

REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 14, 2012

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., Charles Whitson, Jr., and Donald Amell. Town Clerk Cynthia A. Woodson and Justice Sheridan Swinyer.

GUESTS: Sandy Hayes, DeForest & Arlene Tinkler

Supervisor Morency called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Grimone.

RESOLUTION #30 – MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Grimone, and seconded by Councilman Dakin, to accept the Regular Town Board meeting minutes of February 7 work session meeting, Regular Board meeting February 8, and Special Board meetings on February 10, February 16, February 28, and March 8, 2012. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #31 – MONTHLY BILLS

GENERAL:	Abstract #3	\$11,118.91
HIGHWAY:	Abstract #3	\$56,573.78
TOWN GARAGE PROJ:	Abstract #3	\$ 2,784.32
WATER & SEWER:	Abstract #3	\$ 9,945.39
FIRE PROTECTION:	Abstract #2	\$37,136.00

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

RESOLUTION #32 – SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

RECEIPTS:	\$513,344.12
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$186,898.76
CHECKING BALANCES:	\$853,331.67
SAVINGS BALANCES:	\$174,983.60
WATER & SEWER BALANCE	\$ 13,377.15

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

HIGHWAY

Supervisor Morency stated there is no report.

WATER & SEWER REPORT

Jeff Cotter submitted the monthly report to the Supervisor. It is as follows:

1. The coliform sample obtained from the Town Hall for the month of February came back negative.
2. Purchased life jackets and rubber gloves for use in the sewer lagoons. Also purchased ear protection and a respirator for use in the Pump House in the event of a chlorine spill (Sodium Hypochlorite). Stan also received his backordered PH meter. Thanks for your help Sam.
3. The Well Field generator was low on anti-freeze. Discovered a small hole in the radiator hose that had been chewed by a mouse. Removed the mouse nest and trapped the mouse. Repaired the leak and added anti-freeze to the generator.
4. Ran the Pump House and Well Field generators.
5. Responded to a complaint about the lack of water pressure at 1771 NY Rt.3 Found that the residence basement was flooded with water and there was no water pressure to the home. It appeared that the water service to the residence was broken on the outside of the foundation. After investigating further however, discovered that a water line was left open to the residence to prevent freezing and that water was seeping into the ground and causing the basement to flood. Corrected the problem for the homeowner.

6. Turned the water on at 92 Maple Lane. Homeowner installed a new meter and currently reading 0.
7. On 3/4/12 it was reported that sewer was backing up into residences on Maple Lane. Stan and he worked for 10 hours to free up the plugged sewer main. Had to locate the sewer manhole that was buried under asphalt in the "Y" between Maple Lane and Main St. They cut and dug with his backhoe until they exposed the manhole 8 inches below the asphalt. They were able to partially free up the sewer plug enough to restore flow and prevent the sewer from backing up into the households above the manhole location.
8. On 3/7/12, the Saranac Lake Village pump truck snaked out the sewer line from the "Y" between Maple Lane and Main St. up the road on Maple Lane to the next manhole. They also pumped out the first sewer manhole on Maple Lane. The piping in this manhole was not installed properly and was the cause of the sewer backup on these streets. Stan and he have a plan to repair this piping themselves this spring.
9. Supervisor Morency stated that Jeff is cutting back on the overflow from Stand Pipe at the reservoir. By reducing nighttime pumping from Well Field it is saving on electric cost. Bart's average pumping per day was 67,000 gallons, Jeff's average pumping per day is 46,000 gallons with a savings per day of 21,000 gallons times 30 days per month is 630,000 gallons. This is 500,000 plus saved estimated. The years of overfilling reservoir caused wetlands – septic failure – water runoffs on Maple Street, etc. going into sewer systems.

## SEWER PROJECT

Supervisor Morency received an e-mail from Jason Denno from New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) with a list of tasks for moving forward with a project that is financially feasible and meets NYSDEC's concerns.

Task 1: Receive NYSDEC approval of April 19, 2010 Engineering Report entitled "Town of St. Armand, Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant, Performance Evaluation and Capital Improvement Plan", prepared by AES Northeast, PLLC.

\*AES will contact NYSDEC concerning the approval letter.

Task 2: Town respond to NYSDEC letter dated February 1<sup>st</sup>. This letter is regards to the NYSDEC reconnaissance compliance inspection dated 1/24/12.

