

REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 9, 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 Samuel Grimone, Councilmen Charles Whitson, Jr., Earl J. Dakin, Jr., Thomas Jones, Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver, and Town Clerk Cynthia A. Woodson

GUESTS: Sandy Hayes, DeForest & Arlene Tinkler, and Don Amell

Supervisor Morency called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Morency

RESOLUTION #43 – MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Dakin, and seconded by Councilman Jones, to accept the Regular Town Board meeting minutes of May 12th. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #44 – MONTHLY BILLS

GENERAL: Vouchers #134 - 157, Abstract #6	\$5,486.43
HIGHWAY: Vouchers #110 - 127, Abstract #6	\$9,730.95
WATER & SEWER: Vouchers #66 - 78, Abstract #6	\$4,958.60

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

RESOLUTION #45 – SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

RECEIPTS:	\$ 99,851.35
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$142,462.21
CHECKING BALANCES:	\$105,860.01
SAVINGS BALANCES:	\$692,459.20
CASH BALANCES:	\$798,319.21
WATER & SEWER BALANCE	\$ 48,156.06

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

D.E.C. - DECALS LICENSES

The town board discussed as to whether to continue selling fishing and hunting licenses due to very low volume of sales. Town Clerk, Cindy, stated that since 2007 the Town's commission totaled \$49.20. It was also mentioned that during one month this year, a check had been written to the town for 28 cents commission. In the past it was mandatory that Town Clerks sell these licenses. This year in the NYS budget, the law was changed for the options not sell licenses. The licenses are more readily available on-line now. Cindy called the Director of Revenue in Albany inquiring about the licensing. It was suggested to fax a letter/resolution to them. The board members voted to stop selling the licenses. Cindy will fax the letter and resolution to the Director of Revenue in Albany, and contact the Adirondack Daily Enterprise.

RESOLUTIONS #46 – CEASE DECAL LICENSINGS

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand to stop selling fishing and hunting licenses for the Department of Environmental Conservation Automated Licensing System (DECALS), due to very low volume of sales and commissions generated the past two and one-half years is \$49.20.

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

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

Dated: June 9, 2009

Cynthia A. Woodson
St. Armand Town Clerk

WATER & SEWER GRANT

Supervisor Morency stated that she will need a resolution authorizing her to execute the funding application.

RESOLUTION #47 - WATER & SEWER GRANT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE A FUNDING APPLICATION TO THE USDA - RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE - RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Whitson, seconded by Councilperson Dakin, and moved for adoption.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand operates and maintains a Wastewater Treatment and Collection System serving portions of Bloomingdale Hamlet, and

WHEREAS, the Wastewater Treatment System requires upgrading and has experienced severe deficiencies relating to age, and

WHEREAS, the Bloomingdale Sewer System Improvement is vital to community prosperity as discharges of effluent into Sumner Brook is contrary to maintaining our regional natural resource, and

WHEREAS, maintaining the water quality of Sumner Brook and is in the public interest and extending the sewer system will help to maintain the water quality of Sumner Brook, a tributary of the Saranac River and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand did retain AES Northeast PLLC to prepare an engineering report for the improvements to the wastewater treatment systems, and

WHEREAS, the Town of St. Armand is under a Consent Order with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to implement Treatment Plant Improvements, and

WHEREAS, additional funds are necessary to complete the wastewater treatment system planning effort and

WHEREAS, improvements to the sewer treatment system including extension of a collection system to Vine St., Mill St., Poplar St., Maple St., and Whiteface St., were not completed due to a lack of funding; and

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reconstruction Act (ARRA) was adopted by

Congress for infrastructure improvements, and

WHEREAS, the proposed planning efforts for improvements to the wastewater treatment system are eligible for USDA Rural Development funds,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute funding applications to the USDA - RUS Rural Development Agency, NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any other potential funding source relating to the planning and development of wastewater system improvements serving the Bloomingdale Hamlet.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ST. ARMAND, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW YORK

Dated: June 12, 2009

BY _____
Cynthia A. Woodson, Town Clerk

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

WATER & SEWER REPORT

Supervisor Morency stated that all the fire hydrants are done per Bart. Three hydrants need drain valve replacement which will cost approximately \$600.00 and she told Bart to order them. Councilman Dakin asked if there is extra money to order the raisers for the hydrants. Supervisor Morency will ask Bart if any were ordered. The Water Plant produced a total of 1,576,000 gallons of water with an average of 51,000 gallons per day. The Wastewater Plant treated an average of 48,000 gallons per day. Supervisor Morency asked for a resolution to accept Bart Crary's monthly report.

RESOLUTION #48 - WATER & SEWER REPORT

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand accept Bart Crary's monthly report.

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

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

Dated: June 9, 2009

Cynthia A. Woodson
St. Armand Town Clerk

SHUTTLE STATION FACILITY

Supervisor Morency stated that the bathroom facility is not working properly. It freezes up quickly in the winter time, and is not easily fixed with a plumber. Councilman

Dakin stated that the plumbing is not very deep; only two to three feet, plus it is not being used enough to keeps the water flowing.

