

REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 14, 2011

The regular meeting of the Town Board of St. Armand was held on the above date at the Town Hall in Bloomingdale, NY.

PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor Samuel A. Grimone, Councilmen Earl J. Dakin, Jr., Thomas C. Jones, and Charles Whitson, Jr. Town Clerk Cynthia A. Woodson. Historian Don Amell.

EXCUSED: Supervisor Joyce W. Morency. Jeff Cotter Water Superintendent. Roger Oliver Highway Superintendent.

GUESTS: Sandy Hayes, Carol Techman, DeForest & Arlene Tinkler.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Jones.

RESOLUTION #99 – MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, and seconded by Councilman Dakin, to accept the Regular Town Board meeting minutes of November 9, and the Public Hearing minutes of November 10, and the Special Board meeting minutes of November 16. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #100 – MONTHLY BILLS

GENERAL:	Abstract #12	\$153,796.58
HIGHWAY:	Abstract #11	\$ 50,479.27
OUTSIDE HIGHWAY:	Abstract #11	\$ 493.67
WATER:	Abstract #11	\$ 11,207.10
SEWER:	Abstract #11	\$ 13,422.44

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

RESOLUTION #101 – SUPERVISOR’S REPORT NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

RECEIPTS:	\$170,503.99
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$127,330.46
CHECKING BALANCES:	\$438,569.48
SAVINGS BALANCES:	\$174,958.25
WATER & SEWER BALANCE	\$ 15,871.59

A motion was made by Councilman Whitson, and seconded by Councilman Jones, to accept the Supervisor’s Report of November to December 12, and the Water & Sewer Report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE FIRE CONTRACT

Deputy Supervisor Grimone asked for a resolution accepting the Saranac Lake Village Fire Protection contract.

RESOLUTION #102 VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE FIRE CONTRACT

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board authorizing Supervisor Joyce W. Morency to sign the Fire Contract agreement with the Village of Saranac Lake. Services begin January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

WHEREAS the total sum of \$16,768.89 for 2012 to be paid by February 1, 2012.

Councilman Jones duly seconded this resolution, and adopted as follows:

Supervisor Joyce W. Morency	ABSENT
Deputy Supervisor Samuel A. Grimone	AYE
Councilman Earl J. Dakin, Jr.	AYE
Councilman Thomas C. Jones	AYE
Councilman Charles Whitson, Jr.	AYE

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Cynthia A. Woodson  
St. Armand Town Clerk

**SARANAC LAKE RESCUE CONTRACT**

Deputy Supervisor Grimone asked for a resolution accepting the Saranac Lake Rescue contract. He stated that the contract is to be the same amount as agreed upon by Supervisor Morency and the board of the Rescue Squad.

**RESOLUTION #103 – SARANAC LAKE RESCUE CONTRACT**

Councilman Whitson, who moved its adoption, made the following resolution.

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board authorizing Supervisor Joyce W. Morency to sign the Saranac Lake Rescue contract for the amount of \$17,340. Services begin January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

Councilman Dakin duly seconded this resolution, and adopted as follows:

Supervisor Joyce W. Morency	ABSENT
Deputy Supervisor Samuel A. Grimone	AYE
Councilman Earl J. Dakin, Jr.	AYE
Councilman Thomas C. Jones	AYE
Councilman Charles Whitson, Jr.	AYE

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**SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT**

Deputy Supervisor Grimone asked for a resolution authorizing Supervisor Joyce W. Morency to sign the Fixed Lump Sum Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement for 2013/2014.

**2013/2014 AGREEMENT TO EXTEND FIXED LUMP SUM MUNICIPAL SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT CONTRACT**

**RESOLUTION #104 - SNOW AND ICE EXTENSION AGREEMENT CONTRACT**

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR JOYCE W. MORENCY TO EXECUTE AND SIGN THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SNOW AND ICE EXTENSION AGREEMENT CONTRACT FOR THE 2013/2014 SEASON.**

WHEREAS, A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand authorizing Supervisor Joyce W. Morency to execute and sign the Snow and Ice Extension Agreement Contract for the season beginning July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 for the Essex County roads in the Town of St. Armand.

WHEREAS, The Fixed Lump Sum Snow and Ice Agreement between New York State Department of Transportation (Commissioner) and St. Armand (Municipality) is hereby extended for a period of one year; expiring on June 30, 2014.

WHEREAS, The State Highways or parts thereof affected by this Agreement are as delineated on the attached map, agreed upon by the Commissioner and the Municipality, which shall be effective for the remainder of the term of the Agreement commencing July 1, 2013, unless changed by future agreement between the Commissioner and the Municipality.

WHEREAS, all the terms and condition of the original contract remain in effect except as follows. The lump sum payment Agreement shall be \$11,298.62 per lane mile for 14.6 miles for a total of \$164,959.89 for the 2011/12 season and for the remainder of the term of the Agreement commencing July 1, 2011, unless changed by future update.

