

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steven J. Walters	Supervisor
Joseph A. Collins	Councilman
Jonathan Gorman	Councilman
Amy J. Ziegler	Councilwoman

ALSO PRESENT: Cathy Rybczynski, Town Clerk;
Mary Dosch, Sr. Account Clerk; Ken Farrell, Town Attorney; Brian Doyle, Deputy Town Attorney; Marty Denecke, Director of Youth, Recreation and Seniors; Tom Best Sr., Highway Superintendent

Tom Heggerty comments that he is disabled and would like to create a committee on disabilities. Every municipality with more than 50 employees is supposed to have an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) coordinator.

Supervisor Walters questions if the implementation of the committee relates to Town employees or to the Town in general.

Mr. Heggerty responds it is for the residents relating to use of Town properties.

Councilman Collins questions if anyone is available within the Town now to help answer questions about the ADA.

Mr. Heggerty responds no one that he knows of. That is why they need the ADA coordinator.

Dave Whalen, Chairman of the Town of Amherst Committee on Disabilities, comments that he trains people on how to work with municipalities relative to response to people with disabilities. He is at Niagara University with disability awareness training. He also has a State grant to develop training for all police, fire and EMS in the State of New York in response to people with disabilities, he also a consultant for the Hamburg Recreation Department relative to the disability components that Mr. Denecke is looking to develop. So Hamburg is on the cusp of being a model Town within the State of New York. By Federal Law any municipality with 50 or more employees should have an ADA coordinator. It is not a separate position so they are not necessarily adding personnel. They do ask that the person has responsibility relative to accessibility within the Town. In Amherst, what they did from the committee standpoint, was to push for Co-ADA coordinators which are the HR Director and Building Director. The Committee on Disabilities allows you to come back to an Advisory Board so when you have situations that might be of question you could have the committee go back and answer those questions. The most discriminated population in America is the disabled population. The bottom line is that people don't understand or are not aware of what they need to do. That is why awareness is so important. He provides the Town Board with copies of the Local Law adopted in Amherst.

Councilman Collins questions if Mary Eisenhauer as a consultant could handle this.

Mr. Whalen responds that he would not recommend a consultant. The best bet would be someone from the buildings and grounds department because they have a good handle on accessibility and universal design. They suggest that you have someone with disabilities to be at the table when plans are discussed, for instance the Bi-Centennial Celebration. Every park in Amherst has an accessible out-house. They want everyone to be able to access everything within the community.

Supervisor Walters questions what is required from a training standpoint for this coordinator.

Mr. Whalen presents a handout to the Supervisor which defines what the ADA coordinator does and what their role is. This is a proactive approach. They should look into Project Civic Access. They want Western New York to be one of the leaders in the Country in terms of accessibility.

Supervisor Walters asks Mr. Heggerty if he would be willing to help get this started.

Mr. Heggerty responds he would be glad to.

Tom Best, Sr., Highway Superintendent, comments that in response to the Town Boards memo of 4/15/2011, regarding overtime, he has a list of things he considers emergency overtime. He hands a copy to each Board member stating if they have any questions they can call him. He started to cut back on overtime way before the memo was received. He has a month to month overtime compared to last year and has saved over 300 hours in overtime just in the B & G Department as compared with the first quarter of last year. They are being proactive with overtime. Unfortunately they blew the engine on their oldest chipper. The estimate for repair is \$22,000 and to purchase a new one it is \$50,000. They still have 2 chippers and he plans on getting through this year and hopefully half of next year. He then asks if there are any objections to him and the Deputy Highway Superintendent attending the Cornell University Highway Superintendent School. It will be on June 6, 7 & 8 with a total cost of approximately \$1,000 for both of them, also requests the use of a Town vehicle. He has one late resolution that he submitted. The reason it is late is that most of the seasonal help are College kids that came in on Friday to apply. Because of the weather and the overtime restrictions they are way behind in some of their work, especially the playgrounds. He needs the late resolution to start the people immediately.

Councilman Gorman questions if this will complete the hiring for the season.

Superintendent Best responds that there will be more, he usually hires between 30 and 40 part time summer help personnel and they are at least 3 weeks behind because of the restrictions. There will be another list coming next Board meeting.

Councilman Collins questions how overtime is allocated, does it go by seniority?

Superintendent Best responds the unions have their own wheel, the man with the lowest amount of overtime comes up first.

Marty Denecke comments that he was asked to speak about the golf course concession. It was tabled at the last meeting and they are at the point where they have had a number of good days. They have put an emergency measure in place for refreshments. They have Pine Hill Coffee Service coming in as a temporary solution. He would advocate for moving forward with BW's. It is his understanding that they were the only bid, they have very good food and they are a business within our community. Without them, he is worried about revenues at the golf course. They have already lost a tremendous amount of revenue in April due to the weather. They were only open 3 or 4 days in the entire month. Compared to last year they are down \$60,000. There are golfers upset about the way the golf course concession is being handled, but they are at a point now where the good weather is here and they need to come up with a plan. He is confident BW will do the job and would like to advocate for that.

Supervisor Walters questions the condition of the golf course after the weekend.

Mr. Denecke responds that there are a few bad spots but it is getting better every day.

Councilman Gorman questions what Pine Hill does at the golf course.

Mr. Denecke responds that they just show up, it is a temporary measure. They set up outside just like at a construction site. There is no revenue exchange for the Town. They are just there during primetime in the morning, between two and four hours.

Councilman Collins comments that there wasn't an issue with BW's. It was the prior commitment that they are trying to work out.

Councilman Gorman questions if BW's has a liquor license for the golf course.

Mr. Denecke responds they do not have one for the golf course.

Councilman Gorman comments that it was his understanding that there can be only one liquor license per address.

Mr. Denecke responds that is his understanding as well.

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On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Ziegler, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Walters, Collins, Gorman, Ziegler
	Noes	0	

RESOLVED, that the Town Board move into Executive Session at 6:35 pm on a litigation matter.