

REGULAR MEETING - MAY 11, 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, Deputy Supervisor Samuel A. Grimone, Councilmen Earl J. Dakin, Jr., Thomas C. Jones, and Paul Woodruff. Town Clerk Cynthia A. Woodson.

GUESTS: Sandy Hayes, DeForest & Arlene Tinkler, Don and Alexandria Amell, Loweyl Willette, Georgia Murphy, Tim Woodruff, Jim Abendroth, Ricky Burch, Jay Annis, and Robert Drosdowich.

Supervisor Morency called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Jones.

RESOLUTION #45 - MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Grimone, and seconded by Councilman Woodruff to accept the regular Town Board meeting minutes of April 13, and the sewer project meeting minutes of April 20. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #46 - MONTHLY BILLS

GENERAL: Vouchers #112-139, Abstract #5	\$13,343.83
HIGHWAY: Vouchers #76-90, Abstract #5	\$ 7,139.28
WATER & SEWER: Vouchers #54-63, Abstract #5	\$ 4,732.94

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

Questions asked by Councilman Woodruff regarding the Time Warner cable bill as to why there are several accounts. The highway, water & sewer and the clerk to the supervisor's accounts each have a cable account. Does the highway and water department really use the internet a lot, and why Connie Willette has internet services at her house. Supervisor Morency stated that the internet services for the highway and water departments are used for locating parts, etc. Connie's internet services are for obtaining information for the Supervisor. Councilman Grimone asked how much does Connie uses it. Mr. Willette questioned as to why Connie has internet at her home, since she could use the accountant's computer at the town hall for any information.

RESOLUTION #47 - SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - APRIL

RECEIPTS:	\$ 70,830.57
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$175,756.86
CHECKING BALANCES:	\$100,855.68
SAVINGS BALANCES:	\$642,205.42
CASH BALANCES:	\$743,061.10
WATER & SEWER FUND:	\$ 15,004.95

A motion was made by Councilman Grimone, and seconded by Councilman Dakin, to accept the April Supervisor's, and the Water & Sewer Report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COMPUTER

Don Amell stated that he was able to fix the wireless network for the assessor and tax collector's office, but is unable to get the accountant's working. It was suggested that the accountant's network be hard-wired like the supervisor's.

RUGBY

Mr. Jay Annis presented to the board the possibility of using one field at the Bloomingdale ball field to host some games. He stated that he has spoken to the fire department and they are receptive to the idea, where they would have some type of meal to help raise funds for the fire department, since they are not having a labor field day. Jay stated that they would like to use one field this year as a trial run and if it works out good, then next year use both fields.

The rugby teams will help with clean up, provide sport medicine personnel, field personnel, port-a-potties, and other personnel to run the games smoothly. They will also have kids' flag rugby games. Insurance is covered by the rugby organization, the fire department, and the town. The rugby games have become more of a family outing and people come from all over the world. Tim Woodruff stated that the fire department would have their volunteers helping with the event. Tim also stated that if this were a successful fundraiser, this would help St. Armand, as they would not have to pay more for fire services

RESOLUTION #48 - RUGBY GAMES AT BLOOMINGDALE FIELD

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand approve the use of the Bloomingdale field for a one-day rugby event on August 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m..

WHEREAS the field will be occupied by the rugby organization on Friday and Saturday for set up of Sunday's games.

WHEREAS there will be no charge to the rugby or fire department for use of such field.

WHEREAS a contract between the Town of St. Armand and the rugby organization will be in place prior to such game on August 1, 2010.

Councilmen Dakin, Jones, and Woodruff, 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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Cynthia A. Woodson
St. Armand Town Clerk

WATER & SEWER REPORT

Supervisor Morency asked for a resolution to accept Bart's water and sewer report as written.

RESOLUTION #49 - WATER & SEWER REPORT

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 water and sewer report as written.

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

Supervisor Joyce W. Morency	AYE
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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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JIM ABENDROTH

Jim came before the board requesting the town to do what is necessary to either locate their water shut-off or install a new one so the water supply leading to their house can be shut-off if and when necessary. Jim stated that he has a shut-off but does not know where it is. He replaced copper lines in his house years ago and does not remember who did the work or where the shut-off is. He has asked Bart where the shut-off was located and Bart is unable to locate it. Supervisor Morency stated that it is the homeowner's responsibility to have a shut-off from their house to the main water line. She stated that a curb box could be put in as well; but it is still the homeowner's responsibility. Councilman Jones stated that he will be glad to dig a line from his house to the road and he will do it free. Supervisor Morency stated that she and Bart did look on old maps to find the shut-off and there was nothing showing at Jim's house.

