

REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 9, 2010

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, Councilmen Samuel A. Grimone, Earl J. Dakin, Jr., Thomas C. Jones, Paul Woodruff. Town Clerk Cynthia A. Woodson. Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver, and Historian Don Amell .

GUESTS: Sandy Hayes, DeForest & Arlene Tinkler, Rick Burman, Nathan Brown – Adirondack Daily Enterprise, and John Alexander – Radio.

Supervisor Morency called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Grimone

RESOLUTION #30 – MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Dakin, and seconded by Councilman Woodruff, to accept the Regular Town Board meeting minutes of February 9 and the Special Board Meeting of February 16. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #31 – MONTHLY BILLS

GENERAL: Vouchers #58-83, Abstract #3	\$19,788.90
HIGHWAY: Vouchers #35-54, Abstract #3	\$10,764.40
WATER & SEWER: Vouchers #28-39, Abstract #3	\$ 6,780.41

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

RESOLUTION #32 – SUPERVISOR’S REPORT
FEBRUARY:

RECEIPTS:	\$444,397.51
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$106,461.64
CHECKING BALANCES:	\$221,733.36
SAVINGS BALANCES:	\$676,456.43
CASH BALANCES:	\$898,189.79
WATER & SEWER BALANCE:	\$ 47,591.32
TAX COLLECTOR:	\$697,281.12

A motion was made by Councilman Grimone, and seconded by Councilman Woodruff, to accept the February Supervisor’s Reports, the Water & Sewer Report, and the Tax Collector’s Reports. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Roger stated that they have been doing culvert checks. All of their equipment has been checked. Roger said that there was a fire on the overhead door. Two of the motors need to be replaced with new ones. Cost is about \$600 to \$700 each. Councilman Jones asked about the fire. Roger said the fire was done during the work hours and they did replace one motor with another one they had, which is also old. Councilman Jones said he needs to get new ones. Supervisor Morency stated that Charles Brewster put them on and they are over twenty years old. Roger said the overhead door company would install them.

RESOLUTION #33 – NEW MOTORS FOR OVERHEAD DOORS

Councilman Jones, who moved its adoption, made the following resolution.
WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board agree that Roger will call North Country Overhead Garage Doors to get pricing within range of \$600 to \$700 to replace the two motors.

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

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

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Cynthia A. Woodson
St. Armand Town Clerk

YOUTH BUILDING

Roger said where the double doors are in the back of the building should have a pitch roof put on due to the snow and large ice blocks, as the ice could fall onto someone. Roger said Doug could do the work and find out how much it will cost and let Supervisor Morency know.

BARNARD BUILDING

Roger said he has received four estimates on tearing down the building. Councilman Grimone asked if something needs to be done right away. Roger said the building is leaning towards the Post Office and does not know how long it will last standing up.

The Requests for Proposals (RFP) are Whiteface Construction Corp. for \$8750.00; Trudeau for \$6,800.00; MJ Raymond for \$17,290.00 and Martin’s Excavation for \$10,800.00. Councilman Jones said that if it needs to be done, then it should be done. Supervisor Morency agreed that Roger should start cleaning out the building. Roger stated that if Whiteface and Trudeau break up the concrete, then the men could haul it away. Supervisor Morency told Roger to find out how much extra it would cost. Roger stated that MJ Raymond would break it up but use the town truck. Supervisor Morency asked Roger get the information to her by the next building committee meeting.

COMPACT TRACTOR

Supervisor Morency asked Roger about the two Requests for Proposals (RFP) on the new compact tractor. Roger said Giroux cost is \$33,998.60 and Dragoon’s is \$28,900.00. They are both very similar in the specifications but Dragoon’s has the lowest price.

RESOLUTION #34 – COMPACT TRACTOR

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand instruct Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver to purchase the Kubota from Dragoon Farm Equipment for \$28,900.00.

Councilman Grimone, duly seconded this resolution, and adopted as follows:

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

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COMPUTER AND SOFTWARE PROGRAMS

Supervisor Morency stated that the Water & Sewer software program demonstration was done last Tuesday with her, Cindy, Connie, and Bill for over two hours. She asked for a Resolution to purchase the Water & Sewer program, and the Basic Town Clerk program.

RESOLUTION #35 – SOFTWARE PROGRAMS

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand approved the purchase of Business Automation Services, Inc. (BAS) Utility Billing software for \$1580.00 and the BAS Small Town Clerk Licensing for \$980.00.

Councilman Grimone, duly seconded this resolution, and adopted as follows:

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

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St. Armand Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #36 – COMPUTER FOR TOWN CLERK

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand approved to purchase a new Dell OptiPlex computer for the Town Clerk. The computer will be ordered by the County at State contract for \$1,118.70.

Councilman Dakin, duly seconded this resolution, and adopted as follows:

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

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WATER & SEWER REPORT

Bart submitted his monthly report. Bart stated that the generator at the River Road lift station needed a new plug from the generator to the station. He contacted Ampersand Electric and they installed the connector. The generators need their annual services. The month of February’s total water pumped was 1,396,000 gallons with average daily amount of 50,000 per day. The average amount of sewage treated per day was 36,000 gallons with a total of 1,064,000 gallons treated.

