

REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 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., Thomas C. Jones, and Paul Woodruff. Town Clerk Cynthia A. Woodson. Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver. Water & Sewer Superintendent Bart Cray.

GUESTS: Don Amell, Historian, Alexandra Gill, Mr. and Mrs. Tinkle, Sue Abbot-Jones, and Sandy Hayes.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Grimone.

RESOLUTION #81 – MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Grimone, and seconded by Councilman Dakin, to accept the Regular Town Board meeting minutes of October 12. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #82 – MONTHLY BILLS

GENERAL: Vouchers #276-296, Abstract #11	\$ 21,335.59
HIGHWAY: Vouchers #188-208, Abstract #11	\$ 20,578.90
WATER & SEWER: Vouchers #138-144, Abstract #11	\$ 6,169.66

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

RESOLUTION #83 – SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

OCTOBER:

RECEIPTS:	\$ 77,296.81
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$116,871.31
CHECKING BALANCES:	\$ 78,435.54
SAVINGS BALANCES:	\$518,464.45
CASH BALANCES:	\$596,899.99
WATER & SEWER BALANCE	\$ 17,348.96

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

RESOLUTION #84 – TOWN BOARD MEETING

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board amend Resolution #7 of 2010 Organizational meeting minutes to change the regular monthly meeting from the second Tuesday of each month to the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., effective November 10, 2010.

Councilman Jones 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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RESOLUTION #85 – DEPUTY TOWN CLERK AND DEPUTY REGISTRAR

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board to add an appointment of Alexandra Gill as Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Registrar.

Councilman 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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HIGHWAY

Roger said the roof of the pole barn is almost done. The plows are ready and they need to fix a couple of the turn-around for the plows. Roger said several people checked out the roof of the garage and fixed several problems with it.

UNIFORMS

Roger said the men agreed not to continue with the uniforms. Supervisor Morency stated that she will need to check their contract and see if they are able to get out of this. Councilman Dakin stated that during their budget workshop it was discussed that if the men are giving up the uniforms, then the extra money will help with their increase in salaries. Councilman Dakin stated that it was also discussed to increase their boot allowance from \$75.00 to \$125.00 per year. Councilman Woodruff stated that this also included the Water & Sewer Superintendent’s boots.

RESOLUTION #86 – INCREASE BOOT ALLOWANCE

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board to increase the boot allowance from \$75.00 to \$125.00 for the Highway Superintendent, his workers and the Water & Sewer Superintendent.

Councilman 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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WATER & SEWER

Bart submitted his monthly report to the board members. He stated that when he was taking pictures of the Barnard building for the Supervisor, that the pictures did not turn out the best quality; plus the camera is over nine years old. Bart said he is asked to take a lot of pictures within the town and asked if he could get a new camera. Councilman Grimone stated that the camera is old and only holding 20 pictures. Councilman Dakin stated that even though Bart takes all the pictures for the Town, the purchase of a new camera should not come out of the Water & Sewer budget, it should be from the General.

RESOLUTION #87 – NEW CAMERA FOR THE TOWN

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board that Bart Crary will purchase a new camera for \$200.00 or less to be taken out of the General Fund.

Councilman 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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HYDRANTS

Bart stated that he spoke with Bob Martin about the list of parts he felt was needed for the hydrants. When he did get the list from Bob, then Bart ordered them from EJ Prescott which would take about a week to get them. When the parts came in, he called the Village of Saranac Lake about when they may be able to come and help with the repairs; they were unable to do so at that time, so he called the Village of Lake Placid and set up a date of November 9th to do the repairs on six hydrants. Bart said the Village of Lake Placid’s crew came over and by the end of the day, all hydrants, except the one at the firehouse, were repaired. The hydrant at the firehouse needs to be dug with a back hoe and they would come over at a later date and fix that one.

For the month of October, the total amount of water pumped was 2,697,000 gallons with the average daily amount of 55,000 per day. The average amount of sewage treated per day was 42,000 gallons with a total of 1,302,000 gallons treated.

RESOLUTION #88 – WATER & SEWER REPORT

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board accepts Bart Crary’s monthly report of November on his summary of work completed.

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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Copies of Bart’s monthly reports are kept in the Clerk’s and Supervisor’s office for anyone who wished to review them. Deputy Supervisor Grimone said to Bart to start the schedule for next spring as to which hydrants need repairs and prioritize them. Water & Sewer Clerk Cindy Woodson asked the board members if they would consider purchasing a couple of meters to have on hand for those tenants who cannot afford the cost all at once. Supervisor Morency asked Bart about this and he is not in favor of this. The board members discussed this and came to an agreement not to purchase meters to have on hand. Councilman Woodruff thanked Bart for attending the meeting.

