

REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 13, 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. Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver. Town Justice Sheridan Swinyer.

GUESTS: Sandy Hayes

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Jones.

RESOLUTION #45 – MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Dakin, and seconded by Councilman Jones, to accept the Regular Town Board meeting minutes of March 9, and the Special Board meetings of March 30 and April 6, 2011. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #46 – MONTHLY BILLS

GENERAL:	Abstract #4	\$ 62,163.50
HIGHWAY:	Abstract #4	\$121,234.50
WATER & SEWER:	Abstract #4	\$ 18,840.11

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 #47 – SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

RECEIPTS:	\$ 91,124.37
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 61,462.69
CHECKING BALANCES:	\$714,540.94
SAVINGS BALANCES:	\$333,611.40
WATER & SEWER BALANCE	\$ 34,685.78

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 Bart is out of town and Stan Ingison is taking his place until he returns. The board members have received his monthly report. The fire at Rodger Willett's garage left the Town with about a half tank at the reservoir. Bart re-set the well pumps to begin re-filling the storage tank. He repaired the air supply line and replaced the flexible air line outside the fence at wastewater treatment plant. Pump #2 at water plant sewage lift station had failed. He called Pump Service and Supply and it was determined that the stator was gone in the pump motor and they came up to pick it up for repairs. He pulled pumps #1 and #2 at the River Road lift station to clear it of rags. During the heavy rains, he noticed water surfacing just below the water tank. He notified Joyce and then called Fuller's to come and fix it. There was a leak in the six-inch supply line. The month of March, total amount of water pumped was 1,837,000 gallons with the average daily amount of 59,000 gallons per day. The month of March, the average amount of sewage treated per day was 54,000 gallons with a total of 1,659,999 gallons treated.

TWIN STATE PHONES

Supervisor Morency stated that the phones are in and officially set-up. There may be a few issues to work out before sending final payment.

HIGHWAY

- Roger stated that Moose Pond Road is closed due to the water level.
- The Mack Truck is in Albany to have repairs done and is under warranty.
- The Int'l Tandem's wing is twisted and Viking will do the repairs this summer.

- The broom motor died and now has a new motor.
- Patching will continue; but blacktop has to wait until the Quarry opens on June 1.

SPEED SIGN

Supervisor Morency stated that there were two accidents near Carol Techman’s house and Carol is petitioning for the speed to be lower. Supervisor Morency said that she will call the County and see if we can borrow the sign again. She asked Roger to talk to George Paye about the small speed sign that Keene has, and get pricing to maybe purchase one. Supervisor Morency said that we would take the money out of the equipment account. Councilman Woodruff asked Roger to check out the prices on both size signs. Carol said that one accident took out the middle of her fence and the mailbox. Councilman Jones asked Roger about the sign at the end of Vine Street as it is confusing. Roger said the sign may be twisted and just moved.

HEALTH OFFICER

Supervisor Morency said that the new health officer, Ray Scollins, has already been up at Rockledge to investigate the situation there, and he will be checking out the issue on St. Regis Avenue. She stated that Ray wants to talk to Robert Drosdowich regarding the situation.

DISPATCH OF FIRE/RESCUE

Supervisor Morency stated that Tim (Woodruff) spoke to her about the possible move of dispatch services to Malone, and the Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department is in favor of keeping it in Saranac Lake, not Malone. Councilman Dakin stated that this is the perfect example, if the Bloomingdale Fire Department wants to keep it in Saranac Lake and not Malone, then I fully support the Bloomingdale Fire Department. Councilman Woodruff agrees.

Councilman Grimone said that the Village wants to cut down the number of full-time people, and does not have a problem sending the letter. The Town Clerk read the letter/resolution written by Supervisor Morency. Councilman Dakin stated that the report he received from the last meeting shows that the response time for the day shift is 3.7 minutes and the night time is 7 minutes. The daytime response time is better because of a paid driver and EMT; the nighttime are volunteers.

RESOLUTION #48 – OPPOSITION TO POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF FIRE/RESCUE DISPATCH BY VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE TO EMERGENCY SERVICES IN MALONE.

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board and the Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department opposes this possible transfer of dispatch services from the Village of Saranac Lake to dispatchers in County of Franklin in Malone. Malone dispatchers are unfamiliar with St. Armand Essex County Town roads, County roads, and State roads and location of residents.

WHEREAS the Village of Saranac Lake dispatchers are fully knowledgeable regarding State, County, and Town road locations, response time, public safety and health issues. Minutes could mean saving a life.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of St. Armand opposes the possible transfer of dispatch services to Malone.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilman Grimone, 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

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Councilman Grimone said that he will contact Andy Chary and Joe Garso about sending them the listing again and let them know what we are looking for.

RABIES CLINIC

Town Clerk stated that the rabies clinic will be held on May 12, at the Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. They will be asking for a \$5.00 donation. Councilman Jones asked about the sign; and he was told that it would be on the board for two days.

FIRE AND RESCUE

Councilman Dakin stated that they had a meeting on March 22 and updates were discussed. Since January 1 to 22 there were 212 calls and the cost was \$242.00 per call. Vernon James was asking all members to remind their Supervisor's about paying the contract; as only two Towns had paid.

PARKS AND RECREATIONS

Councilman Woodruff went to the meeting on trails and parks for recreations. He asked for St. Armand's map so they can look at it for possible trails to put in. The next meeting is Monday, April 18.

ATTORNEY MATT NORFOLK

Supervisor Morency stated that she has a legal counsel agreement from Briggs Norfolk for her to sign upon Town Board approval to retain legal services.

RESOLUTION #49 – AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL COUNSEL

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board hereby authorize Supervisor Joyce W. Morency to sign the contract with Briggs Norfolk for legal services for the Town of St. Armand.

This resolution was duly seconded by Councilman Dakin, 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
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Grimone called for an Executive Session and seconded by Councilman Woodruff at 7:42 p.m. The meeting is for discussion of a possible ligation. Supervisor Morency adjourned the Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. Councilman Woodruff made the motion to return to regular board meeting, seconded by Councilman Grimone at 7:56 p.m.

END OF MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, and seconded by Councilman Grimone, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 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