NYS CDBG PROJECT

Supervisor Morency stated the \$600,000 grant for the sewer system is due by April 23 and there has to be two public hearing announcing the project. She stated that Vic Putnam from Essex County is going to re-submit their application using the same survey letters done a year ago. She stated that Vic needs the AES Engineer report and she will talk to Bart.

The Public Notice is as follow received from Essex County:

Town of St. Armand Public Hearing Notice. The Town Board of the Town of St. Armand intends to submit an application on or about April 23, 2010 for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, administered by the New York State Office for Community Renewal (OCR) who has announced the availability of approximately \$40 million in NYS Community Development Block Grant funding for the 2010 Annual Competitive Round. Funding limits for Towns are \$400,000 for Housing or Public Facilities applications and \$600,000 for Public Infrastructure (Water/Sewer only.) At least 70% of the NYS CDBG funds requested must fund activities where at least 51% of the beneficiaries are low-moderate income.

The Town is notifying the public so residents can attend the public hearings, identify, and comment on the overall needs and priorities of the community, and to allow them to consider the potential benefits and impacts of the NYS CDBG project before the application is submitted. The public hearings will provide an explanation of the NYS CDBG program and an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and make comments. Written questions or comments are welcome and can be directed to the Town Supervisor, Joyce W. Morency, at the address and phone number provided at the end of this Notice. The FIRST Public Hearing will be held on March 16, 2010 at the Town Hall, located on 1702 Route 3, Bloomingdale, NY 12913, at 6:30 PM, and will provide an overview of the CDBG program and an opportunity for public discussion and comments on overall community needs.

The SECOND Public Hearing will be held on March 23, 2010, at the Town Hall, located on 1702 Route 3, Bloomingdale, NY 12913, at 6:30 PM, to afford an opportunity to review the details of the proposed project, related issues and to comment before the OCR CDBG Application is submitted. The town hall is an accessible facility; other accommodations for persons with disabilities may be made upon advance notice. Written questions or comments may be sent to: Joyce W. Morency, Supervisor. Town of St. Armand. P. O. Box 338, 1702 Route 3. Bloomingdale, NY 12913. Phone: 518-891-3189. Fax: 518-891-6092

CLEAN WATER FUND

Supervisor Morency stated that there is a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) that includes \$112 million in principal forgiveness. Councilman Grimone asked if this will eliminate the old bond, and she said no and thought the same thing. This money could be used for the sewer projects. Cindy will post the public hearings through the Adirondack Daily Enterprise.

ENERGY AUDITS

Supervisor Morency stated that when the town did the energy audit applications they could not accept using the windows as there is no heat upstairs. She stated that she talked to Assemblywoman Janet Duprey and Janet asked her if she could use \$10,000. She said yes for new windows upstairs in the town hall. Supervisor Morency will put in an application to Assemblywoman Duprey.

SARANAC LAKE FIRE & RESCUE

Councilman Dakin reported to the board on the meeting he attended Monday night. He stated that one of the biggest problems is transferring the titles and cost of equipment to be turned over. Supervisor Morency stated that what the Village has to do is look at how much it cost when first bought and use the depreciation formula. Supervisor Morency asked if all the townships should meet and discussed what to do. Councilman Dakin said he would call Larry Miller, Supervisor of Harrietstown, and get back to her. Councilman Dakin stated that there would be two meetings with the Village board and fire department on Thursday, March 11 at 2:00 pm and on Monday, March 15 at 2:00 p.m. Councilman Dakin said he would not be able to make the meetings during the day. Supervisor Morency said she would try to attend the Monday meeting.

ROOFTOP HIGHWAY

Councilman Dakin said that he was asked at the last board meeting to prepare a resolution for the I-98 rooftop highway for St. Lawrence County. He said that there are other towns that have supported this and there are opportunities for over 27,000 jobs in the area. Supervisor Morency stated that she would not support it as the State cannot take care or maintain the roads. She stated that she has tried for years to get Route 3 re-done and the State only takes care of the Northway. The Town of St. Armand is tied in with the Northway. Councilman Jones stated that Route 11 and Route 11B and Route 3 are good roads. Councilman Grimone stated that he understands the job part; but does not see where it will bring the people to Essex County.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Supervisor Morency stated that if it was all right with the board members, they could meet next Tuesday, March 16 after the Public Hearing. All board members agreed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Grimone called for an Executive Session at 8:25 PM

Board members out of Executive Session at 9:00 PM

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Supervisor Morency stated the board reviewed the five applications for the Code Officer's position and have made a decision. Supervisor Morency will draft letters for Cindy to type and mail out.

RESOLUTION #37 – CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER POSITION

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand made a selection out of five applications for the position of Code Enforcement Officer. The selection is Robert Drosdowich who is certified and qualified with the codes. His salary will be \$7,767.00 and starting date is April 1, 2010.

All Councilmen unanimously accepted this resolution, and adopted as follows:

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

Dated: March 9, 2010

Cynthia A. Woodson
St. Armand Town Clerk

END OF MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Grimone, and seconded by Councilman Dakin to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM.

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

*Minutes are posted as "not yet approved by Town Board" per Supervisor Morency.