

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – JULY 27, 2011

The Special Board 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, Councilmen Earl J. Dakin, Jr., Thomas C. Jones. Cynthia A. Woodson, Town Clerk.

EXCUSED: Councilman Samuel A. Grimone and Paul Woodruff.

GUESTS: Franklin Town Supervisor Art Willman, and Al Burke. Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tim Woodruff, Mike Cassavaugh and Zack Carpenter, Jon Houghton, and Sheridan Swinyer.

Supervisor Morency called the Special Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

TOWN OF FRANKLIN AND BVFD

Supervisor Art Willman stated that the Town of Franklin and the Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) wanted to meet with the St. Armand Town Board to discuss the possibility of purchasing Jaws of Life equipment and the possibility of having the BVFD taking on more of the vehicle accidents dealing with the rescue and not the Village of Saranac Lake's involvement. He stated the possibility of fees being attached and that Paul Smith's Fire Department is not set up for extra cases.

Chief Woodruff stated that the fire department will need to make modification to truck to set up the Jaws of Life equipment. Supervisor Willman asked the firemen how they feel about doing this. Jon stated that there are times when they can't do anything for the individual in the car. Supervisor Willman said to buy a truck with all modification done. Chief Woodruff stated a new truck will cost \$300,000. Supervisor Morency asked if Saranac Lake's fire department have a special truck for the Jaws of Life and Chief Woodruff said yes.

Chief Woodruff stated that the department does not need a new truck but could try to modify a truck. He would have to bring the information to the other members and discuss it. Jon stated that the department does not have the money. Councilman Jones stated that if the two Towns decide to do this then the two Towns can split the costs. Supervisor Willman said yes. Councilman Jones asked that the fire department look for a good one instead of cutting costs.

Supervisor Morency stated that the truck will have to be prepared by professionals, liability insurance for both Towns, and training to the BVFD members. Chief Woodruff stated that they would decide which Jaws of Life would be the best and they would use State Contract. Supervisor Willman stated that they (BVFD) check out what the unit will cost, truck modification costs, and the membership proposal.

Councilman Dakin asked Chief Woodruff if there are enough members with training to cover 24/7. Tim stated it is pretty much the same now. Supervisor Morency asked who does the training. Chief Woodruff stated the State does. Sheridan Swinyer stated that they (BVFD) are having problems getting training from Essex County. Supervisor Willman suggested that they (BVFD) get their training at Franklin County as they have good information and training.

The Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department and the Town of Franklin continued their discussion and Supervisor Morency moved the St. Armand's meeting to continue.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Supervisor Morency gave the board members a package for them to read from Code Enforcement Officer for the next regular board meeting regarding Hector Blaise failed septic system at Rockledge.

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Supervisor Morency stated that she, Councilman Woodruff and Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver have discussed the possibility of buying a new John Deere small excavator. The cost is \$78,000 but they may be able to use State Contract which will be around \$57,000 plus \$6,500 for the trailer for hauling.

Supervisor Morency stated there are several reasons to own one. We can do our own work without hiring and paying for it, the bucket loader is being used for everything; this equipment can be used at Rockledge and Mt. Pisgah. Essex County has a lot of work that the Highway men can do for them and could make money for Town of St. Armand.

Supervisor Morency asked the Councilmen to talk to Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver about this. If they do decide to purchase then it will need to be put into the 2012 budget, plus no payment until one year from date of purchase. There are five in stock at Giroux in Plattsburgh.

Supervisor Morency adjourn the Special Board meeting at 7:05 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 Special Board meeting minutes held on the above referenced date.

Cynthia A. Woodson
St. Armand Town Clerk