

REGULAR MEETING – JULY 14, 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, Town Clerk Cynthia A. Woodson, and Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver

GUESTS: Georgia Murphy and Sue Abbott-Jones

Supervisor Morency called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Guest Georgia Murphy

RESOLUTION #48 – MINUTES

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

RESOLUTION #49 – MONTHLY BILLS

GENERAL: Vouchers #158 - 183, Abstract #7	\$ 8,775.40
HIGHWAY: Vouchers #128 - 149, Abstract #7	\$80,258.76
WATER & SEWER: Vouchers #79 - 92, Abstract #7	\$17,780.63
SEWER PROJECT: Voucher #2, Abstract #2	\$ 18.17

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

RESOLUTION #50 – SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

RECEIPTS:	\$100,939.38
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 88,602.75
CHECKING BALANCES:	\$147,927.60
SAVINGS BALANCES:	\$662,728.24
CASH BALANCES:	\$810,655.84
WATER & SEWER BALANCE:	\$ 34,498.28
TAX COLLECTOR WARRANT:	\$684,961.52

A motion was made by Councilman Whitson, and seconded by Councilman Dakin, to accept the Supervisor's Report, the Financial Reports, and the Tax Collector Warrant Report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ROAD PROJECTS:

Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver stated that he talked to Fred from Essex County DPW about the area on River Road to take out the culverts and put in a bridge (next to Fortune's). It will be a one-lane road and could be done by Thanksgiving.

On Monday, the County will bring their shoulder machine to do some work on the sides of the road and next year it will be less paving and more shouldering as the roads need it.

Roger has signed up with the AutoMarketing for \$199.00 to sell the 1993 Ford truck. The processing fee is \$29.00, which is non-refundable. The cost of \$170.00 to advertise is refundable if the truck is not sold.

Roger talked to George Paye about removing the trees near Trudeau Road. They will still plant new trees but further up on the owner's property so not to block the view from traffic.

WATER & SEWER

Supervisor Morency stated that she received another letter about the USDA grant application for the sewer system improvement. There needs to be another resolution amending some wording. The Town Clerk will do the amendment and fax it to USDA along with an original in the mail.

RESOLUTION #51 – AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION #47 - AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE A FUNDING APPLICATION TO THE USDA – RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE- RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT.

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Jones, 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 this regional natural resource, and

WHEREAS, maintaining the water quality of Sumner Brook 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 system, 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 including funding 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 authorizing the receipt, use and disbursement of the grant funds **AND** authorizing the Supervisor to execute documents.

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

Dated: July 14, 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 -	YEA
Charles Whitson, Jr., Councilman	Voting -	YEA
Earl J. Dakin, Jr., Councilman	Voting -	YEA
Samuel A. Grimone, Councilman	Voting -	YEA
Thomas C. Jones, Councilman	Voting -	YEA

This amended resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted on July 14, 2009.

WATER & SEWER REPORT

Bart submitted his monthly water & sewer report for June 2009. He purchased and installed side step bars for the truck. The alarm at the River Road lift station went off and he reset the breaker on pump #2. He picked up and installed a new gate for the wastewater plant. The month of June total amount of water pumped was 1,543,000 gallons with average daily amount of 51,000 gallons per day. The average amount of sewage treated per day was 40,000 gallons with a total of 1,193,000 gallons treated. A water sample from the youth building came back negative for coliform bacteria.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Town Clerk told Supervisor Morency of the complaints received by individuals of the sewerage problems in their yards. Bart was notified and asked to take pictures. Bart stated he would call Kevin Scheuer at the Department of Health, talk to him about the problems, and get another letter out to the USDA for the grant application.

BLOOMINGDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Morency stated that she received a letter from Timothy Woodruff, 2nd Assistant Chief, regarding the Workman’s Compensation cost and St. Armand contract. They agreed upon by the Fire Department not to raise the fees of the contract and they will continue to explore other avenues on the Worker’s Comp. with lower fees.

Labor Day event this year will be on September 6th and Supervisor Morency asked for a Resolution for this.

RESOLUTION #52 – BLOOMINGDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – LABOR DAY EVENT

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

WHEREAS, The Town Board approves the use of the youth building and field by the Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department for a fund raiser on September 6, 2009.

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: July 14, 2009

Cynthia A. Woodson
St. Armand Town Clerk

FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

Supervisor Morency stated that she has not heard of any future meetings with the Fire Advisory Board. Councilmen Dakin and Jones stated they have not received any e-mails for the next meeting as of yet. Councilman Dakin stated that all surrounding towns are still planning to stay with their original percentages, which was 50% Village and 50% surrounding Towns discussed at the last meeting. They understand some increase in

costs but not the change of percentages the Village wants 45% Village and 55% surrounding Towns.

Councilman Whitson asked Councilman Dakin if any of other towns talked of forming their own rescue services. Councilman Jones stated it was brought up but no real firm decision. He believes that the Town of Brighton may be doing something.

CELL TOWER

Supervisor Morency stated that on July 1, the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) has received the application, and on July 2, she and Mr. Leigh R. Walrath who is the APA Environmental Program Specialist, walked the cell tower site. On July 7, she sent to Verizon the letters on archaeology inspections from Mr. R. J. Murphy, which was done in 1999, 2000, and 2001 before the new water tower was installed. Today, July 14, Mr. Walrath did the balloon tests on the site for the cell tower, but due to inclement weather, they will do it again tomorrow.

TOWN HALL STEPS

Supervisor Morency stated she has contacted Joe and Cindy Garso about drawing up some plans for doing the steps, and she has not seen them yet. She also contacted Jason Bullock from Fuller's and he quoted approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000 to do the work. She then talked to Charles "Tug" Duffy to see if he would be able to do the work. Don Corliss can draw some plans. Councilman Grimone stated that Don could design it and know it will be right; he will design it for easy maintenance and practicality. It won't cost anything to have Tug do a proposal.

Councilman Jones stated he still favors the decking material that he suggested. The Town Board is in favor of Joyce calling Tug to see what he can do. Supervisor Morency states it really needs to be done before winter. Councilman Grimone asked about the gutters to put up. Councilman Dakin stated he did call the company before leaving on vacation and talked to the guy who said he would call back with a quote. There was a message a week later. Councilman Dakin stated he would call him back after his foot surgery scheduled for Friday.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcer, Rick Heath, has given town board members a copy of his letter sent to Mr. Kellum based on a complaint from his neighbor, Susan Willette. Councilman Whitson stated that he wants Rick to keep the board up to date with the situation.

Councilman Whitson stated that since last board meeting with Rick regarding the Vaughn's property, there has been no movement on the house.

END OF MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Grimone, and seconded by Councilman Whitson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 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