

**TOWN OF ANDES
TOWN HALL**

MONTHLY MEETING

**SEPT. 12, 2008
7:30 P.M.**

PRESENT:

**Councilman Ritchie Gabriel
Councilman Daniel Grommeck
Councilman Martin Liddle
Councilman Shayne Moshier
Supv. Martin A. Donnelly
Town Clerk Janis Jacques
Assessor Tina Moshier
Keough Consulting Marge Merzig**

ALSO:

T.W. Coddington - Walton Reporter

CALL TO ORDER:

Supv. Donnelly called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M..

PLEDGE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited lead by Councilman Gabriel.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

**Moment of silence in honor and observance of all who gave & lost their
lives ----- 9/11/2001.**

Town of Andes Highway Report

Michael R. McAdams, Highway Superintendent

September 12, 2008

Roads:

We have been working on Holliday Brook and Gulf Brook Road to make them safer for winter.

Crescent Hills should be done by Monday. We have ditched and put crusher run down and half has been worked. This has taken a week with 4 men when we should have been doing other roads.

All deep holes and ditches on Weaver Hollow have been fixed with more work to follow.

We have installed a few pipes on Barkaboom Road and filled some ditches. There are major walls that need to go in.

We have more walls to restack on Deerlick and gravel to be added.

Beech Hill – We have been working on the walls, some are done, we have added new pipes, more pipes need to be added, more ditches need to be filled in, reshaped, and some need to be cleaned out.

✓ Mary Smith – added a tube, cleaned some spots in brook with DEC permits, more gravel needs to be added before winter.

Butler Road – Needs bank run gravel hauled in, walls to put in.

Bush Hill Road – Road needs to be moved over 20 feet in order for the road to be traveled before winter. We are working with DEP because it is their property.

✓ Cross Mountain Road has been repaired.

Dingle Hill – needs ditches filled in, worked, gravel to be added, clean ditches.

Jones and Close Hollow – Need to be graveled, ditches need to be filled in, On Close Hollow where there is a box culvert, ~~is~~ undermined and this will need to be fixed by the end of the month.

Perch Lake – cleaned ditches, filled ditches in, added a couple pipes and a wall, A wall needs to be added and 2 sluice pipes.

There are many other roads that are rough. We have rented 2 excavators, it takes 2 men per excavator to run, one man to run it and one to guide him to lay rocks in the holes. We have 5 dump trucks, 2 graders, a backhoe, a roller. I have 7 employees and half of the equipment is sitting because there are not enough men to run it.

Permits are running out and we may be able to get extensions to the middle of October.

TO MAKE OUR ROADS SAFER FOR WINTER WE NEED TO WORK AROUND THE CLOCK BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH EMPLOYEES TO GET THESE ROADS DONE. BECAUSE MY BUDGET IS NOT ENOUGH, I NEED THE TOWN BOARD'S APPROVAL SO THAT WE CAN WORK OVERTIME. I HAVE ASKED THIS OF THEM LAST MONTH AND DID NOT GET AN ANSWER. I NEED ONE NOW!!

I ALSO NEED APPROVAL TO SPEND MONEY AS THE BUDGET IS GONE. IF I DO NOT GET THIS APPROVAL THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE GOING BACK AND THE REST WILL BE SITTING AT THE HIGHWAY GARAGE.

Since we have a flood at least once a year, I think that money should be added to the budget for at least 2 part time employees so that we can get some work done.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael R. McAdams

Highway Superintendent

RESULT OF THE HIGHWAY REPORT:

The Highway Committee will meet with Supt. McAdams to discuss the requests.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

NONE

FROM THE SUPERVISOR:

1. The N.Y.S. Court System has a new program that requires all Towns to pay them as they bill for court fines.

2. On Aug.7, 2008 we sent Langdon Chapman a copy of the E.F.C.'s letter which was telling us we were eligible for the *hardship grant* for our drinking water project. { Project #17423 } Documentation has also been sent to E.F.C. re-requesting the grant.

3. On Aug. 14th Senator Hillary Clinton held a press conference advising that Otsego, Delaware & Schoharie Count farmers were eligible for *Federal Disaster Aid* for crop damage from wind, rain & hail in late June - 2008.

But - as of today - F.E.M.A. has NOT declared the Town of Andes a disaster - which would give us assistance in repairing our roads. I met with Senator Charles Schumer and he advised that he would keep pushing to have us declared a F.E.M.A. disaster. Senator Schumer had written to the under secretary of Homeland Security requesting his departments help. On Sept. 8th a press conference was held requesting that a number of Counties be combined in order to meet the monetary threshold.

4. Our Town Attorney - David Merzig - wrote to the DEC attorney advising that anyone traveling Barkaboom Road and / or Beech Hill Road - in the Town of Andes - will do so at their own risk as these two Town of Andes roads still remain CLOSED.

