resolution Regarding Study of Removal Of Islands From The Susquehanna River*** by adding the words *and trees in the flood way* where the word *islands* is used as well as to include Congressman Richard Hanna in the list of those to be sent this resolution.

**Adopt Amended Resolution Regarding Study of Removal of Islands and Trees in the Flood Way**

**R214-12** On a motion of Councilman Marnicki, seconded by Councilman Majewski, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Majewski, Fitzgerald, Marnicki, Schaffer  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Milkovich

Resolved to **adopt, as amended, a Resolution in support of further study pertaining to the removal of islands and trees from the Susquehanna River**

WHEREAS, the Town of Vestal has been subject to historic flooding from the Susquehanna River in 2006 and 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Town of Vestal believes that the removal of islands and trees from the flood way of the Susquehanna River may greatly reduce the chance of flooding within the Town of Vestal; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of the Town of Vestal, duly convened in session, does hereby:

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RESOLVE that the Town of Vestal does hereby request that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, being the duly assigned entity responsible for oversight of navigable water, study the removal of select islands and trees from the flood way of the Susquehanna River, specifically pertaining to the impacts that removal of such islands and trees would have upon potential flooding and flood levels in the Town of Vestal; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town of Vestal does hereby request that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers coordinate with the Offices of U.S Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, New York State Congressman Richard Hanna, New York State Senator Thomas Libous, and New York State Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo, to develop a plan to study selection of islands and trees to be removed; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town of Vestal does hereby request that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers advise the Town of Vestal of its ability and willingness to study select islands and trees to be removed from the Susquehanna River no later than September 26, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED that certified copies of this legislation be forwarded to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, New York State Congressman Richard Hanna, New York State Senator Thomas Libous, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York State Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, and Broome County Executive Debra Preston.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion of Councilman Marnicki, seconded by Councilman Majewski, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Majewski, Fitzgerald, Marnicki, Schaffer

Nays 0

Absent 1 Milkovich

Resolved the **Consent Agenda** is approved as follows:

**PUBLIC WORKS - Marnicki/Milkovich**

**Award Bids - Service Truck Utility Body & Clarkson Drive Sanitary Sewer Replacement**



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**R215-12** Authorization for the Town Attorney to draw the necessary **paperwork awarding** the following bids to the lowest bidder as follows:

**Service Truck Utility Body**

Binghamton Truck Body & Equipment	25 Alice Street Binghamton, New York 13904	\$37,400.00
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**Clarkson Drive Sanitary Sewer Replacement**

Procon Construction	100 Vestal Road PO Box 1037, Vestal, NY	\$25,300.00
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**Advertise Public Hearings for CSD Ext. 154 and CWD Ext. No. 193**

**R216-12** Authorization for the **Town Attorney to advertise on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 for a Public Hearing on September 12, 2012** regarding the Petitions for the Establishment of:

***Consolidated Sewer District # 1 Extension 154***

**Petitioner:** Matco Electric

**B.C.T.M.P.:** 142.04-1-31

**Address:** 3913 Gates Road

***Consolidated Water District #1 Extension No. 193***

**Petitioner:** Matco Electric

**B.C.T.M.P.:** 142.04-1-31

**Address:** 3913 Gates Road

**Advertise Bids - Design and Construction and Relocation of Communication Towers**

**R217-12** Authorization for the Town Attorney to **advertise bids for the design and construction** of a new 150' **communication tower** at **Andrews Road** and the **relocation** of the existing 100' communication tower to the **Kopernik site**.

Advertise on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 for a bid opening on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 2:00 pm in the Town Clerk's Office.

**Reimburse Robert Flint for Out of Title Work**

**R218-12** Authorization to reimburse **Robert Flint** for **Out of Title work as Meter Reader** for the 41 day period of January 1, 2012 to April 27, 2012. The difference in his hourly wage and Meter Reader wage is \$1.58 per/hr. The total for this time is \$518.24 per Union Agreement.

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**FINANCE – Majewski/Marnicki**

**Receive and File:**

- **Warrants:** 2012 –30E    2012 – 31E 2012 – 31
- **Town Clerk’s Monthly Report** – July 2012 – Local Shares Remitted:  
\$6,458.42
- **Comptroller’s Monthly Report** – July 2012

**Invoice for Congdon & Company**

**R219-12**      Authorization for the Business Office to pay the invoice dated June 27, 2012, for \$500.00, for **pre appraisal work** performed by **Congdon & Company, Inc.**, Endicott, NY regarding 3112 Vestal Parkway East.

**Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceedings - Jayem Realty Co, Inc.**

**R220-12**      Approval to adopt a Resolution approving and authorizing the **Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceedings** entitled Jayem Realty Co, Inc. v. the Town of Vestal

WHEREAS, **Jayem Realty Co, Inc.** (3121 Vestal Parkway East TM # 158.10-2-27.1) has brought article 7 RPTL Tax Certiorari actions against the Town of Vestal in Broome County Supreme Court, now pending for the years 2008 through 2012 regarding properties as hereinafter set forth, and

WHEREAS, after considerable discovery, inspection, review and negotiation with Petitioners counsel, the Town’s counsel and the Assessor’s Office have recommended a settlement agreement to the following values:

- 2008 - \$ 65,850 reduction of \$ 7,150
- 2009 - \$1,303,000 reduction of \$197,000
- 2010 - \$1,303,000 reduction of \$197,000
- 2011 - \$1,303,000 reduction of \$197,000

Total estimated Town **refund of \$2941.43.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the above captioned tax certiorari proceeding be settled in the amounts and for the years set forth above, and that the Town attorney be and is hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate said settlement.

**Broome County to Hold Voter Registration at Town Hall**

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**R221-12** Authorization for the Broome County Board of Elections to use of the Town Hall lobby to hold **voter registrations** on the following dates:

Wednesday, October 10, 2012 - Noon to 9 PM

Saturday October 13, 2012 - 2 PM to 9 PM

The Town Clerk will open and close the building doors as needed.

### EMPLOYEES – Fitzgerald/Marnicki

#### Re-appointment David Goon to the Board of Assessment Review

**R222-12** Authorization to **re-appointment David Goon to the Board of Assessment Review** effective October 1, 2012. This term will expire September 30, 2017.

### PLANNING & ZONING – Milkovich/Fitzgerald

#### Code Enforcement To Sell Vehicle

**R223-12** Authorization for the Code Enforcement Department to sell their retired **1995 Blue Dodge Intrepid** - VIN # 2B3HD46T4SH638218 – Mileage – 80,276, at the Broome County Auction or auction website.

### PUBLIC SAFETY – Fitzgerald/Milkovich

#### Lion Apparel's Janeville V-Force Firefighter Protective Clothing

**R224-12** Authorization from the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Vestal Volunteer Fire Department to **reject** the two bids on **Lion Apparel's Janeville V-Force Firefighter Protective Clothing** received from Har-Rob and Fire-End due to the inconsistency of the bids as well as the NFPA changes to specifications that are going to be effective August 2012.

Additionally, authorization is granted for the **Town Attorney to re-advertise for competitive bids** on August 22, 2012 to be opened on September 5, 2012 at 2pm in the Town Clerk's office.

The bid specification requires a one-year contract for pants and coats.

#### Station 3 Ladies Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner

**R225-12** Authorization from the Board of Fire Commissioners approving the Vestal Fire Department Membership for Station 3's **Ladies Auxiliary Spaghetti**

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**Dinner** to be held on Saturday, September 22nd from 4 to 7pm at Vestal Fire Department Station #3.

Additionally granted is approval for coverage from Noon to 9pm, which includes personnel to set up, the event itself and clean up. A sign in sheet to be used to track personnel at this event.

### **Vestal Center Community Day's Parade**

**R226-12** Authorization from the Board of Fire Commissioners to allow the **Vestal Center Community Day's Parade** to go from the Vestal Center United Methodist Church on West Hill Road, across Way Street, down Sunset and ending at the Firemen's Hall where the Vestal Center Community Picnic will be held on August 18, 2012 from 12-5 pm.

### **RECREATION – Fitzgerald/Milkovich**

#### **Hire Summer Employees**

**R227-12** Approval for Sue Jastran, Recreation Planner to hire the following Summer Employees:

#### **A7310.1122 Labor – Lacrosse Camp Employees**

David Benyo – Apalachin as Boys Lacrosse Camp Coach at pay rate \$280 salary  
Christopher Isle –Vestal as Boys Lacrosse Camp Coach at pay rate \$400 salary  
Gordon Pollard –Vestal as Boys Lacrosse Camp Director at pay rate \$540 salary  
Mark Robinson – Johnson City as Boys Lacrosse Camp Coach at pay rate \$280 salary

#### **A7310.1040 Labor – Girl's Advanced Soccer Camp Employees**

Deborah Reynolds – Binghamton as Girls Soccer Camp Coach at pay rate \$450 salary  
Bill Stepanovsky –Endicott as Girls Soccer Camp Director at pay rate \$590 salary  
Kyle Stepanovsky –Endicott as Girls Soccer Camp Coach at pay rate \$510 salary  
Brittain Wagner –Endicott as Girls Soccer Camp Coach at pay rate \$200 salary

All employee pay rates are budgeted items in the 2012 budget and the background checks has been completed.