\*AES will work with the Town to respond to NYSDEC letter.

Task 3: Contact USDA Rural Development to determine if the Town can refinance the existing sewer debt (\$77,000.00) through EFC's Market Rate Financing or Hardship Program, or BAN.

\*Jason Denno will contact USDA Rural Development and EFC concerning refinancing the existing debt.

Task 4: Letter of Support from Elected Officials concerning refinancing the existing USDA Rural Development debt.

\*Essex County Planning Office will assist the Town in drafting letter to elected officials.

Task 5: Prepare to submit co-funding applications this FFY 2012 for work that has been identified in engineering report. Co-Funding Opportunities discussed: North Country Regional Economic Development Council (CFA), CWSRF – GIGP, DEC WQIP, OCR – Public Utilities and Lateral Program, DOS Waterfront Revitalization Program – Planning and Implementation.

Supervisor Morency stated that the Water & Sewer Clerk mailed out the letter to all sewer users in the District regarding items being flushed. Councilman Grimone made a motion and seconded by Councilman Dakin, to accept Jeff Cotter's report.

## BLOOMINGDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

### RESOLUTION # 33 – BLOOMINGDALE VOL. FIRE DEPT. CONTRACT

Councilman Dakin, 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 Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department. Services begin January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

WHEREAS the sum of \$29,500 for fire services and \$5,436 for worker's compensation for total sum of \$34,936.00.

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

Supervisor Joyce W. Morency	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Samuel A. Grimone	AYE
Councilman Donald Amell	AYE
Councilman Earl Dakin, Jr.	AYE
Councilman Charles Whitson, Jr.	AYE

Dated March 14, 2012

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Cynthia A. Woodson  
St. Armand Town Clerk

#### AMA

Supervisor Morency stated she received a phone call from Town Attorney, Matt Norfolk that Bill Kissel was asked to represent AMA in the annexation; and will be preparing a report for St. Armand.

#### FLAG POLES

Councilman Whitson stated he will purchase the two flag poles and flags at the end of the month, as it will take six weeks to be delivered.

#### TOWN GARAGE

Councilman Whitson stated that he has been studying the floor plans and is looking at cutting down on costs, such as not needing an outside wood boiler. Councilman Grimone stated that a wood pellet would be less expensive than oil furnace, and other places use the pellets and claim high savings.

Councilman Grimone asked Justice Swinyer about his office if moved to the new Town Garage. Justice Swinyer stated he has no problem with it; it would be nice to have a courtroom. Councilman Grimone stated that if they don't have the Judge's office in the garage, then need to reconsider the size. Justice Swinyer stated the board members really need to look at the size of the garage; they (highway men) have done alright all these years.

Councilman Amell stated that he likes the idea of putting the Judge's office there as well as the other two offices. Councilman Dakin stated to look at the plans and see what can be done if the offices go there. Councilman Grimone stated that the (current) garage is small, but do not need new one so large. Councilman Whitson stated that if garage is to expand for the offices then the work areas will be smaller; not in favor of it. He stated that there is the safety factor, not enough room for men to do their work.

Councilman Grimone stated that we should look at other options, it is (new garage) over 2 1/3 times the size of the (current) garage. He stated he is not convinced that they couldn't do the work with less at the garage. Supervisor Morency stated that we should have a meeting to go over the plans and maybe someone could come in and look at it. Councilman Whitson said to call AES for questions and ideas of the pros and cons of the project.

#### ADIRONDACK AIRPORT

Supervisor Morency stated she received a letter from the Harrietstown Board Members inviting members to attend the public meeting March 21, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. regarding the airport. Councilmen Dakin, Grimone, and Amell will attend meeting.

#### JUDGE'S CHAMBER

Sandy Hayes said that there is a State law that the Judge has two escape units and he called the judicial office in Albany to talk to them about the situation at St. Armand's.

#### TOWN GARAGE

Sandy Hayes said that the plans he drew up for the new garage has offices, and a bathroom; he said that this is the chance to do it (offices) at the same time and the money to do it.

#### DUMP ROAD

Sandy Hayes said that the land to the old dump, the Town does not have legal access to it. He is drafting a letter for board members and the Supervisor can give it to the attorney. Supervisor Morency asked if the Town's access landlocked? Sandy Hayes said yes.

END OF MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Grimone, and seconded by Councilman Amell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 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