

REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 8, 2010

The Regular meeting of the St. Armand Town Board 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. Justice Sheridan Swinyer, Town Clerk Cindy Woodson, Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver.

GUESTS: Sandy Hayes

Supervisor Morency called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

OPENING OF BIDS:

The meeting opened with the waiver of the reading of the Legal Notice. It is as follows:

PUBLIC NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law that the TOWN OF ST. ARMAND will accept sealed bids for ONE NEW 3.0 CUBIC YARD 4 WHEEL DRIVE LOADER.

Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained from the Town Clerk, TOWN OF ST. ARMAND, 1702 NYS RT. 3, BLOOMINGDALE, NY 12913. BIDDERS MUST BE WITHIN A 50 MILE RADIUS.

Sealed bids must be filed in the office of the Town Clerk on or before 6 p.m. December 8, 2010. After which the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Regular Board meeting immediately following the opening of bids. The successful bidder will be notified promptly by letter and must be prepared to enter into a contract to furnish the required equipment.

The TOWN OF ST. ARMAND reserves the right to reject or to waive any informality in any and all bids if in the best interests of the TOWN OF ST. ARMAND. Bids should be clearly marked BID ENCLOSED: ONE NEW 3.0 CUBIC YARD 4 WHEEL DRIVE LOADER.

Cynthia A. Woodson  
St. Armand Town Clerk  
1702 NYS RT. 3  
Bloomingdale, NY 12913  
Dated: Nov. 17, 2010  
Pub.: Nov. 23, 2010  
Nov. 30, 2010

The Town Clerk stated that there is only one sealed bid.

- 1. NORTRAX, 60 Trade Road, Plattsburgh, NY 12901 \$86,897.00

This price is the balance from the trade-in.	Sell Price	\$112,897.00
	Less Trade	\$ 26,000.00
	Total	\$ 86,897.00

WARRANTY: 1 year complete machine and 5 year 4000 hour power train and hydraulics. The unit is to be completed and delivered after January 2, 2011 with a guaranteed delivery of 45 days.

The board members held a brief discussion and Supervisor Morency asked for a resolution.

RESOLUTION #93 - 2010 OR 2011 DEERE 544K WHEEL LOADER

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board to accept the bid from NORTRAX for a 2010 or 2011 Deere 544 K Wheel Loader for a cost of \$86,897.00.

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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The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Grimone.

RESOLUTION #94 – MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Grimone, and seconded by Councilman Jones, to accept the Regular Town Board meeting minutes of November 10, Public Hearing and Special Board meeting November 15, and the Budget Workshop Session on November 8, and the Special Board meeting on December 2, 2010. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #95 – MONTHLY BILLS

GENERAL: Vouchers #297-321, Abstract #12	\$ 26,387.63
HIGHWAY: Vouchers #209-228, Abstract #12	\$ 81,050.52
WATER & SEWER: Vouchers #145-155, Abstract #12	\$ 8,996.93
SEWER PROJECT: Voucher #5, Abstract #12	\$ 348.71

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

RESOLUTION #96 – SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

NOVEMBER:

RECEIPTS:	\$ 48,585.16
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$123,166.24
CHECKING BALANCES:	\$ 99,715.04
SAVINGS BALANCES:	\$423,492.69
CASH BALANCES:	\$523,207.73
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$ 10,896.35 as of 11/24
WATER & SEWER BALANCE	\$ 51,905.68

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

HIGHWAY

Roger stated that the 2001 International needed a new alternator and it was replaced. The 2004 International had new front brakes and drums put on, and the 2000 Mack had bad wiring for the lights and the wiring was replaced.

The fire hydrant on Rockledge has not moved. Roger stated that he thought the Village (Saranac Lake) was going to move it back as he requested, but they just put up a post so it would not get hit during plowing. He said he will call and find out why this was done. Supervisor Morency stated that it is too late to do anything now, but it will get done next spring.

Supervisor Morency stated that she has received another call regarding the corner of Trudeau road and the house with the trees blocking the vision. Roger will call the State again to see if something can be done. Last year the owner wanted exotics trees put in and it was too expensive to do this.

