The Special Board 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, Councilmen Charles Whitson, Jr., Earl J. Dakin, Jr., Samuel A. Grimone, and Thomas C. Jones. Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver and Town Clerk Cynthia A. Woodson.

GUEST: Don Corliss

Supervisor Morency called the Special meeting for discussion on the Town Hall front steps. The board members have signed a waiver for written notice.

Supervisor Morency called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

STEPS

Don Corliss presented the board members with copies of some drawings for repairs to the front steps. He stated the water problems from the roof and onto the landing continues to do damage to the steps. He said the granite landing has the wrong concrete grout that was used, as it continues to split and allow water into the areas. Don stated that gutters do not seem to be an option, too many problems, and maintenance.

The base of the steps needs to be checked; the photo showed it to be okay but want to check the landing base. One slab could be lifted up and check the condition of the cement. Don suggested to pour reinforce wall for the steps and back-filled with #2 stones. The steps will be 7 11/16" x 14" x 125 ¾". The bottom step will stick out over the edge of the sidewalk about two or three inches. Councilman Whitson stated that the steps made out of stone would have the thread and riser together.

Don suggested digging a trench around the building if not using gutters. He said we needed to verify the property line. Don has also called Rick Heath, Code Enforcement Officer, to get some information and is awaiting his call. Councilman Grimone stated the most critical is the drainage.

HANDRAILS

Don stated that the handrails put into the granite were using concrete grout in the joints, which caused the splitting, and cracking of the granite steps. Covers were put on and he could not find what kind of seal was used. The railings need adhesive to lock it in and then seal.

Don stated that he does not propose having a center rail. The railing inside the perimeters of the building will not be attached to the building. It will be held up by standing posts, or could use wrap-around handrails on the concrete. Councilman Grimone asked if the handrails would be accessible to everyone. Don stated that the handrails would have a two-inch overhang.

Supervisor Morency asked Don to have two detailed drawings of the railings and he could give the estimates of both, and get a quote for the sidewalk. Councilman Grimone stated he would not rule out having the 5-inch bolt drilled in and it would be anchored. Councilman Whitson stated that the problem was the plate over the holes and nothing there for sealant, which caused the split from water running into it.

Councilman Jones stated he thinks attaching rails to side of the walls instead of drilling in concrete. Councilman Whitson stated he thinks side mounting is better than surface mounting. Don said the railing on the right side has to be completely replaced. Councilman Grimone asked if there are darker colors to use and Don said yes. Supervisor Morency stated we should get new rails.

SIDEWALK

Don stated that the sidewalks in front of the steps are in very poor condition. Don recommends they be replaced in the front only. They need to be level for uniform rise. The center is larger and that caused the crack damages.

SALT

Roger asked if liquid calcium would hurt the granite since we will not be using salt anymore on the steps. Councilman Whitson stated he knew of someone who did this and it did damaged the concrete.

END OF MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Grimone, and seconded by Councilman Whitson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.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 Special Board meeting minutes held on the above reference date.

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Cynthia A. Woodson
St. Armand Town Clerk