DEC – WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Supervisor Morency stated that Vic Putnam and she reviewed the wastewater & collection system engineering evaluation review comments from the Department of Environmental Conservation. These comments pertain to the review of the AES Northeast’s treatment plant engineering report. The comments from DEC also gave proposed schedule for correcting the deficiencies of the sewer system. Supervisor Morency said that Vic Putnam is setting up a meeting for all parties involved sometime in early December. Supervisor Morency stated that Councilman Dakin did go look at some property nearby the plant and is not suitable for what the Town needs.

2011/2012 AGREEMENT TO EXTEND FIXED LUMP SUM MUNICIPAL SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT CONTRACT

RESOLUTION #89 - SNOW AND ICE EXTENSION AGREEMENT CONTRACT

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR JOYCE W. MORENCY TO EXECUTE AND SIGN THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SNOW AND ICE EXTENSION AGREEMENT CONTRACT FOR THE 2012/2013 SEASON.

WHEREAS, A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand authorizing Supervisor Joyce W. Morency to execute and sign the Snow and Ice Extension Agreement Contract for the season beginning July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 for the Essex County roads in the Town of St. Armand.

WHEREAS, The Fixed Lump Sum Snow and Ice Agreement between New York State Department of Transportation (Commissioner) and St. Armand (Municipality) is hereby extended for a period of one year; expiring on June 30, 2013.

WHEREAS, The State Highways or parts thereof affected by this Agreement are as delineated on the attached map, agreed upon by the Commissioner and the Municipality, which shall be effective for the remainder of the term of the Agreement commencing July 1, 2012, unless changed by future agreement between the Commissioner and the Municipality.

WHEREAS, all the terms and condition of the original contract remain in effect except as follows. The lump sum payment Agreement shall be \$10,865.39 per lane mile for 14.6 miles for a total of \$158,634.76 for the 2010/2011 season and for the remainder of the term of the Agreement commencing July 1, 2010, unless changed by future update.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilman Jones, 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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GRANT

Supervisor Morency stated that Senator Betty Little has \$15,000 available for the Town Hall. Supervisor Morency said she has the application and will be mailing it out soon.

PROPERTY

Dean Montroy's property behind the Post Office is for sale for \$10,000. She has already received a map from the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) showing that the property is not in wetlands. She also has a copy of the deed. Councilman Jones stated that he does not think we should be buying land/property when the money could be used to repair the garage. Supervisor Morency said that just last week Councilman Dakin said that we are going to need to plan on where to place the salt/sand. Councilman Woodruff said to Councilman Jones that, remember we talked of a place for salt/sand. Deputy Supervisor Grimone asked Sandy Hayes if that is too much money for the property. Sandy said no. Councilman Dakin said that after talking to Sandy and having comparing prices to same amount of acreage; he is in favor of buying the property.

Sandy suggested to the board that they get a letter of determination from the APA on that particular piece of property; have it in writing that there is no wetland on that property or near the property that will hinder any future planning. Councilman Jones oppose buying the property. Councilmen Dakin, Woodruff, and Grimone are in favor of it.

RESOLUTION # 90 – PROPERTY OF DEAN MONTROY

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board ask Supervisor Morency to start the process for the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) letter of determination that the property in question has no wetland on the property nor near the property that will hinder future planning.

Councilman 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	NAY
Councilman Paul Woodruff	AYE

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VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE ANNEXATION

Supervisor Morency stated that the Village of Saranac Lake is requesting the Town of St. Armand to consent to the village’s annexation of Village-owned land that is located in the Township. The two parcels are located behind the Village Waste Water Treatment plant. Supervisor Morency stated that sometime in the future they may want to put housing up there and then St. Armand will lose the taxes from those properties. Deputy Supervisor Grimone said this issue should be tabled until more research is done.

JUSTICE GRANT

Supervisor Morency stated that Don Amell and Sheridan Swinyer were in the office on Saturday, October 30 preparing the on-line grant for upgrades for the Justice office. The grant is \$30,000.

SARANAC LAKE GOVERNMENT RESTRUCTURING PROJECT

Deputy Supervisor Grimone said that a meeting for the Government Restructuring project is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.

ASSESSOR

Supervisor Morency stated that there was a letter written by the Fina’s criticizing the assessor, and how the property assessment is done. A copy of this was given to the board members. Real Property of Essex County did respond with a letter to the Fina’s explaining the process. This information is in the Supervisor’s file at the town hall if anyone wish to review it.

RESOLUTION #91 – 2010 HIGHWAY SALARIES

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board has discovered through the 2011 Budget workshop session that there was not a resolution nor in the minutes of the highway men second request of a salary increase.

WHEREAS it was discussed and voted on that the highway men would have their salary increase from 1% to 3% effective January 1, 2010.

Councilman 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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END OF MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Woodruff, and seconded by Councilman Jones, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 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