

TOWN OF BRISTOL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2013

PRESENT

Robert A. Green Jr.
Alden Favro
Bruce Harter
David Parsons
Tom Stevens-excused
Ron Wilson
Sharon Miller
William Kenyon, Atty

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Privilege of the floor was given to Nick Cohen, who spoke on high volume hydraulic fracturing. A copy of his comments are attached to these minutes. Privilege of the floor was given to LuAnn Waden. She asked the Board to consider a permissive referendum to place the question on the ballot for voters on whether or not to allow hydrofracking in town. The Town Attorney said he could look into the matter, if directed by the Town Board. Lynn

Cronise, representing the Bristol Action Group, advised the Board that she had placed signs around town advising of the Town Board meeting but two of them were taken. A copy of her comments is attached to these minutes. She asked permission to pass out flyers at the transfer station. She must sign a hold harmless statement before she can proceed. Trish Laube reminded the Board that they took an oath of office for the good of the residents of the Town. Laurence Karz asked where and what Boylan Codes is doing for the town in regards to hydrofracking. The Town Attorney responded that he could request this information from either the Supervisor or Town Clerk. Privilege of the floor was given to Glenn Cooke, Director of the WOLCDC, who presented a progress report for 2012. A copy is on file with the Town Clerk.

At 7:50 PM the Supervisor called for a five minute recess.

The meeting reconvened at 7:55 PM. A motion was made by David Parsons and seconded by Al Favro and carried to approve the minutes of the January 14th meeting as presented.

There was no Supervisor's financial monthly report available at this time.

Bulk water sales for January were \$320.00.

Nate Harvey, Chairman of the Planning Board submitted his report. He advised the Board that the minutes of the Planning Board will not be posted until they are approved at their next scheduled meeting and then posted on the website. The Board suggested some definitions and verbiage that could be added to the present Zoning Code in order to open up a common sense approach to broaden the base of home occupations.

Sandy Riker, Secretary to the Code Enforcement Officer submitted his report. Two certificate of compliance were issued and two certificate of occupancy were issued. The court case on Jenks Road was remedied. Building permit expiration letters were mailed out. The ZBA met with Laura Walsh in regards to options replacing a home at 4758 Morrow Hill Road.

Ron Wilson, Highway Supt. submitted his monthly report. The clutch fan and radiator in Truck 9 were repaired. Four new tires for the grader were purchased. Truck 5 has had a hydraulic problem. Tenco discovered that the pump that was originally installed was too big, so they replaced it with a smaller pump, and it no longer gets hot.

The Town Clerk submitted her monthly report.

Nate Harvey reported that the Focus Group would like to have the Town Board extend the current moratorium on hydrofracking which is due to expire in June. They should have their recommendations for the Town Board at the April Town Board meeting. They will have a presentation for the West Bloomfield group this week. March 18th will be their next meeting.

A motion was made by Al Favro and seconded by Bruce Harter and carried to accept all departmental reports.

The Town Attorney will prepare the Local Law for the Tax Cap for the April meeting.

Update from the Supervisor on videotaping the meetings was given. He does not endorse the idea of videotaping. All other Board members felt there was no need to do so either. Loren Garlock announced that she would continue doing it on her own.

A motion was made by David Parsons and seconded by Al Favro to authorize a Bond Anticipation Note for the purchase of a 2013 International Truck. The total cost of the truck is \$196,941.00. The BAN will be for \$170,000.00. The remaining funds will come from current town funds. Roll call Vote: Al Favro-Yes, Bruce Harter-Yes, David Parsons-Yes, and Supervisor Green-Yes. Councilman Stevens was excused from the meeting.

The sales tax for the 4th quarter was received for \$187,154.41. This was up 5.75% compared to the 4th quarter of 2011.

The financial records of the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and Town Justice were made available for audit and found to be in proper order.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Miller
Town Clerk

February 11, 2013 Remarks: Privilege of the Floor

My comments will refer to fracking. By that I mean unconventional high volume hydraulic fracturing which has never been done, or even permitted, anywhere in New York State.

My wife's recent open letter to Andrew Cuomo published in the Daily Messenger spoke about the Governor's legacy with respect to fracking. It starting me thinking about Bristol and the legacy of each of the members of our Town Board.

What will your legacy be, Bob Green, Alden Favro, David Parsons, Bruce Harter, and Thomas Stevens?

Will you be remembered as the town board member who ignored the 92 percent of residents who responded to a survey with a resounding NO to fracking? Or will you be the one who heeded the clear wishes of the community that elected you to your important position?

Will you be remembered as the town board member who literally rewrote the town's mission statement, comprehensive plan, and zoning regulations to permit destructive heavy industry in our rural community? Or will you be the one who strengthened our zoning laws in order to preserve the pristine and healthy environment of our community?

Will you be remembered as the town board member who permitted our roads to be stressed and damaged by heavy truck traffic, 24/7, in winter and summer? Or will you be the one who voted to safely maintain our rural roads within our clean, tranquil environment?

Will you be remembered as the town board member who allowed the influx of transient workers, new bars, increased crime, and skyrocketing rents that forced current residents out of their rented homes? Or will you be the one who supported carefully planned growth and increased recreational opportunities for those who were born here or have chosen to live here because they love this place?

Will you be remembered as the town board member who risked having toxic chemicals and radioactive waste spilled in our fields and waterways? Or will you be the one that was wise enough to promote the preservation of our precious water and our agricultural lands?

Will you be remembered as the town board member who permitted just a few landowners to earn money from leasing their land at the expense of their neighbors' health, the marketability of their produce, milk or cattle, and the value and insurability of their homes? Or will you be the one who took a stand to protect the health and welfare of the entire community?

Members of the Board, this is a crucial time in the history of Bristol, NY. Bob Green, Alden Favro, David Parsons, Bruce Harter and Thomas Stevens, please think long and hard about your role in writing this history because it will be your legacy. The choice is yours, each of yours, and yours alone.

Nick Cohen Bristol, NY

My name is Lynn Cronise. and I'm a resident of Bristol.

First off, I am a member of the Bristol Action Group. You can find us at Bristol Action Group/facebook or email us at bristolactiongroup@gmail.com. I have to say, I put out signs reminding residents of tonights' meeting and I've had two signs on the corner of Oakmont and 20A stolen each time I put them out. It is time consuming and expensive to purchase and remake posters, so I thought handing out flyers might work better at the town dump. I am asking the boards approval tonight to do so. I have handed them out to each board member.

Two months ago, at the Dec. TB meeting, many people expressed their need to start working on zoning restrictions to keep HVHF out of Bristol. Supervisor Green has stated numerous times that his biggest concern is the truck traffic. Pete Jones and I asked Bob Green if he would "get the ball rolling" and start with zoning laws that keep heavy industry truck traffic out of Bristol. We felt there was common ground that we can all agree on. Bob agreed and told Mr. Harvey, chairman of the Planning board, to go ahead and start the process at the next planning board meeting in January 2013 . It has been two months and I have not seen anything in the planning board minutes nor any mention of it at the last board meeting and I would like you to explain what has been done so far.

As for the High volume wells in NYS, I honestly don't see why that matters if they were done before the state moratorium or not. We need to focus on what Bristol residents want and from the survey, they do not want HVHF or any other heavy industry in Bristol. It is just too industrialized for this area. I hope we can put a end to this conversation about wells in the state and bring the focus back to Bristol. Can you please give us an outline how this board is going to keep heavy industry out of our town?

You can comment now and please add the answers to those questions on your website with this attachment.

Thank you,
Lynn Cronise