

REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 10, 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, Historian Don Amell, and Code Enforcement Officer Robert Drosdowich. Water & Sewer Superintendent Bart Crary.

GUESTS: None present.

Supervisor Morency called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Dakin.

RESOLUTION #66 – MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Dakin, and seconded by Councilman Grimone, to accept the Regular Town Board meeting minutes of July 13, and the Special Board meetings of June 23, July 27, and August 3, 2011. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #67 – MONTHLY BILLS

GENERAL:	Abstract #8	\$29,118.67
HIGHWAY:	Abstract #8	\$12,833.25
HIGHWAY OUTSIDE:	Abstract #8	\$31,868.69
WATER & SEWER:	Abstract #8	\$ 7,503.31

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 #68 – SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

RECEIPTS:	\$ 39,908.95
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 54,353.89
CHECKING BALANCES:	\$586,929.24
SAVINGS BALANCES:	\$258,700.46

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

TREE REMOVAL

Roger stated that there are some trees that should be removed. A tree on Prospect Street was hit by lightening and if it falls, it will go on the power lines and he is not comfortable removing it. The other tree is at the Brookside Cemetery. He contacted Eric Fahl to look at the trees and give him a price on removing the trees. Councilman Jones stated that there is a tree at the end corner of Main Street and Jones’s Way that may need to be removed. Roger said he would have Eric look at that one as well.

PAVING

Roger stated that Prospect Street is now completed and Vine Street will be finished tomorrow, then the paving will be done. Councilman Jones stated that going up to the school there are three cracks on the road, and asked if it was possible to fill in and seal the cracks. Roger stated that he could do that. Councilman Jones stated that if it doesn’t get done soon, the water will get in the cracks and be worse. Supervisor Morency asked Roger to look at it and get a quote for the work, they may be able to fix it this year. Roger stated that next year Roosevelt Lane will have some work done. Supervisor Morency stated that the two roads, Prospect and Vine Streets, were reclaimed and paved as they were the worse.

FLAG POLE

Roger stated that people have approached him about getting a decent flag pole about 30 feet in height. Supervisor Morency stated that the Town Clerk ordered another POW/MIA flag as it was stolen. Councilman Grimone stated that the flag pole at AMA is a cedar tree and has been there a long time. Don Amell stated at least 35 years. Councilman Grimone said that there is a flag pole at Lake Clear school that is not being used; maybe find out about it. Supervisor Morency stated that she will call someone about it.

JOHN DEERE 50D COMPACT EXCAVATOR

Roger stated that he has received a quote from Giroux Bros. Equipment L.L.C. for \$71,000, but with a state contract from National Joint Power Alliance (NJPA), the estimated cost would be \$57,244.11. Councilman Grimone asked how much in the budget. Supervisor Morency stated that there is \$67,000 in the equipment fund. Supervisor Morency stated that if ordered this year they do not have to pay on it until 2012-2013. She would like it to be two payments as it was with the bucket loader. The bucket loader will have its final payment in 2012-2013.

Councilman Dakin stated that having an excavator will save money by the men doing the work instead of Essex County’s men coming here to help out. Councilman Jones stated he believes it is a good idea to have own equipment, but not in favor of using it in other Towns. Councilman Woodruff stated he disagrees as all Towns help each other out. Supervisor Morency stated that Essex County has a lot of projects that need to be done this way, but they can’t always get to them because they are busy with other larger projects and Essex County would pay the men for doing County work.

Councilman Woodruff asked about licensing for the excavator. Roger stated that three of the men will need to be licensed to operate it as it will be classified as a Class A. Supervisor Morency stated that she doesn’t know the costs but stated that the men should not have to pay for the licensing. Roger stated that the men will have to keep their licensing. Councilman Woodruff asked about the bucket and Roger stated it is a swivel-type. Supervisor Morency asked about the thumb attachment and Roger stated it is for picking up rocks.

Councilman Jones stated he has concerns about putting more taxes on the people. Supervisor Morency stated that it will not be in this year’s taxes as they would have to put this in the budget this year for next year. Supervisor Morency asked for a resolution to purchase this excavator, and Bucket Gannon. Roger stated that the actual cost of the excavator is \$55,116.03.

RESOLUTION #69A – JOHN DEERE 50D COMPACT EXCAVATOR

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board is requesting the Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver to proceed with the ordering of the JOHN DEERE 50D COMPACT EXCAVATOR for a cost of \$55,116.03.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilman Woodruff 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	ABSTAIN
Councilman Paul Woodruff	AYE

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St. Armand Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #69B – 36 INCH TILT DITCHING BUCKET GANNON

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board is requesting the Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver to proceed with the order of the 36 INCH TILT DITCHING BUCKET GANNON for a cost of \$3639.00.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilman Woodruff and adopted as follows:

Supervisor Joyce W. Morency	AYE
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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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CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Robert stated that he has been up to Hector Blaise several times to talk to him about the septic that needs to be replaced. He was told it would be approximately \$15,000. Robert had someone up there to look at the situation and stated that Mr. Blaise had discussed only the grey water instead of the other. Robert stated that he doesn't think Mr. Blaise has done enough as he has known of this problem since April and nothing has been done. The septic tank was pumped out, but filled back up again in a few months. Supervisor Morency stated that we (Town Board) have to take action to get it fixed but is not in favor of Mr. Blaise being fined. Supervisor Morency stated that she has spoken to Mrs. Blaise and was told it is going to be fixed.

