

REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 10, 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., and Paul Woodruff. Town Clerk Cynthia A. Woodson. Code Enforcement Officer Robert Drosdowich.

EXCUSED: Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver, and Councilman Thomas C. Jones.

GUESTS: Don Amell, Historian, Mr. and Mrs. Tinkle, Sandy Hayes, Connie and Bucky Willette and Carol Techman.

Supervisor Morency called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Dakin.

RESOLUTION #59 – MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Woodruff, and seconded by Councilman Grimone, to accept the Regular Town Board meeting minutes of July 13, and opening of Request for Proposals on July 30. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #60 – MONTHLY BILLS

GENERAL: Vouchers #191-211, Abstract #8	\$ 8,262.55
HIGHWAY: Vouchers #128-145, Abstract #8	\$ 16,638.47
WATER & SEWER: Vouchers #94-104, Abstract #8	\$ 15,581.00

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

RESOLUTION #61 – SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

JULY:

RECEIPTS:	\$125,029.49
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 91,904.68
CHECKING BALANCES:	\$164,765.76
SAVINGS BALANCES:	\$593,185.04
CASH BALANCES:	\$757,950.80
WATER & SEWER BALANCE	\$ 22,836.47

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

HIGHWAY

The highway monthly report states that the County cleaned out the ditches, some trees were trimmed on the Moose Pond Road where it will be paved this summer. Burnell came up and ground, oil-inject, and then rolled the Moose Pond road before paving starts this Thursday at 7:30 A.M. Dirt was removed from the side of the town hall, and a trip to Plattsburgh to pick up the new bricks that need to be replaced on the side wall of the town hall. The Moose Pond road work will have a final cost of \$31,827.00, but the escalation/descalation may occur and is not included.

Supervisor Morency asked for a resolution to accept Roger's monthly report.

RESOLUTION #63 – HIGHWAY MONTHLY REPORT

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand accepts the Highway Superintendent's monthly report as written.

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	ABSENT
Councilman Paul Woodruff	AYE

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Cynthia A. Woodson  
St. Armand Town Clerk

WATER AND SEWER

Supervisor Morency stated that the Water & Sewer rules and regulations have been updated. Connie Willette stated that the regulations had to include the discrimination statement requested by the USDA Rural Development. The resolution will be on letterhead.

RESOLUTION #64 – WATER AND SEWER REGULATIONS UPDATES.

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

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of St. Armand accepts the updated Water and Sewer Rules and Regulations to include the discrimination statement requested by the USDA Rural Development.

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 Jones	ABSENT
Councilman Paul Woodruff	AYE

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WATER AND SEWER MONTHLY REPORT

The Water & Sewer monthly report provided by Bart for the month of July: He collected water and wastewater samples and submitted them to the lab for analysis, submitted the Department of Health and DEC reports, exercised well field and water plant generator once a week, mailed out chapter 8 of Operator Distribution correspondence course, mowed inside the fence of the water tank, water plant and River Road lift station. On July 23 there was a puddle between the pump house and the Bloomin’ market, and turned on the sewage lift station pumps and saw water surfacing. He called Fullers Excavating and when they were digging found that the clean-out had failed at the joint because of the weight of the soil and truck traffic. They put the back-fill in the hold without the clean-out per Bart’s decision. He notified Deputy Supervisor Sam Grimone of the situation. Bart received a certificate of completion of the Operators Distribution course.

Bart found clear well pump #2 at water plant in the tripped position. He called Michael Parsons of Parsons Well Drilling to come and look at the situation. One of his main concerns was the fact there was no safe way to pull the pump from the casing. One part of the procedure requires you to insert your hand into the casing to remove the pit-less adapter while the pump is suspended by pipe wrenches, and Michael came up with a unique idea for a puller. When Michael returned to the pump house and found the motor leads stretched and abraded because of the pump twisting on the pipe. They used thread lock on the pipe that was loose and then also drilled and tapped a hole between the check valve and the pipe and screwed in a bolt to stop it from doing this in the future.

The month of July, the total amount of water pumped was 1,798,000 gallons with the average daily amount of 58,000 gallons per day. The average amount of sewage treated per day was 45,000 gallons with a total of 1,381,000 gallons treated. Water sample taken from the town hall for analysis came back negative for coliform bacteria. The wastewater samples taken from the influent and effluent streams came back influent: 790mg/l Biochemical Oxygen Demand,

280mg/l Suspended Solids. Effluent: 13mg/l Biochemical Oxygen Demand, 110 mg/l Suspended Solids.

Supervisor Morency asked for a resolution to accept Bart's monthly report.

#### RESOLUTION #65 – WATER AND SEWER MONTHLY REPORT

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand accepts the Water and Sewer Superintendent's monthly report as written.

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	ABSENT
Councilman Paul Woodruff	AYE

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Cynthia A. Woodson  
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#### BLOOMINGDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT

Supervisor Morency received a letter from Fire Chief Ricky Burch stating that the 2011 contract's amount will be \$29,500, the same as for 2010. Councilman Grimone stated that this amount does not include the one-half of Worker's Compensation the Town pays. Supervisor Morency stated that the Worker's Compensation will be billed to the Essex County Firemen's Workmen Compensation Program.

#### SARANAC LAKE FIRE CONTRACT

Supervisor Morency stated that Saranac Lake Village Manager, John Sweeney, has provided copies of their data sheets for the 2011 Fire Contract. She has also received a letter from Mr. Sweeney stating that if he has not received any response by August 16<sup>th</sup>, they will expect a signature on the contract. Supervisor Morency stated that this is not enough time for board members and surrounding towns to review and respond to their contract. Councilman Woodruff stated to wait and see what the other towns are doing so as to stay neutral with all the other towns.

#### SEWER PROJECT

Supervisor Morency stated that a letter has been sent to Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and the Senator wanted background information on St. Armand's sewer treatment plant. Vic Putnam from Essex County Community Development and Planning is continuing with his help for St. Armand.

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT

Robert stated that Overlook project is now done. He has sixteen permits that are still out working. Councilman Grimone asked if there had been any changes in the situation of the barrels up at Vine Street. Robert will go up and check.

#### MEETING DATE

Due to the September Primary, the regular board meeting will meet on Monday, September 13, 2010 at 6:30.

#### RUGBY

Supervisor Morency and board members received a thank you letter from Alice Warehan for allowing the rugby players to use the St. Armand Ball field for their games at no cost to them. Councilman Grimone will speak to Jay Annis about new bleachers if they use the field next year.

## BUILDING COMMITTEE

Councilman Grimone and others had met with Phil in determining the best way to replace the broken bricks. He stated that up to eight tiers of bricks will be checked and replaced as needed and the side of the building will be shored-up to replace the sill-plate. Some of the bricks around the windows are very loose and ready to fall. There are two windows that have to be fixed and the others will be checked

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Supervisor Morency stated that there was only one RFP that was sent in and she thought the bid was outside of St. Armand's budget to do a simple drainage. Councilman Dakin spoke of a type of drainage cement that could be used. Supervisor Morency stated that Roger wants to get an estimate of how much it would cost to drill across the road and if a manhole is located, may hook into for drainage.

## VILLAGE RE-ORGANIZATION

Councilman Grimone stated that he and the Supervisor will be meeting with the Village Manager and briefly reviews and go over the whole process.

## END OF MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Woodruff, and seconded by Councilman Grimone, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 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.

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Cynthia A. Woodson  
St. Armand Town Clerk