### **RECEIVE AND FILE**

- **Vestal Volunteer Emergency Squad, Inc.** – Financial Position Statements – Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011 and 2010

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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### ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Approximately 20 speakers addressed the Board. A synopsis of the comments is as follows:

- Highway is resurfacing and scraping Meeker Road and Andrews Road but the roads are a mess from this process. There is macadam all over the place and hopefully they are not finished with the job. Councilwoman Fitzgerald response: according to the Highway Department, they are now using a grader now and will not pave the middle at this time. She will check on these roads.
- Speaker has a problem with deer on his property --- has spoken with DEC in Cortland and they are willing to work with the Town of Vestal. Supervisor Schaffer responded that he will contact DEC.
- The Board is invited, on a convenient date, to take a trip to Pennsylvania to view areas affected by gas drilling. A decision needs to be made concerning gas drilling. We need to determine if this is safe for Vestal and cannot trust the information from the gas companies. Supervisor Schaffer responded that he would not poll the Board concerning this trip but Board members can be contacted individually.
- Councilman Marnicki stated that would like the names of the toxic chemicals used in fracking. An assertion was made at the last meeting that highly radioactive materials are used during fracking. He wants the scientific information that supports this assertion. Speakers' response: radioactivity comes from the flowback and there has been talk that NYC may reject this tainted gas. It is not the public's job to teach the Town Board about gas drilling.
- The driller's are not required to make public the chemicals that are used in hydrofracking.
- Councilman Marnicki – according to the information available to him, the concentrations of the chemicals used in hydrofracking do not exceed drinking water standards.
- Board members should go on a trip to see how the gas industry has affected the quality of life in the areas they operate in. He commends the Board for being open-minded.
- Councilwoman Fitzgerald stated that she would not be going on this tour as she has already done several tours. She has visited a new site near Forest Lake as well as a holding pond and sites that are closed. Some of the Supervisors of the towns in the drilling areas would be happy to speak to our Town Board.
- A speaker commended Councilwoman Fitzgerald for the research she has done but supports a permanent State-wide band.

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- The drilling companies are pouring a great deal of money into the decision-making processes. The media is now a celebrity force rather than an investigative force. The media is supported by major corporations in our Country.
- There is not a lot of scientific evidence on gas drilling and much of it is biased.
- The DEC rules state that the setback of a gas well from a house is currently 150 feet. Storage areas used by drillers may be even closer to homes.
- The governor just signed a grant for SUNY which will bring a lot of new jobs and people to Vestal. Do our zoning regulations adequately protect us?
- Councilman Marnicki -- gas extraction is not a permitted use in the Town of Vestal.
- Town Attorney, David Berger – gas drilling is not a permitted use in our Town Code at this time. If and when gas drilling is a permitted, the Town Board will make the decision to change the zoning. Otherwise, such a request would need to be approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Councilman Marnicki -- it is possible that the Town could sell water to the gas companies if they request it. We are allowed to draw seven million gallons per day from the river. Right now we only draw one million.
- A Vestal landowner commends the Board on the positions that they have expressed this evening. If the Town took poll was on the gas drilling issue, it would not be fair to landowners who represent a small minority of the population. He questions whether we need a moratorium.
- There is concern about hydrofracking throughout the world.
- If requests for hydrofracking go to the Zoning Board of Appeals, there is concern about how they will be handled. Councilman Marnicki responded that the ZBA has criteria that it follows before it will hear a case, like determining if a hardship was self created. The hearings are based on the law.
- The damages done in Pennsylvania by hydrofracking are permanent.
- The state of Wyoming has greater smog levels than Los Angeles due to drilling. Military bases are turning to solar energy. We should be exploring alternate energy sources and processes that could allow us to sell energy for profit.
- Supervisor Schaffer – The new 70 million dollar investment in SUNY is exciting and will bring a lot of benefits to the Town.
- Speaker asked how the drilling well on Echo Road was approved. Town Attorney response: it is a vertical well that probably preceded the adoption of zoning regulations in the Town.
- The gas companies will be exporting this gas. It will not all be used domestically.

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- There is difference in how gas is extracted from vertical wells and horizontal wells. Governments do not require drillers to publish the chemicals used.
- A huge branch came down during the last storm and the Highway Department did a great job in hauling it away.

### SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- DEC still has in effect a no burning ban through October if you have questions call the Fire Department at 748-1514 ext 383
- The Brome County Legislature will meet on August 16, 2012.
- For the months of **July, August and September:**
  - **Town Board Work Sessions will begin at 5:30 PM**
  - **Town Board Regular Sessions will begin at 6:00 PM**

### OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Speaker is concerned about our assessments. These assessments were made at a time when property values were at their highest.

Supervisor Schaffer – The assessments are reevaluated every year.

David Berger – The Assessor must maintain the assessments at 100%. Everything is based on the local sales. The state reviews these figures. Some portion of Town properties saw reduced assessments because of the flood.

### ADJOURNMENT

On a motion of Councilman Marnicki, seconded by Councilman Majewski, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM. Carried unanimously.

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
Emil Bielecki, Town Clerk