UNION CEMETERY

Supervisor Morency stated that the Town of Franklin made an offer to contract with St. Armand to take care of the St. Armand's portion of the Union cemetery. Loweyl Willette has asked about the position for his wife, Carol, and his nephew. Supervisor Morency stated to Mr. Willette that there can be a contract or as an employee, but she stated she thought it was for him or Carol. She asked how old his nephew was and was told he is 15. She stated that she does not believe he is legally old enough for the work, such as using a chainsaw. She will talk to the Town's Attorney about it.

Sandy Hayes stated that when he talked to Glen Swinyer, who is the cemetery caretaker for the Town of Franklin, stated that the \$2,500 - \$3,000 fee for St. Armand is negotiable and he mows at least fifteen times a year; not the three times that was told to Supervisor Morency. Sandy stated that it is only two weeks before Memorial Day and he has taken pictures of the St. Armand's portion of the cemetery and said it is a disgrace to the Veterans. Councilman Grimone said that he would be willing to go to the cemetery this Sunday to help get the cemetery ready for Memorial Day. Councilman Dakin said that he will be out of town and unable to help. Sandy said that he appreciates any help and that he will be there on Sunday.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Supervisor Morency received a letter from Dean Montroy submitting his resignation as a Board of Assessment Reviewer, effective immediately. She stated that the other four reviewers could continue with the duties not having to have five. All individuals have their training done. Councilman Grimone stated the job opening should be advertised. Supervisor Morency stated she would take care of this.

RESOLUTION #50 - RESIGNATION OF DEAN MONTROY

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand accept the letter of resignation from Dean Montroy as Board of Assessment Reviewer, as he has moved away from the area.

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

Supervisor Joyce W. Morency	AYE
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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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TOWN HALL

Supervisor Morency stated that she has met with the insurance adjuster on the items that need to be replaced from the April 8 robbery. She stated that the front door still needs to be purchased and Doug Snickles will install the door, once the decision is made as to what type of door to buy. The Town Clerk's file cabinets are now in and two other items have been replaced.

Councilman Grimone asked Robert Drosdowich if they need a building permit while doing work upstairs. Robert stated the clean up is okay. When they start replacing windows, doing electrical, etc. then they need to have one. Councilman Grimone stated that he is meeting with two different architects firms to get proposals. He will meet with Andrew Cherry and Mike Laramie at 9 a.m. and, Joe Garso at 6 p.m. on May 12. Councilman Grimone stated that when they are ready to do the trench, the job should go out for bid. Supervisor Morency stated that they could use the specifications from Don Corliss. Councilman Grimone stated that they would make sure that they do tie in with the porch area. The replacement for the windows also needs to go out for bid. Supervisor Morency said she would take care of these announcements.

STREET LIGHT

At last meeting, Councilman Jones inquired about getting another streetlight on Poplar and Goetz Streets. After the meeting, the board members went up to inspect the area and agreed that another streetlight should be placed there. Supervisor Morency called Dan Hayden from National Grid and he will start the proceedings and let her know of the situation. The cost will be approximately \$125.00 annually.

RESERVOIR FUND

Supervisor Morency stated that she, Bart and Kevin Scheuer met last week and discussed the problems at the pump house. Kevin will do a sanitary severity inspection. Bart and Kevin will provide a list of improvements needed. Supervisor Morency said a letter will then be sent to Albany to see if they can get funding from the Reservoir fund to help pay for this.

VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE

Supervisor Morency stated that on June 14, 2010 at 7 p.m., the Village would be holding a Public Hearing for a local law on "Village Annexation Required for future Water and/or Sewer Service". The information provided by the Village states that the Village Water Service and/or Village Sewer Service should only be provided to lands that are part of the incorporated Village. Included under the requirement would be any new out-of-village water and/or sewer installations or districts, and excluded are all existing districts and/or installations lying outside the village.

SEWER PROJECT

Supervisor Morency stated that the town cannot start on obtaining (Request for Proposals) RFP's for the engineer until the Environmental Facility and Department of Environmental Conservation in Albany has a chance to review the books from AES. Once the project is approved from these two, then she can start the short-term borrowing process and then do the RFP's. She will also apply for the \$5,000 grant to help pay for the \$10,015 fee from AES.

CELL TOWER

Supervisor Morency stated that she has spoken with Senator Little, who suggested that the current 84.60 feet of tower, could be amended to a 100 foot tower. She will check into this.

SHUTTLE STATION AND YOUTH FIELD

Councilman Dakin said that he has replaced all the necessary boards for the steps at three areas at the shuttle station. He has replaced five of the bleacher boards and they are painted. Supervisor Morency thanked Councilman Dakin for putting his free time in to do the work.

SANDY HAYES

Sandy asked the board if they would apply for the “shovel-ready” stimulus money for the sub-division that he had done for Basil Johnson, to put in sewer lines. Supervisor Morency stated that when the time comes, they would include Basil Johnson’s sub-division to their list of streets seeking sewer lines. Sandy asked why not now, and Councilman Grimone stated that he is not sure the money is still there.

END OF MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Grimone, and seconded by Councilman Dakin, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 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