

Parma Town Board meeting held on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at the Parma Town Hall, 1300 Hilton Parma Corners Road, Hilton, New York.

ATTENDANCE

Supervisor	Richard Lemcke
Councilman	Kenneth Blackburn
Councilman	Carm Carmestro
Councilman	James Smith
Councilman	Gary Comardo
Highway Supt.	Brian Speer
Recreation Director	Steve Fowler
Building Inspector	Jack Barton

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Gene DeMeyer, Susan McKinney, Marilyn DeMeyer, Michael Weldon, John Chart, Scott Copey, Larry Speer, Tim Harner, Jim Roose, Pam Speer, Steve Speer, Jim Zollweg and other unidentified members of the public.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Lemcke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence. He noted emergency exit procedures and that the meeting was being recorded

PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW 2-2008 **COLD WAR VETERAN’S EXEMPTION**

Supervisor Lemcke opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m. The following legal notice was published in the Suburban News on October 12, 2008 and posted on the Town Hall Bulletin Board.

Legal Notice - Town of Parma Introductory Local Law 2-2008

Cold War Veteran’s Exemption

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., at the Parma Town Hall, 1300 Hilton Parma Corners Road, Hilton, New York, to consider adoption by Introductory Local Law 2-2008 the Cold War Veteran’s Exemption as provided by Section 458-b including subdivision 2, paragraph a(i) and b of Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York. The basic exemption is 10% of assessed value, not to exceed \$8,000 with a \$40,000 maximum for service-connected disability exemptions, and exemption amounts are multiplied by the latest state equalization rate.

Any interested party will be heard at this time. A complete text of the Local Law is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office where it can be examined by all interested persons during regular business hours.

Dated: October 8, 2008
Donna K. Curry
Parma Town Clerk

There were no comments from the public.

RESOLUTION NO. 258-2008 Motion by Carmestro, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve Local Law 2-2008 Cold War Veteran’s Exemption.

Supervisor Lemcke invited discussion from the Board members.

A roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Comardo	Aye
	Councilman Smith	Aye
	Councilman Carmestro	Aye
	Councilman Blackburn	Aye
	Supervisor Lemcke	Aye

Motion Carried: Aye 5 Nay 0

See Schedule A at the end of the minutes for wording of Local Law 2-2008.

PUBLIC FORUM

Supervisor Lemcke asked if there was any citizen present who would like to address the Town Board on any topic not on the agenda.

Gene DeMeyer inquired if the Town still intended to interview attorneys. There was discussion which attorneys are performing what services, their area of expertise and the Town not having a resident attorney which necessitated looking outside the Town.

Mr. DeMeyer also commented positively on how the last Zoning Board meeting was conducted.

MINUTES – OCTOBER 7, 2008

RESOLUTION NO. 259-2008 Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Blackburn, to accept the Minutes of the October 7, 2008 meeting.

Motion carried: Aye 5 Nay 0

TOWN CLERK REPORT

The Town Clerk reported her office is busy with tax collections and preparation for Election Day. Due to the expected higher voter turnout, the Board of Elections has added 3 additional voting machines for Parma in addition to the new Ballot Marking Devices (BMD). There was a good turnout for the voter registration days. The Clerk thanked the Recreation Department for setting up the portable sign advertising voter registration days.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Supt. Speer reported he had received a complaint about speeding on Spencer Road. He is considering the use of the Village radar trailer and conducting a traffic count. He would like to set up now and again next year to see the difference. In 2010, Spencer Road will be used as a detour for bridge work to be done over Salmon Creek on Peck Road. It is expected that it will involve a west bound detour only. An information meeting will be held as plans progress.

Supt. Speer also informed the Town Board that the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation will be requiring all vehicle motors older than 2007 to be retrofitted with exhaust particle filters. The Town may be exempt based on plowing contracts with the state. Supt. Speer will be monitoring. He noted that the State and County Highway Superintendent Associations are opposed.

The department is finishing up work Ogden Parma TL Road and work on the field lighting project. Paving for the firehouse is expected to be done on October 27th. Supt. Speer noted that he continues to receive calls regarding brush pick up and he is responding that they are not picking up.

