

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of the Town of Thompson for Tentative Special District Assessment Hearing held at the Town Hall, 4052 State Route 42, Monticello, New York on **December 02, 2014.**

APPROVED

ROLL CALL:

Present: Supervisor William J. Rieber, Jr.
Councilman Peter T. Briggs
Councilman Richard Sush
Councilman Scott Mace

Absent: Councilman John A. Pavese

Also Present: Marilee J. Calhoun, Town Clerk
Michael B. Mednick, Attorney for the Town
William D. Culligan, Water & Sewer Superintendent
Gary J. Lasher, Town Comptroller

Supervisor Rieber called the Special Town Board Meeting to order at 5:00 PM for the purpose of conducting the Annual Tentative Special District Assessment Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING: TENTATIVE SPECIAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT HEARING

Supervisor opened the Public Hearing at 5:05 PM.

Town Clerk Marilee J. Calhoun read the legal public notice and stated that she had an original Affidavit of Publication. Notice of said hearing was duly published in the Sullivan County Democrat on November 21, 2014 with the same being posted at the Town Hall on November 19, 2014.

Supervisor Rieber explained that the purpose of this hearing is to discuss the point system for the Special Sewer and Water Districts in the Town and how they are assessed for each user according to the 2015 Special District Assessment Rolls and to hear and consider objections regarding the Special District Assessment Rolls. This allows an opportunity for any property owner/user in either of the Special Districts who dispute the points assessed to come and be heard and adjustment made if necessary. A schedule of the point rate system was provided for review.

Supervisor Rieber asked if the Board had any comments. The Board had no comments.

Supervisor Rieber asked if anyone from the public would like to be heard on this matter. There was one member from the public present wishing to be heard who provided public comment as follows:

Paul Walsh a resident of Rock Hill who owns property in the Emerald Green Lake Louise Marie Sewer District questioning how the users are charged within that District.

Supervisor Rieber, Supt. Culligan and Attorney Mednick all explained how the rates are determined by points per residence. Mr. Walsh also had several budget related questions relating to the rate charged per point for each user. Supt. Culligan said that each District has an individual budget. Mr. Walsh commented on what each budget consists of, which was clarified by Supt. Culligan, Supervisor Rieber and Attorney Mednick. Mr. Walsh asked if he could review the Emerald Green Lake Louise Marie Sewer District Budget for 2015. A copy of the Sewer District Budget was provided to him. He questioned when the sewer bills would be sent out since they went out late last year. Supervisor Rieber said that they will be mailed out on time this year. The reason that they were late last year is due to a computer programming issue. Supervisor Rieber said that the Town is in the process of auditing all camps and bungalow colonies located within a Special District to make sure that they are being Assessed Points accurately. He also discussed the Audit currently being performed by the Emerald Green Water Company for all users including the installation of electronic meters. The Town is aware of the Audit, which will benefit the Water Company and could also benefit the Town as well.

There was no one else present from the public wishing to be heard.

After an opportunity for all persons to be heard Supervisor Rieber entertained a motion that the hearing be closed.

A motion to close the Public Hearing at 5:20 PM was made by Councilman Briggs and seconded by Councilman Sush.

DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION VIOLATIONS – SACKETT LAKE SEWER DISTRICT & MELODY LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

Attorney Mednick reported that the Meeting/Hearing scheduled for tomorrow with The Delaware River Basin Commission regarding the Sackett Lake Sewer District and Melody Lake Sewer District Violations has been postponed until March. He briefly reported on the matter further prior to adjourning the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilman Briggs and seconded by Councilman Mace the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Marilee J. Calhoun
Town Clerk