

SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2012

A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Somerset, County of Niagara and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 8700 Haight Road, Barker, New York on the 20th day of January 2012.

Present: Daniel M. Engert ----- Supervisor
 Randall J. Wayner ----- Councilman
 Gary R. Alt ----- Councilman
 Robin R. Jansen ----- Councilman
 Jeffrey M. Dewart ----- Councilman
 Rebecca A. Connolly ---- Clerk
 Mindy Austin ----- Confidential Asst. to the Supervisor
 Morgan Jones Jr. ----- Counsel

Attended by: Two residents

Notice of said meeting sent to the Lockport Union-Sun & Journal on January 19, 2012 with same notice being posted at the Town Hall and on the Town Website on the same day.

Supervisor Engert called the meeting to order at 4:00PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisor Engert stated the meeting was called to follow procedures for procurement of a patrol vehicle for use by the constable for the remainder of the 2012 year. He stated 3 quotes were obtained. He stated considerable hours were spent on the project to obtain the best prices.

Councilman Wayner stated there are several companies that specialize in police vehicles and explained in detail the quotes as follows:

<u>Name and Address of Vendor</u>	<u>Price</u>
Veto Enterprises, Inc. 212 W. Exchange St., Sycamore, IL 60178	\$ 6,500.00
Police Cruisers Ltd. 2535 North Verity Parkway, Middletown, OH 45042	\$ 8,995.00
Warnocks Fleet	No police cars available

Councilman Wayner stated he also investigated Squad Cars USA, Independence, MO and Grace Quality Used Cars, Morrisville, PA. He stated the vehicles that fell within our budget parameters from these suppliers did not have a car with as low mileage as Veto Enterprises nor did they offer the installed light package that compares with the equipment listed on the Veto quote.

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Extensive discussion ensued regarding what was included with the vehicle, mileage, age, equipment included,, transportation of the vehicle, radio and portable radio, insurance costs for transporting, budgeted amount for car, sellers risk, warranty, reputation of the company that has been in business since 1969, having decals painted on locally, and terms of payment.

Councilman Wayner stated that Veto Enterprises will install a cage for \$200 prior to shipment.

Councilman Dewart noted that cages cost \$600 - \$700 with no installation.

RESOLUTION 35-2012

PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE

On a motion of Councilman Dewart, seconded by Councilman Jansen, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Engert, Wayner, Alt, Jansen, Dewart
Nays 0

Resolved Supervisor Engert is authorized to purchase a 2004 Ford Crown Victoria, P71 Police Interceptor Vehicle (Stock No. V2653) as presented for \$6,700.00 from Veto Enterprises, Inc., 212 W. Exchange St., Sycamore, IL 60178 with conditions of term of sale that the risk is on the seller and authorize transportation of the vehicle for up to \$600.00, with insurance being added to vehicle upon departure from Sycamore, IL.

CANDIDATES FOR CONSTABLES

Supervisor Engert reported that he and Councilman Wayner have met with candidates that have expressed interest in being constables and he has been contacted by two more people that are interested, all of who are experienced police officers. He stated a police procedural manual is been developed along with the schedule. He stated he is currently working on obtaining an ORI number from the Department of Criminal Justice Services. He said that in order to empower the constables to issue appearance tickets, a local law is required and he has obtained advice from Attorney Jones.

RESOLUTION 36-2012

PREPARATION OF LOCAL LAW

Attorney Jones stated a local law is needed to establish the duties of the constable and for them to be able to issue appearance tickets.

On a motion of Councilman Alt, seconded by Councilman Wayner, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Engert, Wayner, Alt, Jansen, Dewart
Nays 0

Resolved Attorney Jones is authorized to expeditiously prepare a local law to establish a constabulary and to also authorize the issuance of appearance tickets.

PLACEMENT OF RADIO TOWER

Councilman Dewart reported Motorola, the company that has been retained by Niagara County for the placement of the radio tower for emergencies, investigated the Fire Hall site and they may still use the Fire Hall site. He stated they are unable to place the tower at the Wastewater Treatment Plant because of the proximity to the lake. He said it is on hold at the present time. He said he will obtain more information from the company as to the preferred site.

Discussion ensued regarding the timeframe of building the towers, zoning, and the fall zone of the towers.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Doug Lewis asked if the constables will have a set time and be called in for emergencies.

Supervisor Engert said there will be a set schedule and they will be available for special events.

Mr. Lewis asked if they will be a town employee.

Supervisor Engert said they will be considered a part-time contract police.

RESOLUTION 37-2012

DONATE LIFE PROGRAM RUN

Clerk Connolly read a request from Barker Central School to use the town roads for a fun run/5K run to benefit the Donate Life Program on March 17, 2012.

On a motion of Supervisor Engert, seconded by Councilman Jansen, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Engert, Wayner, Alt, Jansen, Dewart
Nays 0

Resolved Barker Central School is authorized to use the town roads for the run to benefit the Donate Life Program on March 17, 2012.

Norman Jansen complained to the Board regarding the lack of snow removal on the roads.

Supervisor Engert said the Highway Superintendent is responsible for the roads. He said he met with Superintendent Bigelow recently to learn more about the operations of the department and said he has routes.

On a motion of Councilman Wayner, seconded by Councilman Jansen, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM subject to the Call of the Clerk. Carried unanimously.

Rebecca A. Connolly, MMC
Town Clerk