JANUARY 17, 2017
ONTARIO TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING

A workshop meeting of the Ontario Town Board was called to order by Supervisor John Smith at 7:00 p.m. in the Ontario Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Smith, Council members: Jason Ruffell, Frank Robusto, Joseph Catalano, Richard Leszyk, Superintendent of Highways Marilee Stollery and Town Clerk Debra DeMinck.

3 residents and visitors were present at portions of the meeting

Ms. Stollery led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A resident addressed the board regarding the increase in his water/sewer billing due to the corrected commercial billing error. He asked the board if anything could be done. He uses 4-5 thousand gallons of water a month and his bill increased from approximately $102.00 per month to $460.00. The board stated that the water code does not address low water usage and they all agreed that this needs to be looked at. They are waiting for the comptrollers report to proceed.

A resident asked how much the town spends in attorney fees. The Supervisor didn’t have the final numbers but thought it was around $60-70,000 for the year.

Workshop –
Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) #65333-Grant
The town received a grant for $24,900 through the WQIP program. The Highway Superintendent stated that they don’t have the staffing to complete the town’s portion of the grant and if the town doesn’t complete its portion than the grant money is lost. The EPA Audit revealed that the town’s GIS mapping needs updating and that is what the grant will enable the town to do which would allow the town to advertise and hire an intern to obtain the data. The cost is approximately $8,300 for the town portion. The board members had a brief discussion about the grant and the process.

The Supervisor will put the contract with MRB on the next agenda for approval.

Route 104 traffic concerns – The board had a brief discussion on the traffic and the accidents on Route 104. Most accidents are driver error and the DOT feels there were more accidents before the intersection at Route 104 and Furnace Rd. was redone.

The Supervisor will send a letter to law enforcement and ask that the 55 mph speed limit be enforced. He will also ask DOT (Department of Transportation) to look at and review the coordination of lights along the Ontario portion of Route 104.

Executive Session – A motion was made by Mr. Catalano, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, to enter into executive session at 7:44 p.m. for collective bargaining negotiations. 5 ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

Reconvene – 8:02 p.m.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Debra DeMinck
Ontario Town Clerk

The above minutes will become official upon approval of the town board.