

REGULAR MEETING – JULY 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.

GUESTS: Robert Sweet and Don Amell.

Supervisor Morency called the meeting to order at 6:52 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Dakin.

RESOLUTION #61 – MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Grimone, and seconded by Councilman Jones, to accept the Regular Town Board meeting minutes of June 8. All were in favor. Motion carried. Supervisor Morency stated that she wanted the Attorney Matt Norfolk to review the Special Board meeting of June 23, 2011 before approval.

RESOLUTION #62 – MONTHLY BILLS

GENERAL:	Abstract #7	\$26,137.12
HIGHWAY:	Abstract #7	\$18,015.58
WATER & SEWER:	Abstract #7	\$20,663.76

A motion was made by Councilman Woodruff, and seconded by Councilman Dakin, to accept and pay this month’s bills. Councilman Grimone abstained as he came in late to the meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #63 – SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

RECEIPTS:	\$154,504.72
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 77,224.12
CHECKING BALANCES:	\$572,067.94
SAVINGS BALANCES:	\$258,692.62
WATER & SEWER BALANCE:	\$ 27,265.16
OUTSTANDING W/S BALANCE:	\$ 2,213.72 - priors

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

FIRE HYDRANTS

Robert Sweet asked about the fire hydrants that are not fixed yet. Supervisor Morency stated that there are a couple of them up on the hill (towards Vermontville) and one down at the Fire house. Fullers Excavating came to look at them and will be fixed.

OLD BUILDINGS/HAZARDS

Robert Sweet said he talked to Norma Niederbuhl’s about the old house on Route 3 and there should be signs posted. Supervisor Morency will talk to the Code Enforcement Officer about this. Councilman Jones stated he talked to Robert (code officer) about Tug Duffy’s house as there should be signs posted there. He said that Robert (Drosdowich) will talk to Tug.

STOP SIGN

Councilman Jones asked about the stop sign on Vine Street. It keeps facing the other way. Supervisor Morency said that Roger was up there and turned it; but she will talk to him again about it.

SEWER PROJECT

Supervisor Morency stated that the sewer grant was denied. St. Armand failed the hardship and survey applications. She called the Planning Dept. at Essex County and was told to do another grant application for 2 million dollars. She stated that this grant will not do streets; only upgrades at the pumping station and wastewater plant. Another grant coming out in

December is the Green Intuitive grant for 1 million dollars, and this will go for other areas, solar for example. Supervisor Morency stated she spoke with Planning Office about AES over stating the total project cost of 12 million. Planning office spoke to AES for review of project cost – making change and brought cost to 8 million. E.F.C. could offer St. Armand 1.3 million.

Councilman Grimone stated that we really don't have a choice as we need to do something. He stated that according to DEC, the streets cannot be done without upgrading the facilities. Councilman Grimone also talked to John Sweeney of what it might cost to have a pipeline coming from their wastewater plant to St. Armand and John said it could be \$3 million dollars.

Supervisor Morency stated that she asked Planning Mike Mascarenous about how much the loan would cost per household in the district and was told about \$636.00 per year. Councilman Grimone stated that we can't keep going on without doing something. Councilman Jones stated that we can't keep waiting for someone to give us 2 to 5 million dollars to fix problems. Councilman Jones stated he is in favor of the \$2 million dollar grant as that will help the problems at the sewer plant and pumping station.

Councilman Woodruff stated that the 2 million is not a guarantee; but we need to do something and at least it will show we are taking an initiative to do whatever needs to be done.

Supervisor Morency asked for a resolution for her to sign hardship application.

RESOLUTION #64 - \$2 MILLION DOLLAR HARDSHIP GRANT APPLICATION

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board give the authorization for Supervisor Morency to sign the hardship application due July 14, 2011 prepared by the Essex County Planning Office.

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

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Cynthia A. Woodson  
St. Armand Town Clerk

FEMA

Supervisor Morency stated that she has been talking to Trevor Karl, Project Manager regarding the flooding. She stated that he will call on July 26 to set up an appointment to look at municipal damage. We can submit estimates to FEMA.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Supervisor Morency stated that she and board members have a copy Robert's report on his site visits.

YOUTH FIELD

Supervisor Morency stated that Sandy Hayes talked to her about the dogs being on the youth field. He said there were eleven dogs one night during a ball game. She called and is having three large signs being made up for the field "Absolutely no dogs allowed on field", as there are many kids playing and they don't need any problems with dogs which could be a liability to Town.

DENTON PUBLICATION

Supervisor Morency stated that Denton Publication is putting together a historical book on the Champlain Bridge and is asking all Towns to purchase an ad of their choice. She asked for a Resolution to purchase a quarter page advertisements.

RESOLUTION #65 – PURCHASE AD FOR CHAMPLAIN BRIDGE BOOK

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board to purchase a quarter page ad from St. Armand to be put into the Champlain Bridge Reopening magazine for a cost of \$279.00.

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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DEAN MONTROY’S PROPERTY

Supervisor Morency stated that Dean received his check for the property and all papers are filed with Essex County. She will request a copy for her files.

RUGBY

Supervisor Morency stated that the Rugby game will be on July 31 at the Bloomingdale youth field for one day. Roger bought 100 pounds of grass seed for the field. She stated that one set of bleachers can be moved as long as it is hand carried, and there will be a beer garden at the far end of the field which will be enclosed and enforced by the fire department. Councilman Grimone will call Jay Annis about the insurance paper and contract using the field.

AMA

Supervisor Morency said she received a letter from Martin Delahay, AMA representative from New York City, who wants to meet with the Town Board for proposed annexation. She wants the attorney present as well. She will set up a date and time and let everyone know.

TOWN HALL

Supervisor Morency said she talked to Doug Snickles and he will do the digging of the ditch and put coils of black perforated pipes with fabric on it then stones. She asked for two or three decorative stones to choose from to do a stone wall; then have #2 or #3 stones laid down, then red crusher stones over it.

Councilman Grimone asked the Supervisor about the bulletin board. He would like a free standing large board with doors that can be locked. She said she has a catalog he can see if he can order one from there.

END OF MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Grimone, and seconded by Councilman Jones, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 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