Supervisor Lemcke asked when work would begin on Spencer Road. Supt. Speer thought it would be the first of November. It was noted that the Town has been contacted by the NYS Department of Labor Health and Safety Inspector regarding the status of corrections to be made after their inspection and cited violations. Supt Speer reported he is pricing the door and the drawings have been sent to the steel fabricator. He expressed concern over moving correctly and meeting all code requirements. Notice has been received from the USDA that a security inspection checklist regarding waste water for the Dunbar Road East Sewer District has not been received. The notice indicated that the Town maintains a sewer treatment plant which it does not and therefore portions of the check list could not be answered by the Town. Supt. Speer reported he had passed it along to Monroe County Pure Waters.

Supt. Speer also reported there will be a public informational meeting at the Clarkson Courthouse on Tuesday, October 28th to discuss culvert replacement on Clarkson Parma TL Road.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Barton reported he had forwarded the signed agreement for the ingress and egress easement for Bogus Point Park access from Clearview Avenue to the attorney. He thanked Bob Prince for his assistance during the Zoning Board meeting last Thursday when it was determined that the venue for discussion on the soccer complex was changed to the West Avenue Quest School auditorium.

Mr. Barton indicated that he is looking for direction from the Town Board on requirements for attendance on the Zoning Board. He also indicated that there may be an opening on that board and this indicates the potential for two openings on this board; one for a member and the other for an alternate.

Mr. Barton will be out of town for the next Town Board meeting.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Fowler had nothing specific to report.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Petricone reported the department has been working on the field lighting project and will be closing and winterizing park facilities.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Councilman Smith reported there had not been a meeting since the last Town Board meeting and that the Antique Show was set to go for November 1st & 2nd at the Fireman's Exempt Hall from 10:00 to 4:00 both days.

BUSINESS ITEMS

BUDGET TRANSFERS

TRANSFERS TO BUDGET

Oct-08

ACCT #	FROM DESCRIPTION	AMT.	ACCT #	TO DESCRIPTION	AMT.	REQUESTED
T0032	COFFEE/MEAL	96.40	HC2705	TOWN PARK FIELD LIGHTING	96.40	FOWLER
A7141.422	SWIMMING	1,800.00	A7141.12C	SWIMMING PAYROLL	1,800.00	FOWLER
A7141.447	BOWLING	600.00	A141.12B	BEAR	600.00	FOWLER

A7141.12F	CUSTODIAL	300.00	A7140.12B	TOT PLAYGROUND	300.00	FOWLER
A7141.421	SOFTBALL	500.00	A7141.445	TEEN RUNNING	1,300.00	FOWLER
A7141.423	TENNIS	800.00				
A7141.492	VOLLEYBALL CAMP	350.00	A7141.493	ARCHERY	350.00	FOWLER
A7141.434	KID KALIEDOSCOPE	575.00	A7141.442	CERAMICS/CRAFTS	575.00	FOWLER
DB5130.469	OUTSIDE REPAIR	2,000.00	DB5130.469	OTHER SUPPLIES	2,000.00	SPEER
	DB SURPLUS	2,559.88	DB5142.450	MISC HIGHWAY	2,559.88	SPEER
DB5130.12A	SUMMER HELP	2,247.14	DB5130.12B	OVERTIME	2,247.14	SPEER
DB9060.850	SIDNEY HEALTH	2,033.06	DB5130.469	OTHER SUPPLIES	2,033.06	SPEER
A1330.449	MISC EXPENSE	300.00	A1330.412	OFFICE SUPPLIES	300.00	CURRY
	L SUPLUS	10,000.00	L7410.482	EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONAL	10,000.00	KIRK
L7410.448	CLEANING SERVICE	308.00	L7410.446	MAINTENANCE EXPENSE	308.00	KIRK
L7410.448	CLEANING SERVICE	77.29	L7410.447	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	77.29	KIRK
A1680.211	EQUIPMENT	1,200.00	A1680.445	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	1,200.00	GAVIGAN
A3989.11A	SAFETY COORDINATOR	1,000.00	A3989.410	SAFETY PROGRAMS	1,200.00	GAVIGAN
A1680.211	EQUIPMENT	1,000.00				
A7520.449	OTHER SERVICES	150.00	A7520.422	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	150.00	GAVIGAN
A1990.449	MISC CONTINGENT	500.00	A7540.423	VFW BUILDING MISC	500.00	GAVIGAN
A7141.401	AEROBICS	510.00	A7140.12A	SUMMER HELP	5,510.00	FOWLER
A7141.402	APPLE DERBY	750.00				
A7141.409	FLOOR HOCKEY	500.00				
A7141.413	KARATE	1,750.00				
A7141.417	SKI TRIPS	2,000.00				
	A SURPLUS	483.00	A6772.468	VAN MAINTENACE	483.00	FOWLER
A7020.412	OFFICE SUPPLIES	55.00	A7020.489	OTHER MISC	55.00	FOWLER
	A SURPLUS	500.00	A7989.469	PROGRAMMING	500.00	FOWLER

RESOLUTION NO. 260-2008 Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Carmestro, to approve the Budget Transfers as submitted.

