

REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 6, 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: Sandy Hayes, Ray Stark, Jim Abendroth, Sylvie Nelson, Keith Wells, and John Alexander from WNBZ Radio.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Grimone

RESOLUTION #66 – MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Whitson, and seconded by Councilman Dakin, to accept the Regular Town Board meeting minutes of September 8th and Special Board meeting minutes of September 22. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #67 – MONTHLY BILLS

GENERAL: Vouchers #227 - 259, Abstract #10	\$60,582.64
HIGHWAY: Vouchers #187 - 201, Abstract #10	\$21,255.89
WATER & SEWER: Vouchers #115 - 125, Abstract #10	\$11,012.64

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 #68 – SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

RECEIPTS:	\$ 71,422.82
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 95,367.38
CHECKING BALANCES:	\$116,577.09
SAVINGS BALANCES:	\$488,644.80
CASH BALANCES:	\$605,221.89

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

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Sylvie Nelson and Keith Wells presented to the Town Board their presentation about the Sunchaser Challenge to be held on May 22, 2010. They are asking for the board members support of this event as it may need to use some of the St. Armand roads.

RESOLUTION #69 – The Sunchaser Challenge

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand agreed to support the Saranac Lake Area Chamber of Commerce in their planned event of the Sunchaser Challenge to be held on May 22, 2010.

WHEREAS the Town Board of St. Armand will work with the Chamber of Commerce to help make this a successful event.

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 A. Grimone	AYE
Councilman Thomas C. Jones	AYE

Dated: October 6, 2009

Cynthia A. Woodson
St. Armand Town Clerk

VINE STREET BUSINESS

Mr. Ray Stark presented to the Town Board his concerns regarding his neighbor selling all types of barrels from his house. He does not believe he has a business license to do so, and not paying taxes for this business. Mr. Stark stated that there are large trucks dropping off the barrels. Supervisor Morency stated that there is no zoning in St. Armand, but the barrels should be checked by the Code Enforcement Officer, Rick Heath. Mr. Stark stated that there are barrels placed out by the road. Supervisor Morency will have Rick stop by and talked to the neighbor.

STEVENSON COTTAGE

Mr. Jim Abendroth presented to the Town Board asking for a \$500.00 donation to help with expenses. Mr. Abendroth stated that they need to set up handicap accessibility to the Cottage, and there is not a restroom facility. He thanked the Board for listening to him. Supervisor Morency stated that she will check with Essex County to see if they could help with funding.

HIGHWAY

Roger stated that they have hauled 3,000 tons of road sand for the Town. Councilman Whitson asked about a residence on Prospect Street where he has seen this individual dumping leaves, grass, etc. into the ditch. Roger said that the ditch actually belongs to the County. He will check it out and the dumping will cause the culverts to be plugged up.

CURTIS WAY ROAD

Supervisor Morency asked Sandy Hayes about the condition of the road and if it was a safety hazard and could it be fixed. Sandy stated that he tried to get Trudeau to do the grading but they will not due to the fact there are Verizon phone lines in the road and they do not want to pay for new lines if they are damaged. Supervisor Morency stated that she has received some complaints about the condition of the road. She will contact the people and tell them of the situation.

WATER & SEWER

Bart submitted his monthly report. He replaced the timer at well field on well pump #3. He used the flusher truck to clean River Road lift station. Repaired hydrants on Vine St., River Road and at NYS Rte 3. Repaired two bad sections of airline on the secondary lagoon. Total amount of water pumped was 1,358,000 gallons with average daily amount of 45,000 gallons per day. Total amount of sewage treated per day was 27,000 gallons with a total of 811,000 gallons treated.

WATER & SEWER TRUCK

Supervisor Morency stated that Bart had to take the truck to get fixed. Roger said it has something to do with the idling as it will stall out.

ROCKLEDGE

Supervisor Morency received a phone call from Rick Heath, Code Enforcer that the dumpsite at Rockledge has been cleaned up. The foundation is left as the owner may put up a garage. There is good lumber that is covered up with a tarp.

FLU CLINIC

Supervisor Morency stated that there are three areas in Essex County that ran out of the flu shot. The remaining clinics that were scheduled are now cancelled. Councilman Whitson stated that Kinney's are setting up several flu clinics and for people to check them out on-line at WNBZ.

TREE AT FOUR-CORNER DINER

Supervisor Morency stated that she has received a letter from the Town's Insurance Company, Ayres, and the letter said that the Town insurance does not cover tree roots. Mr. Jeff Reyell called Mr. McCann and discussed this with him. Mr. Reyell also stated in his letter that part of the tree is also on his property. Since then, Mr. McCann has submitted a letter with an estimate to remove the tree and repair his chimney for \$2,745.00. He asked that she sign a copy and have a down payment of \$1,000.00. Supervisor Morency will contact the Town's Attorney as it seems the insurance company believes that the Town is not liable for his chimney damage. Councilman Grimone stated that the tree should be removed. Supervisor Morency said she has talked to Mr. Naegele about this already and will call him tomorrow.

CELL TOWER

Supervisor Morency stated that the application has been sent back to the APA and will be reviewed by October 14. The application has to be reviewed and put in the Environmental Review Bulletin by November 5 and the permit should be ready by November 6, but the person is going on vacation November 6 to the 16.

SEWER GRANT

Supervisor Morency stated that the \$600,000 grant has been denied. Vic Putnam from Essex County is working on another one through the NYS Environmental Division of Water, asking for sewer plant repairs and sewer lines for the five streets.

SARANAC LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Morency stated that the letter from the Village Manager, Martin Murphy, is asking for one lump sum payment instead of two for the fire contract. The cost is \$33,561.19 and payment can be no later than March 1, 2010. Supervisor Morency asked Councilman Dakin about when the next meeting is and the costs. Councilman Dakin stated he has not heard from Larry Miller about the next meeting, but he will check his files on the costs to compare the changes and let her know.

END OF MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, and seconded by Councilman Whitson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 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