

**MINUTES
TOWN OF SALEM
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2011 6:30 P.M.**

Chairman Linda Valentine called this Special of the Town of Salem Board of Supervisors to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following present: Linda Valentine, Dennis Faber, Joe Meier, Diann Tesar, Pat O'Connell, Cindi Ernest, and Pat Casey

GUESTS: Deneen Smith, Dean Hintzman, Mary Fergus, A.B. O'Brien, Dan Schiavo, Laura Kennedy, Frank Wegand, Royce Kennedy, Joseph D Michele, Melody Stake, Dave Matzl, Dan Campion, Jack Lameer, Frances Lameer, Charles Walker, Lois Walker, Linda Miller, Chuck Miller, Randy Borchert, Tony Giorno, Paul Murescalco, Vaughn Fendeland, Tim Vanderhoef, Bob Zubor, Holly Zubor, Gregory Meyers, Pauline Teser, Tim Matzl, Patti Zurla, Daryn Lepkowch, Sarah McDermott, Ed Zender, Cindy Cort, Pete Schalck, and Mark Morris

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Valentine.

OPEN MEETING COMPLIANCE CHECK

The agenda was posted by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2011 at the Town Hall Municipal Building, Salem Post Office, Camp Lake Post Office, Wilmot Post Office, and the Trevor Post Office. It was also posted on the Town's website.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Charles Walker recommended that all lakes be involved in developing the Ordinance and some kind of a survey of the lakes be done.

Ted Tsoumas stated he thinks surveys are good ideas as long as they aren't biased and put on websites.

Linda Miller agreed with Mr. Tsoumas and stated that ski hours don't matter to her, but everyone needs input and the majority should rule.

Melody Stake, with Bong ATV Riders, stated they would like to work with the Town Board members and request that we stay with the current state decibel levels.

Tim Vanderhoef stated that he was confused and thought that this meeting was a workshop. He wants people to understand what going back to DNR rules would mean. He stated that when he speaks, he speaks not as a Hooker Lake Board member, but personally.

Dan Campion suggested following state statutes and to list certain lakes as a separate section.

Jim Grumbeck stated that the longer we talk about Ch. 20, the further behind we get. He suggested keeping state regulations, send out a survey either countywide or for certain lakes. See what people like and don't like. Try state rules just once and see what needs to be done and see what complaints we get. The exceptions the board received were made by small groups. We need input from everyone.

Dean Hintzman clarified that wake hours on Powers Lake is 10:00 a.m. to sunset. He doesn't feel we should follow state statutes.

It was questioned whether a resident has the same rights as people who live on the lakes. The reply was yes, residents do have the same rights.

Chuck Miller indicated that Cross Lake as three associations, but no districts. He would like to see each lake looked at as a separate case.
Discussion followed.

Charles Walker stated that every person has a right to use the lakes even if not in an association. Everyone is use to the rules we had and emphasized problems if we change and change back.

Joseph D. Michele stated that as a water skier he is looking for a compromise. Either morning or night.

Laura Kennedy questioned if skiing is changed than when pleasure boaters are supposed to enjoy time on the lake. You have to take everyone into consideration.

Jim Walker stated he uses Center Lake for everything. The rules are fine; he just has a problem with 200 feet on the point.

Mark Morris reminded about the shoreline erosion.

Sarah McDermott stated she likes the way Camp Lake is. When she questioned who wanted to change this Ordinance, Chairman Valentine responded that it was Hooker Lake.

Charles Walker requested that a board member make a motion.

Don Raymond stated that Camp Lake does a good job with the weeds and it is now wide open. He suggested a compromise of 10:00 am to sunset. People work and it's hard to get on the lake. Because of water levels and weather, June is almost non-existent and the number of days available is less than half a dozen times.

PUBLIC SAFETY WORKSHOP ON CH. 20

Supervisor Faber gave a history of Ch. 20. He stated we used barricades first in 2003 to close the lakes and we were not following DNR regulations, but now we have DNR approved height markers. When Ch. 20 was started last year, he was under the impression it was going to be updated to DNR rules.

The state is in charge of the lakes. Approval of ordinances is different. He then gave an overview of State Statute Ch. 30 and DNR submittal of an ordinance. He is in favor of bringing this to a head. Relative to a survey, he is in total agreement and that every parcel owner should receive a questionnaire which is non biased. A uniform questionnaire could be sent out with the storm water and utility bills as a way to poll our population.

Supervisor Tesar state that she is also in favor of a survey, but questioned what we are going to do in the interim, leave Ch. 20 alone?

Supervisor Faber indicated that he wants to avoid doing anything tonight and then 60-90 days later doing something else.

Supervisor O'Connell stated that we have had informal meetings in January 2010, one in June and now two more. We have an ordinance now and it's worked just fine in the past so why change it now. If something that hasn't changed through the years then why rush, take the time and do it right. He also believes a survey is a good idea. He doesn't live on a lake, but would like input from those who do. Keep the ordinance as it is. It's worked fairly well and work on it until we get it right.

Supervisor Meier agreed with Supervisor O'Connell. There have been hardly any complaints on the old Ch 20. Follow it as it is for now. The survey may be a good idea, but everyone on every lake has a different idea. Let the lake associations/districts control what they do on their lakes, stay with the old Ch. 20 and add a few things such as the high water and let people control their lakes. We as a board need to go through the statutes.

Supervisor Faber said the lakes can make their own rules. The same rules would apply. He also agrees with Supervisor O'Connell. The markers are in place for high water and the buoys are identified.

Further discussion took place with Administrator Casey recommending that the Town Board become the committee for Ch. 20. This was also the consensus of the Board.

MOTION BY Supervisor Faber, second by Supervisor Meier to organize a board committee to understand Ch. 30.77 and work on the questionnaire for inclusion with the storm water bills. Discussion of wave runners, the questionnaire, tubers and wake hours followed.

UNANIMOUS VOTE – AYE

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY Supervisor Tesar, second by Supervisor Faber to follow state statutes relative to regulation of lakes and rivers, frozen or partially frozen, in the Town of Salem with the exception of an ordinance for an event permit, with bond, fourteen (14) days for any event over one hundred (100) people, to address the berms and keep state decibel levels.

MOTION SECOND RESCINDED by Supervisor Faber.

MOTION FAILED

Discussion of a committee meeting to review possible survey questions followed.

The next meeting of the Town Board committee as a whole will be March 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Supervisor Tesar, second by Supervisor Faber to adjourn this Special Board meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE – AYE

MOTION CARRIED

This Special Board meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Ernest, Clerk