

REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 13, 2009

The regular meeting of the Town Board of St. Armand was held on the above date at the Town Hall, Bloomingdale, NY.

PRESENT: Supervisor Joyce W. Morency, Deputy Supervisor, Charles Whitson, Jr. Councilmen Earl J. Dakin, Jr., Samuel Grimone, Thomas Jones, Town Clerk Cynthia A. Woodson, and Town Historian Don Amell

GUESTS: Sandy Hayes, DeForest & Arlene Tinkler, John Jones, and Mike Cassavaugh Chief of the Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department

Supervisor Morency called the meeting to order at 7: 00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Grimone

RESOLUTION #8 – MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, and seconded by Councilman Whitson, to accept the Regular Town Board meeting minutes of December 9th. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #9 – MONTHLY BILLS

GENERAL: Vouchers #1 - 29, Abstract #1	\$ 16,405.54
HIGHWAY: Vouchers #1 - 18, Abstract #1	\$183,915.45
WATER & SEWER: Vouchers #1 - 10, Abstract #1	\$ 7,939.50

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, and seconded by Councilman Dakin, to accept and pay this month's bills. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #10 – SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

RECEIPTS:	\$267,818.19
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$258,693.78
CHECKING BALANCES:	\$142,950.11
SAVINGS BALANCES:	\$335,730.72
CASH BALANCES:	\$478,680.83
WATER & SEWER BALANCE	\$ 31,965.31

A motion was made by Councilman Whitson, and seconded by Councilman Grimone, to accept the Supervisor's Report, the Financial Reports, and the Water & Sewer Report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BLOOMINGDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Mike Cassavaugh stated that the risers on three fire hydrants are done on Mill Street, Prospect Street, and Main Street by the Bloomingdale School. Councilman Whitson said that on Prospect Street there is another one that needs to be done by Gar Munn's house. Mike asked that the Water & Sewer Superintendent keep the hydrants shoveled out from the snow.

FIRE CONTRACT

Supervisor Morency stated that she has 2008 Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department fire contract and the Town Clerk will re-type the contract with the current dates. Supervisor Morency stated that in the budget only \$6,850 is available for the Workmen's Compensation. Councilman Grimone asked if Mike looked at the contract for the Worker's Compensation before mailing it out. Mike stated no, it was done before

he became Chief. Supervisor Morency gave out copies of the contract to the Board members to review and make any changes; then decide if they want her to sign contract.

RESOLUTION #11 – BLOOMINGDALE VOL. FIRE DEPT. CONTRACT

Councilman Grimone, who moved its adoption, offered the following resolution.

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand to authorized Supervisor Joyce W. Morency to sign the Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department Contract when all board members agreed to the changes. Supervisor Morency is to contact all board members for final review.

Councilman Whitson duly seconded this resolution, and adopted as follows:

Supervisor Joyce W. Morency	AYE
Councilman Charles Whitson, Jr.	AYE
Councilman Earl J. Dakin, Jr.	AYE
Councilman Samuel Grimone	AYE
Councilman Thomas C. Jones	AYE

Dated: January 13, 2009

Cynthia A. Woodson
St. Armand Town Clerk

SARANAC LAKE FIRE CONTRACT

The Village of Saranac Lake had surplus money from 2008 Saranac Lake Fire Department budget (\$33,000) approximate. St. Armand portion was (\$1,621.01) credit. Supervisor Morency stated that the Saranac Lake Fire Contract for 2009 was increased to \$33,069.86 minus the 2008 credit of \$1621.01. 2009 contract is \$31,448.85. She has received statement for balance due of \$16,553.14 for services from June 2008 to May 2009. Supervisor Morency stated she called the Village Clerk and said that St. Armand’s is due annually from January to December; not from May to June. She also said she wants to change the payment date from January to February as there will be more money available.

RESOLUTION #12 – MONTH CHANGE ON SARANAC LAKE FIRE CONTRACT

Councilman Dakin, who moved its adoption, offered the following resolution.

