

REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 10, 2009

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

PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor Samuel Grimone, Councilmen Charles Whitson, Jr. Councilmen Earl J. Dakin, Jr., Thomas Jones, Town Clerk Cynthia A. Woodson

EXCUSED: Supervisor Joyce W. Morency (out of town), Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver (sick)

GUESTS: Sandy Hayes, DeForest & Arlene Tinkler, John Jones and Bill Latham

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Jones

RESOLUTION #14 – MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Whitson, and seconded by Councilman Dakin, to accept the Organizational meeting minutes of January 13<sup>th</sup>, the Regular Town Board meeting minutes of January 13<sup>th</sup>, and the Special Board meeting minutes of February 4<sup>th</sup>. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #15 – MONTHLY BILLS

GENERAL: Vouchers #30 - 60, Abstract #2	\$27,811.18
HIGHWAY: Vouchers #19 - 48, Abstract #2	\$72,220.14
WATER & SEWER: Vouchers #11 - 25, Abstract #2	\$ 5,926.51

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

RESOLUTION #16 – SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

RECEIPTS:	\$226,613.80
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$116,793.79
CHECKING BALANCES:	\$248,475.19
SAVINGS BALANCES:	\$335,803.85
CASH BALANCES:	\$584,279.04
WATER & SEWER BALANCE	\$ 12,740.58

A motion was made by Councilman Whitson, and seconded by Councilman Jones, to accept the Supervisor's Report and a motion by Councilman Dakin and seconded by Councilman Jones to accept the Water & Sewer Report. All were in favor. Motions carried.

BANKING AUTHORIZATIONS

Deputy Supervisor Grimone stated that there are Resolutions to be done for the banks, for their files, for Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Water & Sewer Clerk, Supervisor Morency, and Deputy Supervisor Grimone for HSBC, NBT, and Community Bank.

RESOLUTION #17 - CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION HSBC

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand accept Tax Collector Nancy M. Heath's signature for the corporate authorization at HSBC.

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

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

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**RESOLUTION #18 - CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION HSBC**

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand accept Town Clerk and Water & Sewer Clerk Cynthia A. Woodson's signature for the corporate authorization at HSBC.

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

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

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**RESOLUTION #19 - CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION HSBC**

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand accept Supervisor Joyce W. Morency and Councilman Samuel Grimone signatures for the corporate authorization at HSBC.

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

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

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St. Armand Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION #20 - CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION NBT Bank, N.A.**

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand accept Supervisor Joyce W. Morency and Councilman Samuel Grimone signatures for the corporate authorization at NBT Bank, N.A.

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

Supervisor Joyce W. Morency	ABSENT
Councilman Charles Whitson, Jr.	AYE

Councilman Earl J. Dakin, Jr.	AYE
Councilman Samuel Grimone	AYE
Councilman Thomas C. Jones	AYE

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St. Armand Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION #21 - CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION Community Bank**

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand accept Supervisor Joyce W. Morency and Councilman Samuel Grimone signatures for the corporate authorization at Community Bank.

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

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

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**BLOOMINGDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Bill Latham said he is representing the Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) and submitted a letter to the Town Board regarding the fire hydrants. The BVFD would like to be notified when the water district will be flushing the hydrants around town, and this should be done twice a year. They would like to be involved so they can use this opportunity for a training exercise and would assist in flushing the hydrants. Bill said each hydrant should be flow tested every five years and each hydrant should be colored with paint to show fire personnel how much water in gallons per minute that the hydrant will flow. He gave a listing of color codes for each classification. Bill also said they request that the Town keeps all fire hydrants easily accessible at all times; winter, spring, summer, and fall.

**BLOOMINGDALE VOL. FIRE DEPT. 2009 CONTRACT**

Deputy Supervisor Grimone said the contract with the BVFD regarding the worker's compensation should be looked at with Essex County; they may have better pricing. Councilman Whitson said it was too late this year as they already paid for it; but it should be looked into for next year. Sam asked Bill Latham about the fuel for the fire trucks, if they are paying current price. Bill said they logged in every time but don't know the cost. Town Clerk stated that Connie does the figuring for their fuel and bills them. Town Clerk asked Bill to see if he could please get a copy of the 2008 and 2009 Fire Department budget for the Supervisor. She has requested one for several years and never received it. Bill said he will make sure to give them to her. Deputy Supervisor Grimone asked to tabled the Bloomingdale Fire Department contract and approve at the next meeting.

**NORTRAX SERVICE QUOTE CONTRACT**

Deputy Supervisor Grimone stated that with Roger and Joyce not in attendance tonight, he would like to table this until they are here. Town Board member unanimously agreed.

TRI-LAKES HUMANE SOCIETY

Deputy Supervisor Grimone said there were no changes in the contract wording, only the dollar amount that increased \$400.00.

RESOLUTION #22 - TRI-LAKES HUMANE SOCIETY, INC

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand to approve the 2009 annual contract of \$2,800 with Tri-Lakes Humane Society, Inc. for Dog Control in St. Armand.

