

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – MARCH 8, 2012

The Special Board meeting of the Town Board of St. Armand was held on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall, Bloomingdale, NY.

PRESENT: Supervisor Joyce W. Morency, Councilmen Samuel A. Grimone, Earl J. Dakin, Jr., Charles Whitson, Jr., and Donald Amell. Cynthia A. Woodson, Town Clerk.

GUESTS: Todd Hodgson AES, Jim Dougan AES, Jason Denno NYS EFC, Mike Mascarenas Director of Essex County Office of Community Resources, and Matt MacNamera Essex County Planning. Sandy Hayes.

Supervisor Morency called the Special Board meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Supervisor Morency stated this meeting is to work on obtaining a grant for the Sewer Plant. These are the discussions of the meeting.

- Mike Mascarenas stated that there is funding for principal forgiveness/hardship areas of two million. Jason Denno stated that St. Armand does not have a financial plan in place yet, and need to look at alternatives for funding the other two million more or up to 75% of the project maximum and be on schedule to comply with short term.
- There are all needs across the States that have public health problems, and New York receives 20% of the allocation. Jim Dougan stated that a possibility is just put in the sewer lines for the five streets. Supervisor Morency stated that the people on the sewer lines cannot pay the \$984.00 annually for the four million dollars that would be owed. Jason Denno stated the feasibility that people can't pay.
- Central or decentralize district. Councilman Grimone stated that the wastewater treatment plant is the centralized area; can't focus on decentralization.
- Mike Mascarenas stated that the Rural Development bond, the Town currently has, is the problem of not being able to pay off the debt with a lower interest rate; as he did ask and was told no. Todd Hodgson stated that this would help St. Armand if the rates were lower.
- DEC Consent Order. Jason Denno stated that if there is no co-funding, then no project to fix problems at the wastewater treatment plant. Councilman Grimone stated that despite the letter; DEC has been good to us by reducing the fines. Jason Denno stated that we need to respond to DEC's letter and work with the Town Board and Engineers. Jason Denno asked Todd Hodgson if the report they did detailed enough and he said the plans are very specific.
- Jason Denno stated that the Board needs to make a decision as to what to do.
- Jason Denno stated that three actions are needed. Todd to respond to DEC; Jason will go to Albany about refinancing; and Mike Mascarenas will reach out to the elected officials.

Supervisor Morency adjourn the Special Board meeting at 12:15 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