Motion carried: Aye 5 Nay 0

MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH CARE INSURANCE

Town Board members have received the memo and packet from the Finance Director regarding changing the health insurance plan to a Health Saving Account (HSA). A November 15th deadline must be met to make the change. Concern was expressed about coverage should there be a major catastrophic illness early in the year. It was noted that the Town will be funding its portion up front so all employees would have a balance to work with. It was also noted that Highway union employees have opted not to participate and \$17,000 will be included for that portion of the budget for a plan increase.

RESOLUTION NO. 261-2008 Motion by Councilman Comardo, seconded by Councilman Smith, to change the health insurance benefit for Town employees other than Highway union employees to a High Deductible Health Plan with a Health Savings Account starting with the 2009 plan year.

Motion carried: Aye 5 Nay 0

ADDITIONAL BILL PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 262-2008 Motion by Councilman Comardo, seconded by Councilman Carmestro, to pay DeWolff Partnership \$2,000 and Regency Fence \$10,300 for bills which were not included as part of the regular bill paying.

Motion carried: Aye 4 Nay 1 Councilman Blackburn voting Nay

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

RECREATION REGISTRATION STATISTICS

This was addressed at the last Town Board meeting.

RECREATION FIELD HOUSE WORKSHOP

Mr. Fowler requested a workshop meeting to discuss a field house proposal to be located at the Town Hall Park. Contact with Congressman Reynolds's office has identified available funding on the state and federal level that would result in this project being completely paid for by alternative funding. This proposal would be operated fully by the Recreation Department and operational costs would be met through revenue streams created by new programming opportunities. The presentation will be at the November 5th Town Board meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Supervisor Lemcke noted that he will be out of town till early next week. He is designating Councilman Carmestro as Deputy Supervisor in his absence.

Supervisor Lemcke also noted that the Farm Bureau is sponsoring an advertising campaign to promote local farm produce. Posters and templates for advertising will be available in conjunction with the ad campaign.

PRELIMINARY DRAFT **TOWN OF PARMA AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN**

Scott Copey, chairman of the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee, provided the Town Board with a preliminary draft of the Town of Parma Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan for their review. A draft will be made available for the public on the website, at the Library and at the Town Hall. Mr. Copey noted that there were some updates that needed to be made to maps and then the document could be made available. A press release will be made and there is the possibility for an email address set up to receive comments. A public hearing will be scheduled, any additional changes made, and the final draft would be sent to the Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board and the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets for input. Upon receipt of their input and public participation the Town Board would make its decision on adoption.

Mr. Copey provided an overview of the document and the next steps the committee was recommending.

Should the plan be adopted some of the recommended next steps include the establishment of a dedicated fund for the purchase of land and/or easements pursuant to General Municipal Law, secure the \$250,000 funding earmarked from Monroe County, pursue Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) grant in 2009 for willing landowners and to reestablish the committee's purpose.

The Town Board would like to have this available for at least a 30 to 45 day comment period. There was additional discussion on how the program would work and it was noted that the program would be entirely voluntary and control of the land would remain with the landowners. It was noted there would need to be a SEQR review. Barb Johnston, the consultant from Stuart Brown Associates will be contacted on this matter. The consensus was to have an informational meeting then establish a date for the public hearing allowing enough time for public awareness. The Town Board felt strongly that they want as many people to know about this as possible and that there is sufficient time to review thoroughly. It was also suggested that larger maps be available for future use.

The committee was thanked for the extensive work they have done.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Town Board discussed different proposals presented by Supervisor Lemcke, Councilman Smith, Councilman Blackburn and Councilman Carmestro for changes to the 2009 Tentative Budget. Discussion included a comparison of Highway budgets for surrounding towns. One proposal included discussion to eliminate a position(s) in the Parks department, decreasing the

Park department gas account line and the overall postage account. Additional revenue would be obtained by increasing the fees for Park use by organizations and the use of surplus funds to offset other differences. Additional recommendations were made for the Highway Funds. There was discussion on whether the length of the working day and the number of hours in the work week could be changed in the Highway Department because of the union contract. It was noted that the labor attorney should be consulted. A second proposal included the elimination of cell phones and vehicles allowed to be taken home. There was discussion on what positions would continue to have these benefits. The possibility of a stipend for use of personnel cell phones was also mentioned. A third proposal identified the use of Fund balances to cover shortages and prevent the elimination of any positions. It was felt that surplus from this year would be sufficient to offset any shortfall for next year.