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand authorized Supervisor Morency to contact Saranac Lake Village about changing the month from January to February for installment payment on contract.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilman Jones, and adopted as follows:

Supervisor Joyce W. Morency	AYE
Councilman Charles Whitson, Jr.	AYE
Councilman Earl J. Dakin, Jr.	AYE
Councilman Samuel Grimone	AYE
Councilman Thomas C. Jones	AYE

Dated: January 13, 2009

Cynthia A. Woodson
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HARRIETSTOWN AIRPORT CONTRACT

Supervisor Morency asked for a Resolution for the Harrietstown Airport Contract for \$2,300. Councilman Jones asked what does St. Armand benefits from it; at least with

the Fire contract, the people benefit from it. Supervisor Morency disagreed. Councilman Grimone stated that they need all towns to help support it and keep it running.

RESOLUTION #13 – HARRIETSTOWN AIRPORT CONTRACT

Councilman Grimone, who moved its adoption, offered the following resolution.

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand to approve the Harrietstown Airport Contract for \$2,300 for the year 2009.

Councilman Dakin duly seconded this resolution, and adopted as follows:

Supervisor Joyce W. Morency	AYE
Councilman Charles Whitson, Jr.	AYE
Councilman Earl J. Dakin, Jr.	AYE
Councilman Samuel Grimone	AYE
Councilman Thomas C. Jones	ABSTAIN

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SARANAC LAKE MT. PISGAH SKI CENTER

Councilman Jones stated concerns about the fees that St. Armand residents are paying at Mt. Pisgah, than the Saranac Lake residents. Mt. Pisgah is in St. Armand therefore cost should be lower for residents. Councilman Jones stated he would go to the Village Board meeting and ask them if they could reduce the fees.

ESSEX COUNTY SALE TAX INCREASE

Supervisor Morency stated that the Essex County has been discussing increasing the sales tax from 7.75 to 8.0 percent. This is not finalized yet. Essex County Board agreed by Resolution to distribute $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1 percent of current sales tax rate of 7.75% to distribute among all 18 Essex County Towns starting in 2010. Councilman Jones asked what part goes where with the taxes. Supervisor Morency stated that 3.25 percent goes to the County and 4.0 percent goes to the State.

SALT FOR TOWN HALL

Councilman Grimone asked about the salt for the Town Hall. Supervisor Morency stated that getting 10 pails of salt from Aubuchon costs \$250.00; whereas getting a pallet of salt, from State Contract that the County uses, for 49 bags at 50 pounds costs \$515.00 from Hills & Markes Company, it is much cheaper.

SEWER GRANT

Supervisor Morency stated that St. Armand did not receive the Lake Champlain Basin Program grant for \$10,000 and Vic Putnam is still working on trying to get some funding. A letter drafted by Vic Putnam to Senator Betty Little will be mailed out after the Town Clerk retypes it. Councilman Dakin asked if the company (AES Northeast) is still working on the report. Supervisor Morency stated yes and the Town will possibly get a Consent Order from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Supervisor Morency stated that Vic Putnam also put in paperwork for an infrastructure stimulus package proposed by Congress for the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP) to be considered for funding. Sandy Hayes asked if it includes all infrastructures and she said yes. The Consent Order will be a good thing as then the Town can get money to do the necessary work on the Sewer plant.

TOWN HALL PROJECT

Supervisor Morency stated that Dean Montroy has started cleaning the upstairs and the roof will be repaired by another company, Monahan and Laughlin for \$6,878.00. Councilman Whitson stated that the first section of the railing around the tower has an inch space between the railing and cupola and that is where the leaking occurs. Artie Niederbuhl from Norman's Store has donated several shelving units for the Town to use for record storage.

GENERATORS

Councilman Dakin stated that he contacted Hugh Mullins and he will do them. He was unable to until after December; and then became sick, but he will service them.

HIGHWAY

Supervisor Morency the new Mack truck has been calibrated for the salt and sand. Supervisor Morency said that Roger asked her about putting the same electronic device in the tandem for \$5,500. Route 11 can do the work. No decision was made at this time.

END OF MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Grimone, and seconded by Councilman Whitson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

I, Cynthia A. Woodson, Town Clerk for the Town of St. Armand, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct transcript of the Regular Town Board meeting minutes held on the above referenced date.

Cynthia A. Woodson
St. Armand Town Clerk