

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steven J. Walters Supervisor
Cheryl Potter-Juda Councilwoman

Absent: Michael Quinn Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Catherine A. Rybczynski, Town Clerk
Walter Rooth III, Town Attorney; Mary Dosch, Sr. Account Clerk; Greg Wickett, Police Chief;
Tom Best, Sr., Highway Superintendent; Christopher Hull, Director of Community
Development; Thomas Taylor, Sr. Public Safety Dispatcher; Donna Gavin, Sr. Computer
Operator; Drew Reilly, Planning Consultant; Heidi Brunner, IT Part Time Clerk

Supervisor Walters calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Supervisor Walters comments that the first item on the agenda is the phone system. Donna Gavin from the IT Department and Thom Taylor are present for the discussion.

Donna comments that the Computer Committee is requesting a new phone system for the Town. The current phone system is over ten years old and is not supported anymore. They can no longer get parts and they don't know how long it is going to last and when it does go they will be under the gun to find a new system. She has been working on this for about a year. The computer committee is present as follows: Heidi Brunner, Thom Taylor, Catherine Rybczynski and Christopher Hull and they have all agreed that a new phone system, that will include all the outside buildings, would be the best idea for the Town. The committee got some estimates and they feel very strongly about having a good relationship with the company that they will hire. Therefore, they narrowed it down to two different companies. The two companies they received proposals from are Integrated Systems, who does our network right now, and Next Generation, owned by John Bubulia who grew up in Hamburg. The best price was received from Next Generation. All prices were State bid or lower. In the proposal they will still be using Integrated to do the switches because they know the Town's network. They will have the PRI (which runs the phone system) moved back to the dispatch center so that Thom Taylor will have full control of that system. The way it stands now, the phone system is in the basement of Town Hall and there have been times when the phone system went down here and not in dispatch and vice versa. They need to have a direct line to dispatch. They are the most important department in Town, for the phone system, because they have to keep them up and running. So, they are going to move the PRI and include the new Senior Center. They figure it will cost, at the most, \$125,000, for all new phones and an NEC system. She checked all the references for Next Generation and everyone was very pleased with their product and service.

Thom Taylor comments that with the new system they hope to get rid of all the fail points. With the present system if something goes wrong there are 4 or 5 places Donna or Heidi have to look to figure out what went wrong. The present system is old and they are having trouble getting parts. They will take the existing hand sets and put them on e-bay to recoup some money.

Donna comments that the Village of Hamburg approached her about also getting a new phone system. They have gotten a quote from Next Generation as well. They can either do a stand-alone or integrate with the Town. When they get the final quotes, if there is a substantial savings they said they would share that with the Town and it can be used in the new tax freeze savings over the next five years. When they purchased the present system it was \$80,000 and now for \$125,000 they will be getting a whole new system with new switches for every building and a warrantee for five years.

Cathy Rybczynski comments that Next Generation was available more often for Dispatch.

Thom Taylor comments that they have service technicians in the area, whereas the other company is in Rochester.

Supervisor Walters questions if they will keep the seven digit numbers for outside Departments.

Donna responds that they can eliminate all the numbers. However she doesn't know if every Department would want to. It would not cost any more to keep the seven digit numbers, but it would be nice to be able to transfer to other Departments that are not in Town Hall. This is a good time to do it, the price is right, the Village is looking into it as well and there is a room available in Dispatch that would be hooked up to a generator so it would never lose any power.

Supervisor Walters comments that he thinks that they should be proactive, instead of waiting until the phone system breaks and they would be in an emergency situation which would be more expensive.

Tom Best Sr., Highway Superintendent, comments that he wants to introduce a new employee, Nicholas Stone, at the Town Board Meeting stating he is a war hero. He was deployed to Afghanistan in 2010 and came back a disabled veteran with an amputated leg. He has earned 10 to 15 medals including the Purple Heart. He has worked for the Town part time for the last 3 years and has kept up with every person in his Department, and in some cases has done better. He has earned himself the position and should be hired by the Town of Hamburg. He is a replacement for Peter Fallon, who retired.

Councilwoman Potter-Juda questions how many openings he has to fill.

Superintendent Best responds that Mr. Stone and Mr. Jewett have been on for 6 months as temporary, so he has to hire them first. He is bringing Joshua Farrell on for the 6 month temporary position so that he can fill the full time position when another employee leaves in 6 months.

Mr. Reilly comments that the last time he met with them he brought up the fact that there were some laws that they had public hearings on last year that they never acted on. The first one on the list is Braymillers market. They held a public hearing on it and everything went well except the neighbor that owns more than 50% of the adjoining property put a petition in against the project which would force a super majority vote.

The Supervisor and Sarah met with them and he believes they addressed the issues as best they can. Therefore he is going to put a resolution in, with as many restrictions as they can (fencing, buffers, limiting uses, etc.) and the Town Board has to vote 3-0 on this in order for it to pass. He then comments on other laws that were put on hold since last year and should be addressed. He will get the information together for the Town Board to look at and potentially approve. Fed Ex will probably start construction next week.

Supervisor Walters introduces Barbara Rogers to talk about the upsizing of the Town Board.

Barbara Rogers comments that they are getting together a citizens committee. They are working to get citizens throughout the Town to work on petitions and do what is necessary to bring the Town Board back to 5 members. She is a member of "Common Cause" which started in 1970 as a citizens lobby and essentially what they do is advocate for good government and hold the people that are elected to Office accountable to the people that elected them. She is a longtime resident of the Town of Hamburg, who cares about this community and feels that this is the right thing for our community. She spoke with Town Attorney Walt Rooth and he informed her that there are two ways to go about getting the referendum which would be required to put this on the ballot so that people will have the chance to vote to bring the Town Board back to 5 members. One way is petitions from citizens that would force the Town Board to schedule a referendum and the other way is by resolution from the Town Board. Her thought is that she would prefer to go that route. She is not asking for the Town Board to do all the work, they will take the lead and do all the leg work but they would like the cooperation of the Town Board. If they have a citizens meeting to discuss it they would like the Town Board to be present.

Councilwoman Potter-Juda thanks her.

Supervisor Walters responds that he has gone out publically since 2009 when this drive first began in opposition to it. Now, having worked with a 3 member board since 2012 he has seen nothing to change his mind. The problems that they have encountered have become more glaring now that they are working under the 3 member board. He echoes Ms. Potter-Judas thank you. He will be supportive of the cause.

Councilwoman Potter-Juda thanks her again for all her time.

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On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Potter-Juda, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	2	Walters, Potter-Juda
	Noes	0	

RESOLVED, that the Town Board move into Executive Session at 6:30 pm on a legal matter, sale of public property and a personnel matter for a specific person in a specific department.