

REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 9, 2011

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. Bart Cray, Water & Sewer Superintendent.

GUESTS: Sandy Hayes, Mr. & Mrs. Tinkler, Don Amell, Esmerelda Rothaupt.

Supervisor Morency called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Grimone.

RESOLUTION #36 – MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, and seconded by Councilman Dakin, to accept the Regular Town Board meeting minutes of February 9, and the Special Board meeting of February 16. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #37 – MONTHLY BILLS

GENERAL:	Abstract #3	\$16,329.40
HIGHWAY:	Abstract #3	\$15,205.63
WATER & SEWER	Abstract #3	\$ 6,520.73

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

RESOLUTION #38 – SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

RECEIPTS:	\$793,032.44
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$404,123.31
CHECKING BALANCES:	\$713,083.72
SAVINGS BALANCES:	\$363,592.33
WATER & SEWER BALANCE:	\$ 56,671.50
TAXES COLLECTED – FEB.:	\$434,343.49

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

WATER & SEWER

Supervisor Morency stated that there are many people who are two quarters behind in their payments and over \$11,000 not paid. The current bills went out last week and with these same individuals it is now \$18,737. The water and sewer budget is tight and we have to bring in the money for the district. She suggested a letter to these individuals. Councilman Jones stated that these people know they owe us. Councilman Dakin suggested waiving the late fees for the past quarters if balance is paid in full by a certain date, and it is for one time only. Supervisor Morency stated that would be a good idea to help them get the bills paid. Councilman Grimone agreed that waiving the late fees if they pay the balance owed, and the letter needs to be strongly worded. Councilman Woodruff stated that in the letter it has to state that this is a one-time only waiver of late fees. Supervisor Morency asked the board members that the list they were given, are the only people who will have the late fees waived.

RESOLUTION #39 – WAIVER OF LATE FEES FOR INDIVIDUALS ON LIST

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board authorized Supervisor Morency to prepare a letter for individuals named on the list and for the Water & Sewer clerk to mail.

This Resolution was duly seconded unanimously, 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

Dated: March 9, 2011

Cynthia A. Woodson
St. Armand Town Clerk

WATER & SEWER REPORT

Bart submitted his monthly report to the board. The ABS pump was returned from Pump Service and Supply, and put back into service. He completed the annual WWTF, design, planning & flow management certification form for the DEC. The water & sewer truck's secondary battery was replaced. Kevin Scherer from the Dept. of Health did the annual sanitary survey, and no problems were found. The power steering pump is being replaced in the truck. The month of February, the total amount of water pumped was 1,738,000 gallons with the average daily amount of 62,000 gallons per day. The month of February, the average amount of sewage treated per day was 35,000 gallons with a total of 969,000 gallons treated.

Bart stated that he is requesting a snow blower to help with the maintenance of the sewer and water plants. Supervisor Morency stated that she thought the Highway men were plowing the roads. Bart said no, never. Bart stated that the highway department would let him borrow any equipment he needed without any problems. Councilman Woodruff asked Bart to get prices from a couple of places. Bart stated that Parkside in Wilmington has new ones for \$1200.00. Councilman Grimone asked Bart to try locally to get prices. Bart stated he tried to get prices from Sturdy but they are not selling them anymore. Councilman Woodruff said that at Sears or Aubuchon. Councilman Jones stated that Bart needs to get one that will do the job. Councilman Dakin stated to Bart that he will find it handy in several places. Councilman Woodruff stated that \$1200 is a legitimate price and to get a hood for it.

TOWN HALL STEPS

Supervisor Morency stated that she has received the agreement and have more paperwork to apply for the \$15,000 that is for the Town Hall's steps from Senator Little. Councilman Jones stated that the railings are rusty and peeling. Councilman Grimone stated that the contractor should take care of it. Councilman Woodruff stated that the problem should be put through "Tug" Duffy, not Matt Woodruff, but if this was done separately then go through Matt. Supervisor Morency stated that the main problem is who is going to take the railings down and put them back up.

VILLAGE ANNEXATION

Supervisor Morency stated that she has received a letter from the Essex County Attorney, Dan Manning. Dan talked to Charles Noth, attorney for Saranac Lake Village, and was told it may be a conflict of interest for him to represent the Town of St. Armand against the Village of Saranac Lake as it is located within Essex County. Therefore, to avoid any appearance of impropriety or conflict, Mr. Manning recuses himself from representing the Town of St. Armand. Supervisor Morency stated that she has called two other attorneys and one was able to get back to her on such short notice and was interested. She is waiting to hear from the other one.

DEAN MONTROY'S PROPERTY

Supervisor Morency asked Sandy Hayes of the letter received from the Adirondack Park Agency (APA). Sandy stated that the letter is a non-jurisdictional and without a need to obtain a permit to purchase the property. Councilman Grimone asked if this letter is binding and final. Sandy wasn't sure as whomever does the walk-about visit this spring will determine if there will be any problems of wetlands. Councilman Jones is not in favor of purchasing the property. Councilmen Grimone, Dakin, and Woodruff all agree in purchasing the property, as long as the wetland issue is completed and solved. Sandy suggested waiting until May or June to have it done and then do a determination. Supervisor Morency stated that the issue should be tabled until further notice.

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY LOCAL GOVERNMENT NOTICE FORM

Supervisor Morency stated that she has received a letter from the Murray Law Firm that is representing Essex County in connection with installation of a new public safety communications system in the area of Mt. Pisgah. The project partners propose antennas on the existing tower owned by the New York State Police on a parcel owned by Harris Corporation, such as several microwave dishes, a land mobile radio antenna and one corner reflector. They also will replace the existing equipment shelter with a new 10 foot by 24 foot prefabricated equipment shelter featuring a reinforced concrete foundation, climate control, and a generator room.

LAKE PLACID EMPIRE GAMES

Supervisor Morency thanked Councilman Grimone for attending the opening ceremony of the Lake Placid Empire Games. Councilman Grimone stated he was impressed at the opening and the games were a real success.

ALEXANDRA GILL

Supervisor Morency thanked Councilman Grimone for the letter to Alexandra. Town Clerk typed it on Town letterhead and mailed it to her parents, Don and Cindy Amell.

RESCUE SQUAD

Councilman Dakin asked if St. Armand paid them yet, as they are trying hard to get set up and we need to live up to our agreement. Supervisor Morency stated that she will check into it to see if the \$2,700 has been paid.

SEWER PROJECT

Supervisor Morency asked Councilman Dakin on the progress of the sewer project at the pump station. Councilman Dakin stated that he has been talking to John Riley who owns a piece of property near the pump station and he is willing to sell it to the Town. He is requesting the Town to pay for a survey of the property and is asking a reduced price of \$7,000 for the area. Councilman Grimone asked how much land is there. Councilman Dakin stated the Town could get one acre. Supervisor Morency stated that she has shown Councilman Dakin the easement paperwork from the Village of Bloomingdale to review. The Town needs some space for the pumping station. Councilman Dakin stated that the pumping station is where all the piping will go.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Supervisor Morency asked Councilman Grimone when the next building committee will meet. It will be on April 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

END OF MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, and seconded by Councilman Grimone, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 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