

REGULAR MEETING – JULY 13, 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 Thomas C. Jones and Paul Woodruff. Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver and Code Enforcement Officer Robert Drodosowich.

EXCUSED: Town Clerk Cindy Woodson, and Councilman Earl J. Dakin, Jr.

GUESTS: Don Amell, Historian, Alexandra Gill, Mr. and Mrs. Tinkler, Sue Abbot-Jones, Sandy Hayes, Robert Sweet, and Nathan Brown.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Woodruff.

Note: Minutes were taken by Supervisor Morency and Alexandra Gill.

RESOLUTION #55 – MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Grimone, and seconded by Councilman Woodruff, to accept the Regular Town Board meeting minutes of June 8. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #56 – MONTHLY BILLS

GENERAL: Vouchers #172-190, Abstract #7	\$ 9,216.71
HIGHWAY: Vouchers #111-127, Abstract #7	\$ 7,336.95
WATER & SEWER: Vouchers #80-93, Abstract #7	\$ 12,411.94

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

RESOLUTION #57 – SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

JUNE:

RECEIPTS:	\$ 95,207.46
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 77,079.87
CHECKING BALANCES:	\$ 127,894.28
SAVINGS BALANCES:	\$ 592,881.61
CASH BALANCES:	\$ 720,775.89
WATER & SEWER BALANCE:	\$ 34,223.45

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, and seconded by Councilman Woodruff, to accept the June Supervisor's Reports, and the Water & Sewer Report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Roger stated that the rims on the town loader were leaking due to salting the roads. He informed the board that a sealant was bought to fix the issue because it was more cost effective than replacing the rims. Roger said that they completed cutting the brush on three culverts on the Moose Pond Road. They will begin grinding there on July 26th and then finish paving the road. Roger informed the board that Craig Donaldson, Harriestown Highway Superintendent has 90,000 yards of sand in the Village of Saranac Lake. Mr. Donaldson is thinking of selling the sand to other towns at a price of one dollar per yard. Roger said it was worth taking the offer because St. Armand can get two years worth of sand for a low price. Members of the Board questioned where the sand

would be stored. Supervisor Morency called for suggestions and stated that a notice should be written in the newspaper concerning a place to store the sand.

WATER & SEWER

Bart submitted his monthly report. His report stated that he collected water and wastewater samples and submitted them to a lab for analysis. His report also asserts that he submitted the Department of Health and DEC Reports, exercised the water plant and well field generators for up to one half hour each week. Bart met with Jesse from Jeffords Steel about a lifting frame for the water plant.

Bart ordered a composting toilet for the wastewater treatment plant. He removed the old toilet and installed the new one. Bart mailed out seven chapters of the Operator Distribution correspondence course. He mowed the grass at the water tank, water plant, River Road lift station, wastewater treatment plant, and the field several times.

For the month of June the total amount of water pumped was 1,771,000 gallons with the average daily amount of 59,000 gallons. The average amount of sewage treated per day was 44,000 gallons with a total of 1,322,000 gallons treated.

RIGHT OF WAY

Councilman Jones stated that when he built his house he came to the St. Armand Board asking for a road to be built by his house. Councilman Jones said the Board told him that the road could not be built because of an abandoned right-of-way there. Supervisor Morency stated that the right of way was not abandoned, but that the dump was abandoned. McKenzie Mountain Lane is a private road, not a Town road.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Robert Drowsdowich, Code Enforcement Officer, handed out copies of his quarterly report. He stated that the report contains issued permits, names, fees, and a total amount obtained of \$806.60. Councilman Jones inquired how the fees are calculated on the report. Robert said the fees are based on building permits. Robert said he has been working on code enforcement complaints pertaining to the amount of cars allowed on a piece of property. Robert said people are allowed one unregistered vehicle on an outside lot. He closed by stating he has received a lot of calls for information.

CELL PHONE TOWER

Sue Abbott-Jones enquired whether the cell phone tower project was a “dead issue”. Supervisor Morency said the project is still in the works, but St. Armand is not on Verizon’s building plan for 2010.

STREET LIGHT

Supervisor Morency inquired whether the street light that was to be installed on Poplar Street had been finished. Councilman Woodruff stated that as of July 12, the light had not been installed. Supervisor Morency said she would check into this.

TOWN HALL DRAIN PROJECT

Councilman Grimone asked whether the Highway Department could get the soil removed from the side and back of the town hall in order to start on the drain project. Supervisor Morency said she would talk to Roger Oliver about the issue.