1993 FORD HIGHWAY TRUCK

Supervisor Morency stated that there has been no offer on the old truck. It was discussed to try the Auto Marketing Systems with a one-time fee of \$199.00 with a non-refundable fee of \$29.00 if not sold in 90 days.

ROAD PROJECTS

Roger stated that Goodspeed Road has replacement culverts and paving. Main Street Road is paved as there were three areas in the road breaking down. Supervisor Morency said there is a 35 MPH speed sign up there. Roger will be doing the driveways on Main Street.

Sandy Hayes stated that the road looks nice but he is disappointed with the County workers on that road the last two years. The road is 20 feet driving range and the shoulders are 10 feet. The road was never built properly; not much attention to the road specifications. Sandy stated that if he built the road, the town would make sure he built it to specifications. Roger said he would ask the County engineer to come up and check out the road specifications. Sandy said the River Road is awful with the deep ditches as well.

FIRE ADVISORY

Councilman Dakin stated that he and Councilman Jones have not heard from Larry Miller when the next meeting will be. Councilman Dakin read off a portion from the minutes of April 29, 2009. Lake Placid and Tupper Lake ambulance services have one full time EMT and one volunteer driver on 24 hours per day. The average cost of billing is \$750.00 for a full code support; \$550.00 for advance support – about 15% of the calls; \$450.00 for basic support – about 85% of the calls. Most services charge also a fee of \$12.00 per loaded mile to transport; Medicare currently pays only about \$300.00; and Medicaid currently pays only about \$150.00. Most ambulance services only collect 55% of the monies that are billed for.

Councilman Dakin stated that another meeting will be set up with the Saranac Lake Fire Department and Rescue before meeting with the Village. Supervisor Morency stated that all Towns refused to pay any more increase in percentages.

TOWN HALL STEPS

Supervisor Morency stated she has called Lowe's on the types of boards that Councilman Jones was talking about that are made out of compost wood and plaster. The cost would be \$21.97 for a 12 foot board or \$29.00 for a 16 foot board. She stated that she called Fuller's and they came up to look at the steps. Jason, the project manager, said the problem is drainage about the Town Hall building. The stairs would be removed of granite and sub-base; then do a new sub-base, pour new concrete and set the granite back into the concrete. He recommend shorten the width of the stairs down to just inside the pillars, and replace the columns at top of stairs and against the building. Councilman Dakin suggested putting up some rain gutters around the area. The water gets underneath the foundation and loosens the steps. Councilman Grimone stated that gutters would be much cheaper. Councilman Dakin said he would get the information on the gutters and give it to Supervisor Morency.

ELECTRONIC SIGN

Councilman Grimone asked about the electronic sign. Supervisor Morency stated they (the County) will put the sign up on Monday and it didn't cost anything to the town. The sign will be placed at the top of the hill coming from Vermontville into Bloomingdale.

WILLETT PROPERTY

Supervisor Morency stated that she wanted to know if the board has decided if they are going to purchase the land next to the town hall. She is concern that if they don't buy it then someone else will. Councilman Dakin stated that the land is 50 feet wide and goes to the back of the veteran's field. Councilman Grimone stated that it would be good for protection and there are options for the future. Supervisor Morency asked when the planning committee will be meeting. Sandy Hayes suggested next week. It was decided to meet Tuesday June 16th at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Grimone suggested to Supervisor Morency to call Rich Fazzoli from Ticonderoga for an appraisal on Willette's property.

TOWN OF FRANKLIN

Supervisor Morency stated that she has received information from Supervisor Mary Ellen Keith on a legislation to regulate subdivisions of five or more lots. The letter stated that if the St. Armand town has further information that should be considered, before determining the significance of the legislative action, to provide information within 30 days from date of letter. Supervisor Morency stated that if the town does not respond within the deadline then they will assume the town's consent to the determination.

VERIZON CELL TOWER

Supervisor Morency stated that Verizon has received comments on zoning drawings from engineer and management; and the internal work schedule for the APA permit should be done by the end of June. She stated that now there has to be other research done by National Environmental Protection Act (N.E.P.A.), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife, I.B.C., and the Indian tribes.

ST. ARMAND YOUTH FIELD

Councilman Dakin stated that someone told him that while walking down the bank to the ball game, a person had fallen. Supervisor Morency stated that she will talk to Cheryl and Andy Fawcett and find out if there are problems with the top parking lot, as many people park there and they own the property.

DOG PROBLEMS

Supervisor Morency stated she had received a call from Mary Ellen Martin very upset about the Thurston's dog being loose and running around her property. She will put in a call to the dog catcher and let the Judge know of this.

HISTORIAN

Don Amell stated that Dean Montroy gave him his collection of old Bloomingdale pictures for the town. Dean has moved to Colorado.

END OF MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Whitson, and seconded by Councilman Dakin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 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