Councilman Jones stated that Mr. and Mrs. Odell are having a hard time too with the problems. Councilman Woodruff stated that now it is a health issue and it needs to get fixed. Councilman Grimone stated that it isn't just the Odell, but others as well. It is raw sewage and goes beyond the Odell and into the Saranac River. This is not a neighbor issue. This is a serious situation and disgusting smelling.

Councilman Grimone stated that a letter sent to the Blaises letting them know they have 45 days to commence if they have to take out a bank loan to pay for it. Councilman Woodruff stated that they had known since April and they need to do it now, give them 30 days to start and complete the work. Robert stated that 30 days is sufficient, and the design is what is expensive. Robert stated that he has left phone messages and has not heard from them since July 15. Councilman Woodruff stated that Mr. Blaise should have a shovel in the ground in 30 days. Councilman Dakin asked Robert how long would take to get the engineering plans. Robert stated about two weeks. Councilman Jones asked Robert if they could have the pump in the back of house. Robert stated that the back of the house is straight rock ledge. Supervisor Morency and Councilman Grimone will go and see Mr. and Mrs. Blaise personally.

Robert stated that he sent a letter on May 25 asking them to send him a letter with a plan of action and still no response. Supervisor Morency asked for a resolution for Mr. & Mrs. Blaise to start the work of fixing the septic system.

RESOLUTION #70 – MR. AND MRS. HECTOR BLAISE SEPTIC SYSTEM

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board notifying Mr. and Mrs. Hector Blaise that they will have to commence work on their septic system within 30 days with ongoing work and provide weekly updates to the Town Board on the status of the newly installed septic system.

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
Councilman Paul Woodruff	AYE

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Cynthia A. Woodson  
St. Armand Town Clerk

CELL TOWER

Supervisor Morency stated she called Verizon about the cell tower and was told they do not know when the tower will be up, the budget is tight and they are very busy. She was given phone and cell numbers to call another individual and has left messages and no response. Councilman Grimone asked when Verizon start paying for the lease. Supervisor Morency said

the actual commence date is June 1, 2011 and 60 days from there would begin on August 1, 2011. She has not received any money yet.

AMA

Supervisor Morency stated that she received a phone call regarding the closed gate at American Management Association. If the gate is open again then the traffic will be heavy going through Park Avenue. The individual is not happy about this.

BULLETIN BOARD

Councilman Grimone said the previous bulletin board is downstairs in the basement and we could still use it. Councilman Dakin stated that all is needed is two four foot tall posts and maybe a new Plexiglas.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Councilman Grimone asked if there has been any communication with D.E.C. in response to the sewer plant. Bart stated that they should be aware of any problems. Supervisor Morency stated that the Town has applied for another hardship application for \$2 million, but if awarded it would go to the sewer plant and not the streets.

TOWN HALL

Supervisor Morency stated that Doug Snickles will put the culvert in next week.

WATER & SEWER

Bart submitted his monthly report to the board members. Some of the work done for the month of July included shutting off various water customers for non-payments, purchased a used John Deere L-111 riding lawn mower for the water and wastewater plants. Fuller contractors installed a new curb box at one of the non-paying customers, and Fuller dug the hydrant by the fire house and determined problem was inside the hydrant. Made arrangement with Supervisor to make sure he had help for fixing the hydrants. Mowing. Received the re-built Peabody Barnes pump for the water plant lift station and need to make arrangements for the company to come in and re-install it and also to re-plumb the discharge piping. Raised the man holes and valve boxes for Prospect St. and Vine St. before paving. Repairs done on the driver's side door and had truck inspected. For the month of July, the total amount of water pumped was 1,847,000 gallons with the average daily amount of 59,000 gallons per day. For the month of July, the average amount of sewage treated per day was 27,000 gallons with a total of 843,000 gallons treated. Water sample taken from the highway garage and firehouse for analysis came back negative for coliform bacteria.

SHUT OFFS – WATER

Supervisor Morency stated there are three people who will be getting a yellow notice informing them their water will be shut off for not continuing their agreement of payments. Bart will do a new lock box on one individual.

PETTY CASH

Town Clerk asked the board members if her petty cash box can increase from \$110.00 to \$200.00. The Judge's clients and other people paying bills are asking me to make change for them. Supervisor Morency asked for a resolution.

RESOLUTION #71- INCREASE TOWN CLERK'S PETTY CASH BOX

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board agrees to increase the Clerk's cash box from \$110.00 to \$200.00 for making change.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilman Woodruff, 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

VACATION

Cindy Woodson, Town Clerk, stated that she wanted to remind them that she will be out of town for two weeks. She also stated that her Deputy, Wanda Flint, had major surgery on Monday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Deputy Supervisor Grimone asked to adjourn the regular meeting to go into executive session at 8:30 p.m., for a personnel matter. This was seconded by Councilman Dakin.

At 9:20 p.m. Deputy Supervisor Grimone moved to return to regular session, seconded by Councilman Dakin.

END OF MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Grimone, and seconded by Councilman Woodruff, to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 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