

REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 12, 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 Charles Whitson, Jr. Town Clerk Cynthia A. Woodson. Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver, Historian Don Amell, Code Enforcement Officer Robert Drosdowich, and Town Accountant Mike Kilroy.

GUESTS: Sandy Hayes, Sue Abbott-Jones, Carol Techman, and August Simpson.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Whitson.

RESOLUTION #83 – MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Dakin, and seconded by Councilman Jones, to accept the Regular Town Board meeting minutes of September 14. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #84 – MONTHLY BILLS

GENERAL:	Abstract #10	\$48,109.82
HIGHWAY:	Abstract #10	\$32,332.16
OUTSIDE HIGHWAY:	Abstract #10	\$47,566.50
WATER:	Abstract #10	\$11,933.36
SEWER:	Abstract #10	\$17,502.59

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

RESOLUTION #85 – SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

RECEIPTS:	\$125,694.50
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$165,985.39
CHECKING BALANCES:	\$631,518.62
SAVINGS BALANCES:	\$151,430.19
WATER & SEWER BALANCE	\$ 60,552.09

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

WATER & SEWER BILLING

The clerk explained that this latest bill that was mailed out is higher than usual as it is for four months instead of the usual three months. This is to change the billing cycle from a fiscal year to a calendar year. It is only this one time. The next billing will be for three months.

WATER & SEWER REPORT

Jeff Cotter submitted the monthly report to the board.

- The 9/6/11 routine Coliform test from the Town Hall came back negative. He collected this month’s Coliform sample from the Town Garage.
- The Stand Pipe Level Indicator that is located in the pump house is not accurate. It was reported to him this month by town workers that they noticed water coming from the Stand Pipe overflow. He temporarily shut down the pump in well field to prevent treated water loss. After investigating, he concluded that the level indicator is out of calibration by approximately 3 feet. The overflow level is approximately 33’ at the Stand Pipe. At the time that water was coming out of the overflow, the level indicator at the pump house was reading 30’. He is scheduling to have Roger Willingham, commercial electrician, of REW Enterprises to calibrate this indicator. He is a knowledgeable electronic equipment technician out of the Saranac area.
- Roger Willingham will also look into the wiring for the River Road lift station pump controls (sewer). Recently, one of the pumps was sent from this lift station to Troy for repairs. The pump was burned up caused by faulty wiring. The electrical overload for this pump was by-passed.
- Jeff is planning on flushing all of the town’s fire hydrants this month. He sent out ten lead and copper samples from area residences this month to a State lab for analysis. There will be no

charge for this test as he is utilizing a State lab. Favor from NYSDH. Doug Snickles did a very nice job replacing the floor and leaking toilet in the pump house. Thank you!

RIVER ROAD PUMP STATION

Supervisor Morency stated that it cost \$2,075 to repair the pump at Troy. She stated that the rails are corroded on the pump, and need to be welded. She asked the board members if they would want to have stainless steel or regular steel to get new rails. The pump will be mounted on the rails. She talked to Matt Woodruff to get an estimate for both. She stated that he does not do welding; the St. Armand Highway men did the welding job.

TOWN HALL DRAINAGE

Councilman Jones stated that he thought the work being done outside for the wall was included with the steps done by Tug Duffy and Don Corliss. He stated that he does not know if it was legal or illegal for board members to be volunteering their time to do the work. The way the pipe is, will have any running water going out onto the sidewalks and could be a hazard. Supervisor Morency stated that the highway men have agreed to keep the sidewalks sanded during the winter.

Supervisor Morency stated that the drainage project was separate from the town hall steps. It was decided this way and known for some time now. Charlie and Jim volunteered their time at no cost to the taxpayers. Councilman Whitson stated that the pipes were going the wrong way and he was trying to formulate something to do with it. It would have been costly to re-do it; this way the water will go into the ground as well as through the pipes. Councilman Grimone stated that the records will show that the original project was too expensive and decided not to do it.

CELL TOWER

Supervisor Morency stated that the check received from Verizon was the wrong amount for the back rent; the check was corrected and determined later that for five months at \$1200 per month is \$6,000. National Grid was at the site on September 30th.

PRE DISASTER MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Supervisor Morency stated that a resolution is needed for the Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan. This was through FEMA approval and eligibility is for five years.

RESOLUTION #86 – PREDISASTER MITIGATION ACT

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

WHEREAS, the Town of St. Armand with the assistance from Friends of the North Country, Inc., has gathered information and prepared the Essex County PreDisaster Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Essex County PreDisaster Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Town of St. Armand is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of St. Armand has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of St. Armand Town Council that the Town of St. Armand adopts the Essex County PreDisaster Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

ADOPTED this 12th day of October, 2011 at the meeting of 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

Dated October 12, 2011

Cynthia A. Woodson
St. Armand Town Clerk

Roger stated that there is another tree that should be removed. Councilman Whitson said he will ask Eric to take a look at it and get an estimate. Councilman Whitson asked Roger to find out who owns the land that the tree is on. Roger will check into it.