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

Supervisor Joyce W. Morency	ABSENT
Deputy Supervisor Samuel A. Grimone	AYE

Councilman Earl J. Dakin, Jr. AYE  
Councilman Thomas C. Jones AYE  
Councilman Charles Whitson, Jr. AYE

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#### HIGHWAY REPORT

Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver submitted his monthly report to Supervisor Morency. Keith worked with Fuller's on the water leak on School Street. Tim and he are working on getting their permits to haul a combination trailer so they can tow the excavator as needed. Tim and Keith worked on a water line break on Main Street and Trudeau came to dig up the road to get to the main. The shuttle station gate has been moved farther back. The hydrant on Rockledge was not moved as there is no shut off. Fuller's fixed the culvert problem on Mill Street caused by flooding of Irene. New 36" culverts were put in. The men helped with the water leak on Vine Street. The 89 International truck bought from the Town of Lewis has been sent to Bob's Auto to have the tank put on it.

#### WATER & SEWER REPORT

Jeff Cotter submitted the monthly report to the Supervisor. It is as follows:  
The coliform sample obtained from the Youth building for the month of November came back negative. The recently repaired sewer pump for the lift station on the river road has been installed. Both pumps are not operating. We have had continuing problems with the pumps tripping out due to mop heads stuck in the impellers.

Spotted for Stan as he replaced dysfunctional sections of Aeration tubing in the sewer lagoons. Installed the new secondary containment for the chlorine day tank in the pump house basement. Now in compliance with DEC on the storage of Hazardous Chemicals with secondary containment. Shut off several water line service connections to residences that have been vacated for the winter. Need to order a UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply) for the Standpipe Level indicator. This is a backup power supply unit that is stored in a cabinet up at the Stand Pipe level. The current UPS does not work.

Mark McCarty reported a leak at his curb stop shutoff on Vine Street. The curb stop was replaced at his expense. We supplied a new curb stop, 4' of copper tubing and a Mueller Way box. He will be billed for these materials. While shutting the water off to the above repair on Vine Street, the shutoff valve on the main water line at the end of Vine Street/St. Regis Ave. broke. I called up Fuller for an emergency repair to this broken valve. Although it's too early to tell for certain, it appears that we are saving approximately 5,000 gallons of water per day since the repair to the curb stop at the McCarty residence. We are down to approximately 47,000 gallons of treated water per day from 52,000 per day last month and down considerably since the overflowing of the Stand pipe problem was resolved when we were averaging in the lower 60,000 gallons per day range. I have been documenting emergency water main shut offs as I learn their locations. Flushed another 10 fire hydrants this past month.

#### WATER & SEWER ACCOUNT

Deputy Supervisor Grimone asked for a Resolution to close out the Water & Sewer account at HSBC.

#### RESOLUTION #105 – CLOSE OUT WATER & SEWER ACCOUNT AT HSBC

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board to close out the Town's Water and Sewer account at HSBC and open a new account at NBT Bank.

This resolution was duly seconded by Councilman Whitson, and adopted as follows:

Supervisor Joyce W. Morency ABSENT  
Deputy Supervisor Samuel A. Grimone AYE  
Councilman Earl J. Dakin, Jr. AYE  
Councilman Thomas C. Jones AYE  
Councilman Charles Whitson, Jr. AYE

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## CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mr. Tinkler asked the Deputy Supervisor that when Don Amell becomes a Councilman, will he also be paid as historian as Councilman Whitson is for cemetery caretaker. He stated it is a conflict of interest plus the integrity of it. Deputy Supervisor Grimone stated that Supervisor Morency talked to the Essex County Attorney and asked if it was legal and was told yes.

Councilman Jones stated that he has talked to several people and it was considered a conflict of interest, being paid for two jobs working for the Town. Mr. Tinkler stated that the Board needs to set a standard.

## GRANT MONEY

Sandy Hayes stated that he read there is 103 billion dollars going to the North Country and asked if St. Armand is getting any of the money. He wanted to know if the engineering plans are done for the six streets that the Town planned on fixing. He stated that St. Armand needs to be shovel-ready, and to start planning ahead.

## EXCAVATOR

Sandy Hayes brought up the cost of the excavator that it was a lot of money and he will be keeping track of how often it is being used. He wanted to know why the money spent on the excavator could not have been used for the water and sewer engineering plans. Deputy Supervisor Grimone stated that the money used for the excavator could not be used for the water and sewer districts; as they stand alone.

## MAIN STREET ROAD

Councilman Jones stated that the road up to the Bloomingdale School is splitting in three places. He asked at last month's meeting if the Highway workers could fill in the cracks and seal them before it gets worse.

## END OF MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Whitson, and seconded by Councilman Jones, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 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