Proposed revisions will be given to the Finance Director. These will be compiled and provided at the budget workshop scheduled for October 28, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall when further discussion on the budget will take place.

WARRANTS

RESOLUTION NO. 263-2008 Motion by Councilman Blackburn, seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve payment of the A Fund, General Fund bills, in the amount of \$72,213.21.

Motion carried: Aye 5 Nay 0

RESOLUTION NO. 264-2008 Motion by Councilman Blackburn, seconded by Councilman Comardo, to approve payment of the B Fund, Part Town bills, in the amount of \$8,034.67.

Motion carried: Aye 5 Nay 0

RESOLUTION NO. 265-2008 Motion by Councilman Blackburn, seconded by Councilman Carmestro, to approve payment of the DA Fund, Highway Townwide bills, in the amount of \$646.45.

Motion carried: Aye 5 Nay 0

RESOLUTION NO. 266-2008 Motion by Councilman Blackburn, seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve payment of the DB Fund, Highway Outside bills, in the amount of \$7,171.53.

Motion carried: Aye 5 Nay 0

RESOLUTION NO. 267-2008 Motion by Councilman Blackburn, seconded by Councilman Comardo, to approve payment of the HC Fund, Park Lighting bills, in the amount of \$345.79.

Motion carried: Aye 5 Nay 0

RESOLUTION NO. 268-2008 Motion by Councilman Blackburn, seconded by Councilman Carmestro, to approve payment of the T Fund for Trust and Agency bills, in the amount of \$11,407.55.

Motion carried: Aye 5 Nay 0

LIAISON REPORTS

**Councilman Smith reported that Karen Barry and Walt Siwicki have met all training and service requirements and requested that the Town Board accept them as full members in the Town of Parma Special Police.

ACCEPTANCE OF SPECIAL POLICE MEMBERS TO FULL STATUS

RESOLUTION NO. 269-2008 Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Comardo, to accept Karen Barry and Walt Siwicki as full members in the Town of Parma Special Police.

Motion carried: Aye 5 Nay 0

The Special Police is ready to start using the new metal detectors. There will be a dry run on Wednesday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. Town Board members were encouraged to attend. Councilman Smith has been in touch with Captain Bergman of the Monroe County Sheriff's office and he has made recommendations for discretionary practices when metal objects are found. Councilman Smith also noted he will be attending a wrap up meeting as a follow up to the Apple Fest.

**Councilman Comardo reported the Planning Board meeting last night had several routine items. There was nothing from Parks.

**Councilman Carmestro reported a lively Zoning Board meeting handled well by the board members. The fire hall budget will be presented with a very small increase.

**Councilman Blackburn had no report.

There being no further business brought before the Town Board, Councilman Carmestro made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m., seconded by Councilman Smith and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna K. Curry
Parma Town Clerk

Schedule A

ARTICLE VIII Veteran's Cold War Exemption

§ 135-20. Title.

This article shall be known as the "Cold War Veteran's Exemption" Law of the Town of Parma."

§ 135-21. Purpose and intent.

It is the purpose and intent of this article to implement legislation, 458-b, signed into law by the Governor of the State of New York, of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, and to direct the Town Assessor to grant cold war veterans who meet the requirements set forth as provided by Section 458-b including subdivision 2, paragraph a(i) and b of Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York with a real property tax exemption.

§ 135-22. Recital.

The Town Board of the Town of Parma hereby recognizes that pursuant to Subsection 458-b(2)(a)(i) of New York State Real Property Tax Law, the exemption for Cold War Veterans is hereby adopted to the extent of ten percent of the assessed value of qualifying residential real property, to be effective as of the next taxable status date. Pursuant to Subsection 458-b(2)(b) of New York Real Property Tax Law, the exemption for Cold War Veterans with a service connected disability is also adopted, to be effective as of the next taxable status.

§ 135-23. Maximum allowable exemption.

The maximum exemption allowable for each category of the Cold War Veterans' exemption shall be as follows:

Section 458-b(2)(a)(i)	Cold War Veteran	\$8,000.00
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Section 458-b(2)(b) Cold War Disabled Veteran \$40,000.00

§ 135-24. Effective date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately and shall apply to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates occurring on or after such date.