TOWN CLOCK

August Simpson asked Supervisor Morency why the clock tower is not working. She will talk to Keith Bordeau about the clock as he has volunteered to take care of it.

FLU CLINIC AND HEAP

The flu clinic will be held at the Town Hall on October 26th from 2 – 4 P.M. Heap will be held at the Town Hall on November 22nd, time to be determined later.

2% TAX CAP

Supervisor Morency stated that the board members need to set a date to start the process of doing a Local Law overriding the 2% tax cap. Supervisor Morency made the motion to introduce the proposed Local Law to override the tax levy limit. Councilman Grimone duly seconded the motion. The Public Hearing will be held on October 26th at 6 P.M.

RESOLUTION No. 89

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2011 ENTITLED “A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW s3-C”.

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Morency, who moved its adoption.

Upon the passage of a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Armand Town Board hereby introduces proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2011 entitled “A Local Law To Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law s3-c,” reading and provided as follows:

“TOWN OF ST. ARMAND LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2011”

A Local Law To Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law s3-c.

BE IT ENACTED, by the St. Armand Town Board as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent.

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of St. Armand pursuant to General Municipal Law s3-c, and to allow the Town of St. Armand to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2012 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law s3-c.

Section 2. Authority.

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law s3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override – Budget Authorization.

The Town Board of the Town of St. Armand hereby overrides the tax levy limit for the Town of St. Armand for 2012 and authorizes the Town of St. Armand, after completing all required procedures for the adoption of a budget, to adopt a budget for 2012 that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit calculated for 2012 pursuant to s3-c of the General Municipal Law.

Section 4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law of the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation, or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand shall hold and conduct a public hearing on the foregoing proposed Local Law on the 26 day of October, 2011, at six o'clock in the evening of that day, to hear any and all persons concerning the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of St. Armand will publish a notice of such hearing in the designated Town newspaper at least five days prior to said hearing.

This resolution was duly seconded by Councilman Grimone, and adopted upon a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5 Votes
NOES: 0 Votes
ABSENT: 0 Votes

Cynthia A. Woodson
Town Clerk of St. Armand

FLAG POLE

Supervisor Morency asked Councilman Grimone to check with the Saranac Lake Adult Center about the type of flag pole they have. Robert Drosdowich stated that he will write a letter to the prison and ask if inmates could make the flag poles.

TOWN HALL DESIGN

Board members have a copy of the upstairs and downstairs design that was done by Mr. Garso. Supervisor Morency stated that the design has too much open space. She will talk to Mr. Garso about the design. She asked the board members if they could review the design and offer suggestions.

TOWN HALL BUILDING

Councilman Whitson stated that there are some areas on the outside wall that are cracking. Councilman Grimone stated that a mason will be the one to decide what needs to be done and how much it will cost. Councilman Grimone stated that someone should talk to Phil and find out. Councilman Dakin stated that in the spring, he did talk to Phil, plus wrote down information on what needed to be done with the necessary supplies, and gave that information to him and Supervisor Morency. Councilman Dakin stated that he also recommended that the outside work be done first before doing the inside work. Councilman Whitson stated he agreed that the wall should be taken care of first; the building needs to be pointed first, then work on the plans for the offices.

Sandy Hayes said to do an RFP (request for proposals) for someone to do the mason work.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Robert submitted his report for September. He issued three building permits, and there were seven renewals. \$574.00 in fees collected and 13 inspection completed. There were four violations.

ADVERTISING WATER & SEWER POSITIONS

Sue Abbott-Jones asked Supervisor Morency if the positions have been advertised yet. Supervisor Morency stated not yet; there are three positions that are to be considered and she needs to go through the specs for all three positions.

FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

Councilman Dakin stated that at the last meeting in September, a decision was to be made by the Towns as to how they want to pay for the rescue. By percentages, assessment values, or shared equally. Supervisor Morency stated that she has already put into the budget \$13,079 for the rescue, and \$16,532.01 for fire protection. It was discussed that if any Town pulls out of the contract; then each Town will have a higher rate. Councilman Dakin stated that the next meeting is on October 18th at 4:30 P.M. at the Harriestown Town Hall.

WATER & SEWER SOFTWARE PROGRAM

Councilman Whitson asked if the program that is being used now is able to do any type of reports if someone requests it. Clerk stated that the program is old, since 1999, and has limited use for a variety of reports. Mike Kilroy stated that the current program is very old. Councilman Grimone stated that he thought it was approved to buy the new B.A.S. program. Clerk stated yes, but it was later canceled. Mike stated that the company cannot change their program for one Town.

END OF MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Grimone, and seconded by Councilman Dakin, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 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