5. Upon advice from Marge Merzig { Keough Consulting } - Bovina, Hamden & Harpersfield have agreed to join the Town of Andes in studying the states local government efficiency Grant program. We will do this if we do not have to spend any town funds - give up any of our home rule rights or join in any plans to move local government rights to the County or any other commission. Marge has offered to attend a workshop.

6. The C.W.C. will be holding a public information meeting on Marcellus Shale Gas Drilling - pros & cons. I would urge any of our residents to be VERY CAREFUL before they sign anything. In the Hancock area - leases are going anywhere from \$50.00 to \$5,000.00 an acre.

7. Marge Merzig { Keough Consulting } & I met with the new director of M-ark - Peg Ellsworth to see what might be available to help with Ballentine Park and Senior Housing.

8. We will soon begin our budget process. We are still holding out hope for help from F.E.M.A. with regards to funding for our damaged roads.

Respectfully submitted,

**Martin A. Donnelly
Andes Town Supervisor**

FROM THE TOWN CLERK:

1. There will be voter registration - for all who have not yet but wish to register to vote. This will be on Wednesday - OCT. 8th from 5:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at our new Town Hall at 155 Delaware Ave..

2. DECALS - the new DECAL computer arrived. Now to get it running- if we are fortunate - perhaps it may be running on Monday! Once again - NYSDEC in Albany has provided us with multiple headaches!

Respectfully submitted,

**Janis Jacques
Andes Town Clerk**

MOTIONS:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

RES. #47 BUDGET TRANSFER

BE IT RESOLVED that; \$2,000.00 be transferred from A1990.4 to A9550.9. { From Contingency to Revaluation Reserve }

Proposed by: Councilman Liddle

Second by: Councilman Moshier

ROLL CALL:

Councilman Gabriel-----AYE

Councilman Grommeck--AYE

Councilman Liddle-----AYE

Councilman Moshier-----AYE

Supv. Donnelly-----AYE

VOTE: ALL AYE. So carried.

MINUTES:

MOTION made by Councilman Liddle second by Councilman Grommeck to approve the minutes.

VOTE: ALL AYE. So carried.

REPORTS:

MOTION made by Councilman Gabriel second by Councilman Liddle to approve the following Reports:

Town Clerk Monthly Financial Report - Bookkeeper's Monthly Financial Report - Justice Quarterly Report - D.C.O. Monthly Report - Building Dept. Monthly Report.

VOTE: ALL AYE. So carried.

WARRANTS:

MOTION made by Councilman Liddle second by Councilman Moshier to approve the Warrants as follows:

General Warrant	#324-#362	\$14,742.41
Highway Warrant	#175-#198	52,655.99
FEMA Warrant	#9-#10	8,270.94
Water Warrant	#42-#47	765.80
WWTP Warrant	#152-#169	55,993.58
REVAL Warrant	#23-ONLY	2,000.00

VOTE: ALL AYE. So carried.

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TOWN OF ANDES, NY TOWN BOARD MEETING REPORT BY DELAWARE OPERATIONS September 12, 2008

1. WWTP Plant

- Plant effluent flows 28,800 averaged gallons per day for the month of August 2008.

2. SPDES Compliance/NYSDEC, NYCDEP

- The plant discharges of treated effluent to the Tremper Kill Brook; permit compliance for August 2008 met all parameters.

3. Collection System

- High Street is being maintained as required.

4. Plant Purchases.

5. Plant O&M

1. Water System

- Daily usage of treated water from the water system averaged 28,800 gallons per day for the month of August 2008. The daily water use through out the summer has remained steady.

2. Plant Purchases

3. O&M

RES. # STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

WHEREAS; the Town of Andes follows the standards of Article 15 of the N.Y.S. Constitution and does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status or physical or mental handicap and;

WHEREAS; the Andes Water District #1 serves all eligible property owners and sets its rates without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status or physical or mental handicap;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that; the Town Board of the Town of Andes and the Town Districts Board shall continue to make all services of the Andes Water District #1 available within its capacity to all persons in the Andes Water District #1 service area without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status or physical or mental handicap.

Proposed by Mr. Moshier

Second by Mr. Liddle

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Gabriel-----AYE

Mr. Grommeck-----AYE

Mr. Liddle-----AYE

Mr. Moshier-----AYE

Chairman Donnelly--AYE

VOTE: ALL AYE. So carried.

MOTION made by Councilman Moshier second by Councilman Grommeck to hold a Budget Workshop on Mon. Sept. 15th @ Town Hall @ 7:30 P.M..

VOTE: ALL AYE. So carried.

ADJOURN

MOTION made by Councilman Liddle second by Councilman Gabriel to adjourn.

VOTE: ALL AYE. So carried.

TIME: 8:20 P.M.

Janis Jacques -- Andes Town Clerk / Andes Districts Clerk