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

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

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HIGHWAY

Each board member has Roger’s monthly highway report. Wells Communication put in the new two-way radio in the 2009 Mack truck. Roger had ordered some cold patch to fill the hole in the road by Normans; the State did give Roger five bags. The town’s pick-up truck has repair problems and Roger took it to Bill McBride Chevrolet to have the transmission lines and the manifold fixed; the rest of the work was done in the town garage. Roger ordered a new compressor for the 2004 International. The 98 Loader is having steering problems and someone from Nortrax road service in Plattsburgh will come and check it out.

Deputy Supervisor Grimone said there needs to be Resolution of the 2009 Highway worker's budget for altering/amending the salary. The total increase for three highway workers is \$2,250 for the year. The money will come out of the highway equipment fund.

RESOLUTION #23 - ALTER/AMEND THE 2009 BUDGET

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand to authorize altering the 2009 Budget change in wage increase for the Highway Department employees from 3% to 5%. This is to be retroactive to January 1, 2009 and the total increase is \$2,250 for the year. This will affect Douglas Snickles, Keith Bordeau, and Timothy Reyell.

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

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

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Deputy Supervisor Grimone said that the Special Board meeting last week was about the Town's health insurance with one of the Highway worker. The meeting discussed having a Town Law using 15% of cost of the appropriate chosen insurance plan as an incentive in lieu of town health insurance benefits. John Jones asked what came about the change. Sam said the Highway Superintendent did ask the Supervisor for one of his worker, and it wasn't done. Deputy Supervisor Grimone asked for a Resolution for the Town Attorney to draft a Town Law providing an incentive alternative to health insurance benefits.

**RESOLUTION #24 - DRAFTING OF TOWN LAW – HEALTH INSURANCE**

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand authorizing the Town Attorney to draft a Town Law providing an incentive as an alternative to the Health Insurance benefits.

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

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

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**FRANK CASIER**

Supervisor Morency received a letter from Francis Casier about a four acre parcel in Rockledge Park that does not have much market value. He has asked if the Town could have the Assessor reduce the taxes on the parcel or if the Town would be willing to accept a deed to this parcel; as it could be a park land. Deputy Supervisor Grimone said the taxes on this parcel are exceedingly high. John Jones asked how much it was assessed for and Sam said he didn't know. He asked to table this until further research has been done.

**WATER & SEWER**

Each board member received Bart's monthly Water & Sewer report. Deputy Supervisor Grimone said the transmission in the Water & Sewer truck has problems. Bart took it to Heath's for repairs and was told it is no good. They are looking for a used transmission to replace in the truck for approximately \$500.00. Councilman Jones said the truck must be at least ten years old. Sam said that Bart should be looking for a new or very good used truck. Councilman Dakin said that Bart should check out the State contract for the truck like Roger did with his truck; it may be a better deal. Councilman Whitson said even a used or new transmission in the truck is not much as the truck is old.

**MT. PISGAH**

Councilman Jones did attend the last Village board meeting to ask for a reduction in price for St. Armand's residents for fees at Mt. Pisgah. He said that after all he said to support the reduce fees; Village Trustee Branch said that Mt. Pisgah is always \$50,000 in the red each year and can't support reducing the fees for St. Armand's residents.

**GENERATORS**

Councilman Dakin set up for the generators to get serviced by Hugh Mullen of

Mullen's Engine Works. All of the generators have been serviced. Town Clerk said Hugh told her that next time all generators will need to have new filters. He did replace the oil filter in the generator at the Town Hall, as it is set to turn on every week for 30 minutes.

CELL TOWER

Deputy Supervisor Grimone stated that Joyce told him she has called Verizon and the permit for the Adirondack Park Agency still has not been submitted.

TOWN HALL EXPANSION

Deputy Supervisor Grimone asked the Town Board if they still want to purchase the lot next door and if so, there need to be a Resolution to have an appraisal done. Councilman Dakin said that the Willett's would like to know what the Town Board wants to do; either sell it to the Town or put the lot up on the market for sale. Councilman Dakin said he would speak to them after tonight's meeting. Councilman Whitson said that if the Town did buy the lot and not use it for the extension of the building; it could be for other uses such as expansion of the parking lot.

RESOLUTION #25 - APPRAISAL ON LOT

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand to hire an licensed appraiser to do an appraisal on the available land next door belonging to Rodger and Patricia Willett to determine whether the Town wants to purchase the land.

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

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

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Sandy said that he believes the Town Board should be looking at purchasing the lot in front of the Town Garage; as they don't own it, the Niederbuhl's do. The lot already has water and sewer lines. He is sure the Niederbuhl's would sell it and then they could take care of the old garage out front. Sandy also said that the Town should have a Master Plan on all of the Town's properties. Sam asked Sandy if that could be done with the Planning/Zoning Board. Sandy said he is still trying to determine the difference between the two boards.

END OF MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Whitson, and seconded by Councilman Dakin, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 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.

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Cynthia A. Woodson  
St. Armand Town Clerk