Roger said that the garage ceiling should have acetate insulation to help stop some of the heat loss. Councilman Grimone asked if the holes are the major problems, and Roger said they will be fixed mainly the hole where the fan is. Councilman Woodruff stated that he did not think the whole ceiling needed to be done, only where the fan would be and the holes. Supervisor Morency stated that with the cold air situation, it would be better to do the whole ceiling. Councilman Grimone asked how wide, and Roger said about 50 feet, maybe six sheets. Councilman Grimone said the hole where the fan was could be covered and then monitor the situation. Sheridan Swinyer stated that if

insulation is blown in, by not having the vapor paper the air will go through. Put up foam insulation on edges and tape the joists. Councilman Dakin stated that the insulation boards will have both sides shiny, which does help with lighting while working. Roger and Sheridan said that it will definitely be better. Sheridan stated that putting up the insulation boards will be a labor intensive job. Councilman Grimone stated not to put up another fan to replace it, and Roger said there are four other exhaust fans. Councilman Jones stated that he prefers Troy Delancett's idea of the spray foam around the edges and holes.

**RESOLUTION #97 – REPAIR GARAGE CEILING**

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board agree to have repairs done to the highway garage ceiling using insulation form boards.

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	NAY
Councilman Paul Woodruff	NAY

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**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

Supervisor Morency stated that there are two changes in the employee benefits handout. 1. Boot allowance from \$75.00 to \$125.00 annually for all Highway workers and Water & Sewer Superintendent. 2. (to add) The Town of St. Armand, per Local Law No. 1 of 2009, shall provide cash payment in lieu of health insurance coverage for any eligible full-time employee of the Town of St. Armand at the rate of 15 percent of the annual premium.

**RESOLUTION #98 – EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board approve of the following changes to the Employee Benefits handout. 1. Boot allowance from \$75.00 to \$125.00, and 2. St. Armand shall provide cash payment in lieu of health insurance coverage for any eligible full-time employee at the rate of 15 percent of the annual premium.

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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Councilman Jones stated that Bart should get the benefits. Supervisor Morency stated that Bart does get boot allowance. Councilman Jones said Bart should get the raise. Councilman Woodruff stated he disagrees as the hydrants not working was a serious problem. Councilman Jones stated that Councilman Woodruff is overreacting. Supervisor Morency stated that Bart does do his job with the water and sewer plants but she asked him to flush the hydrants out twice a year and Bart said he did. The hydrants were not being flushed which is why there were several not working. There will be improvements to the hydrants as there is money in next year's budget to fix them. Councilman Grimone stated that Bart does do a good job, but flushing hydrants is a very important part of his job; Bart does get paid more than others.

**MILEAGE**

Supervisor Morency stated that next year's mileage rate is .51 per mile.  
SEWER PROJECT

Supervisor Morency stated that on December 16 at 5:30, there will be a meeting with A.E.S. Northeast for the purpose of preparing for funding opportunities.

LOCAL LAW – DOG CONTROL

Supervisor Morency stated that on December 16 at 5:00, there will be a Public Hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2010 for Dog Control. A special board meeting will immediately follow adopting the Local Law.

VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE DISPATCH

Supervisor Morency stated that she wanted the board members to review the packet from the Village Manager, John Sweeney, about the dispatch and automatic mutual aid contracts. She spoke with the Bloomingdale Fire Chief earlier today and wants to get a meeting set up between the Village board, Bloomingdale Fire Dept. and the St. Armand board members.

ANNEXATION

Councilman Dakin asked about the Saranac Lake Village request to annex 220 acres located near the Village waste water treatment plant. Supervisor Morency stated that we have not responded to the letter yet. Councilman Dakin stated that we should give a written answer. Councilman Grimone stated that annexing to the Village will change the tax base if they do future development. This would benefit St. Armand. He stated that St. Armand does not get anything now, and if they do put in housing then St. Armand will benefit. Sandy stated that if Saranac Lake did get the annexation and becomes a city, then St. Armand will lose the tax base.

RESOLUTION #99 – LETTER TO VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board will send a letter to the Village of Saranac Lake to let them know St. Armand does not give their consent to the Village's annexation of the 220 acres located near the Village waste water treatment plant.

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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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 7:55 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