

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 16, 2010

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 Samuel A. Grimone, Earl J. Dakin, Jr., Thomas C. Jones, and Paul Woodruff. Town Clerk Cynthia A. Woodson.

GUESTS: Nathan Brown, ADE Reporter

Supervisor Morency called the Special Board meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Supervisor.

Supervisor Morency stated that she has posted a notice of meeting on the entrance door to the building on February 12, 2010. The notice included:

1. Resolution to rescind the Governor's decision to close Moriah Shock Facility
2. Resolution to rescind the Governor's decision to close Lyon Mountain Facility
3. Any other business requested

She also called Nathan Brown from the Daily Enterprise about the meeting. Supervisor Morency stated that there is a waiver for everyone to sign. Councilman Jones declined to sign the waiver.

MORIAH

Supervisor Morency stated that while she was at the Albany conference, it was asked that all surrounding Towns do a resolution to sign statement for Moriah. This will affect loss of jobs, people transferring and "bumping" others out, and greatly affect family incomes. The sales tax drops and the tax share in Essex County go up.

Supervisor Morency asked for a resolution on the Moriah Shock Facility

RESOLUTION #28 – MORIAH SHOCK INCARCERATION CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN ESSEX COUNTY

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Dakin, seconded by Councilman Grimone, and moved for adoption.

STATEMENT OPPOSING THE CLOSURE BY NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OF MORIAH SHOCK INCARCERATION CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN ESSEX COUNTY

The following statement was offered by the Board members of the Town of St. Armand, Supervisor Joyce W. Morency, Deputy Supervisor Samuel A. Grimone, Councilmen Earl J. Dakin, Jr., Thomas C. Jones, and Paul Woodruff.

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Corrections has announced that the minimum-security prison located at Moriah Shock Incarceration Correctional Facility is slated for closure in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the closure of Moriah Shock Incarceration will result in the loss of 102 jobs and the displacement of the employees and their families from the area and surrounding towns; and

WHEREAS, Moriah Shock Incarceration is an integral part of the Town of Moriah economic and social infrastructure and, if closed, will have a devastating impact upon the families, the economy, the community, the schools and the businesses in and around the Moriah Shock Incarceration Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, Moriah Shock Incarceration has, over the years, provided invaluable community service to the various towns surrounding the Moriah Shock Incarceration and it is estimated that approximately 61,000 hours of community service was done regionally by inmates of Moriah Shock Incarceration in 2009, which spared Town work crews roughly \$500,000.00 worth of minimum wage work. It saves the state millions of dollars in care and custody costs for every 100 shock-incarceration graduates; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand hereby strongly opposes the closure of the minimum-security prison located at Moriah in Essex County and requests the Moriah Shock Incarceration Correctional Facility be removed from the closure list and that it continue to operate as a minimum-security prison and to provide the Town of Moriah and surrounding communities with the economic, social and community benefits and security which it has for so long given, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this statement be sent to Governor David A. Patterson, Senator Elizabeth O’C. Little, Assemblywoman Teresa R. Sayward; and Assemblywoman Janet Duprey.

Supervisor Joyce W. Morency	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Samuel A. Grimone	AYE
Councilman Earl J. Dakin, Jr.	AYE
Councilman Thomas C. Jones	ABSTAIN
Councilman Paul Woodruff	ABSTAIN

Dated: February 16, 2010

Cynthia A. Woodson
St. Armand Town Clerk

Supervisor Morency stated that Councilman Dakin has asked if the board would do one for Lyon Mountain. She asked for a resolution for Lyon Mountain.

**RESOLUTION #29 – LYON MOUNTAIN CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
IN FRANKLIN COUNTY**

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Dakin, seconded by Councilman Grimone, and moved for adoption.

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING CLOSURE OF
LYON MOUNTAIN CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
IN FRANKLIN COUNTY**

The following statement was offered by the Board members of the Town of St. Armand, Supervisor Joyce W. Morency, Deputy Supervisor Samuel A. Grimone, Councilmen Earl J. Dakin, Jr., Thomas C. Jones, and Paul Woodruff.

WHEREAS, New York State Governor David Patterson has recently announced a plan to close four prisons, three of which are located in the North Country; and

WHEREAS, the quaint hamlet of Lyon Mountain is located in the Town of Dannemora where there are very few industry options available, and the closure of the Lyon Mountain Correctional Facility will devastate this small town and its neighboring communities; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the Lyon Mountain Correctional Facility would have a negative effect on the town’s stores, restaurants, gas stations and real estate market; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand hereby strongly opposes the closure of the Lyon Mountain Correctional Facility and urges Governor Paterson to reconsider his decision to close Lyon Mountain Correctional Facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution are forwarded to Governor David A. Patterson, Senator Elizabeth O’C. Little, and Assemblywoman Janet Duprey.

Supervisor Joyce W. Morency	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Samuel A. Grimone	AYE
Councilman Earl J. Dakin, Jr.	AYE
Councilman Thomas C. Jones	ABSTAIN
Councilman Paul Woodruff	ABSTAIN

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Councilman Grimone asked if this would affect only people within Essex County or in other counties. Councilman Dakin stated that this would affect all individual, as some local people work at Lyon Mountain. Supervisor Morency stated that this is a courtesy to do this even though it is not in Essex County; all towns are in trouble.

Councilman Grimone asked Supervisor Morency if Councilman Jones could vote since he did not sign the waiver. Supervisor Morency said she would call Town Attorney Dan Manning tomorrow.

WATER & SEWER SOFTWARE

Supervisor Morency stated that on February 23 at 10 A.M. Cindy, Connie, Bill, and she are going to review the water and sewer demo software program.

TOBOGGAN RUN

Supervisor Morency remind the board members that if they are interested in the toboggan run it will be this Saturday at 2 P.M.

END OF MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Grimone, and seconded by Councilman Woodruff to adjourn the Special Board meeting at 6:25 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