STANDARD WORK DAY & REPORTING RESOLUTION

Supervisor Morency told the Town Board member that a resolution is needed for the New York State Retirement. Councilman Woodruff said he may need to amend the resolution because he does not believe the hours he reported are correct. Supervisor Morency said that could happen at a later date, because the resolution needs to be passed immediately.

RESOLUTION #58 - Standard Work Day and Reporting

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand approve the Standard Work Day and Reporting figures for the New York State Retirement System.

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution

BE IT RESLOVED, that the Town of St. Armand hereby establishes the following standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the supervisor of this body:

Elected Officials	Name	Standard Work Day (Hrs/Day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer’s Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (Based on Record of Activities)
Town Clerk, Water & Sewer, Billing Clerk	Cynthia Woodson	6	1/1/10-12/31/13	N	20.11
Receiver of Taxes	Nancy Heath	6	1/1/10-12/31/13	N	10.28
Town Justice	Sheridan Swinyer	6	1/1/10-12/31/13	N	14.45
Board Member	Earl Dakin, Jr.	6	1/1/10-12/31/13	N	2.78
Board Member	Paul Woodruff	6	1/1/10-12/31/13	N	1.6
Highway Superintendent	Roger Oliver	8	1/1/10-12/31/13	N	23.4
Appointed Officials					
Assessor	Donna Bramer	6	10/1/07-9/30/13	N	8.45
Water & Sewer Superintendent	Bart Crary	8	1/1/10-12/31/13	Y	N/A
Code Enforcement Officer	Robert Drosdowich	6	4/1/10-12/31/13	N	7

On this 13 day of July, 2010

_____ Date Enacted: _____
 (Signature of Supervisor)

I, **Joyce W. Morency**, Supervisor of the governing board of the Town of St. Armand, of the State of New York, Do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board, at a legally convened meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

I further certify that the full board consists of 5 members, and that 4 of such members were present at such meeting and 4 of such members voted in favor of the resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
 Set my hand and the seal of the
 Town of St. Armand



(Seal)

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. ABSENT
- Councilman Thomas C. Jones AYE
- Councilman Paul Woodruff AYE

Dated: July 13, 2010

Joyce W. Morency
St. Armand Supervisor

BUILDING PERMIT FORM

Robert Drowsdowich asked if it is possible for the St. Armand building permit form to be put online. Supervisor Morency stated that she would bring the form to Essex County and have the form put on the internet.

A.M.A OFFICE SUPPLIES

Supervisor Morency said that she sent a list of office supplies that would be useful to Brett from A.M.A. Supervisor Morency said that she expects to know what the town will be receiving from A.M.A by the following week.

ST. ARMAND SEWER PROJECT

Supervisor Morency stated that Jim McKenna presented an opportunity to meet with Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and she accepted. At the meeting Vic Putman said he would create a hardship application for the Town of St. Armand. Mr. Putman later sent the form to Joyce. At the meeting Susan Merrill, Aid to Senator Gillibrand, asked Supervisor Morency for a history of the sewer situation and the present state of the sewer project. Susan gave Joyce a draft financing plan. Supervisor Morency said she has a map of all the districts and the Board members will pinpoint what is needed most. They will then draft a final plan.

HARRIETSTOWN RESTRUCTURING MEETING

Supervisor Morency informed the Board that they received an invitation to the Restructuring meeting. Joyce said the meeting would be from 7-9 P.M. on July 15. Councilman Grimone encouraged all Board members to attend the meeting.

HYDRANT

Robert Sweet told the Board that the hydrant by his home remains extremely cloudy. Robert said he let the water run for approximately twenty minutes and it did not clear up.

VINE STREET PIPES

Robert Sweet informed the board that the pipes under Vine Street are hollow and he expects the road to cave at any time. Supervisor Morency said she would talk to Roger Oliver, Highway Superintendent, to see what he could do about the problem.

OVERLOOK BENCHES

Robert Sweet asked the Board why the benches that were by the Overlook were removed. Mr. Sweet said he believes it would be good for pedestrians walking from the Overlook to have a resting area. Supervisor Morency said she would speak to the management team at the Overlook about the matter.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BILL

Supervisor Morency received a call about the fire bill being cut in half in 2011. She then received a call from Paul Ellis, who then gave her the new cost with taxes. Councilman Jones stated he was told by Saranac Lake Mayor Rabideau that the new system in place caused the bill to go down.

END OF MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Grimone, and seconded by Councilman Woodruff, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

I, Joyce W. Morency, Supervisor 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.

Joyce W. Morency
St. Armand Supervisor