

REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 17, 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. Roger Oliver, Highway Superintendent. Mike Kilroy, Town's accountant.

GUESTS: Sandy Hayes

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Grimone.

RESOLUTION #34 – MINUTES

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

RESOLUTION #35 – MONTHLY BILLS

GENERAL:	Abstract #4	\$30,228.25
HIGHWAY:	Abstract #4	\$15,132.90
TOWN GARAGE PROJ:	Abstract #4	\$ 2,927.06
WATER & SEWER:	Abstract #4	\$ 19,437.71
FIRE PROTECTION:NE	Abstract #4	\$ 6,743.84

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 #36 – SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

RECEIPTS:	\$ 48,418.30
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 93,145.56
CHECKING BALANCES:	\$838,595.11
SAVINGS BALANCES:	\$175,016.78
WATER & SEWER BALANCE	\$ 42,084.59

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

BOARD MEETINGS

Supervisor Morency stated that the regular board meetings established at the Organizational meeting needs to be amended from the second Wednesdays to the second Tuesdays. She asked for a resolution on this.

RESOLUTION #37 – TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board to change the regular board meeting days from the second Wednesdays to the second Tuesdays.

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

Supervisor Joyce W. Morency	AYE
Deputy Samuel A. Grimone	AYE
Councilman Donald Amell	AYE

Councilman Earl J. Dakin, Jr. AYE
Councilman Charles Whitson, Jr. AYE

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BLOOMINGDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Morency stated that a meeting between the Board, the Town of Franklin board, and the fire department met to discuss the Jaws of Life. She stated that Chief Woodruff is asking if the Town will contribute to half the cost of the Jaws of Life. Supervisor Morency stated that between the Towns of Franklin and St. Armand, there were 16 calls and in one year the Jaws of Life was not used. She stated that there is \$75,000 in the budget to cover fire contracts and to add another \$20,000 in the budget for the taxpayers is a lot; if need one, you can use Saranac Lake's. Chief Woodruff stated that the Town of Franklin initiated the meeting and was willing to pay for half the cost. He stated that he was told that Saranac Lake would charge the Town to use the Jaws of Life. He stated that the rescue department is separate and is now under the Bloomingdale insurance. Roger stated that under mutual aid, they assist Towns with equipment they have.

Councilman Grimone stated that he is against it in this year's budget, and it could be addressed over the next two years. He is not against the idea. Supervisor Morency stated that it would take three years to pay back the fire department if they put in \$8,000 a year rather than a onetime cost. Councilman Amell stated he likes the idea of spreading it out. Councilman Dakin stated that it should be considered for next year's budget. Councilman Whitson stated he has the same opinion as the other board members; knowing we have two big projects going on. Supervisor Morency asked Chief Woodruff what the board members at Franklin Town Board say. He stated that they are all in agreement. She stated that there are three sets of jaws within miles if need it. She stated that at this time just can't commit to it with this year's budget. Sandy Hayes said that if Saranac Lake is going to charge the town, then they have to re-do their contract.

WATER & SEWER

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

1. The Coliform sample obtained from the Youth Center for the month March came back negative.
2. The Pump House and the Well Field emergency generators were both run without issues for the month.
3. In the Pump House we lost clear well pump #2. We replaced this pump with a new one. The Pump House operates with two clear well pumps that are both vital to the operation of the water plant. They supply water from the clear well to the Stand Pipe Water Tower. These are large submersible pumps rated at 15 HP. Both pumps were installed new in 2008.
4. I cut back some more on the running time to the Well Field Pump #3. This pump contributes to supplying water to the clear well in the Pump House. Since August, I have cut back the running time of this pump from 6 hours a day to 3 hours a day. Our total water pumped to the Stand Pipe water tower has now decreased from approximately 65,000 gallons per day to 42,000 gallons per day. We are now saving more than 690,000 gallons of treated water per month by cutting back on the pump run times in the well fields. We should also see significant energy savings and also eliminate early pump failure. We are still losing a significant amount of water through the original well casing that is located in the clear well. I estimate that we are losing approximately 20,000 gallons of water through this casing. This problem will be eliminated when this well casing is capped as mentioned in previous reports. I plan on completing this project this summer.
5. The Annual Water Quality report has been completed for the year and sent to all of the town's water customers and also to the Health Department.

6. I purchased a new chlorine pump and repair kit for a chlorine pump that failed in the Pump House. I will set these pumps up to provide uninterrupted chlorine injection in the event that one pump fails.
7. Stan purchased a new Roots blower for use in the sewer lagoons. Also, Charlie Whitson has spearheaded the purchase of new sewer lagoon aeration equipment to help ensure that the sewer lagoons are in compliance with DEC regulations.

WATER & SEWER PLANT

Councilman Whitson stated that there are several problems at the sewer plant. The bio-fuser total cost was \$5,231.00. They also need to measure the depth of solids (sludge). He observes Jeff replace one deep well pump at the water plant. The old well which is leaking water back into the river needs to be plugged.

WATER & SEWER

The water and sewer clerk asked if the consideration for a new program is still on. Supervisor Morency stated yes. The clerk asked if the board members would consider having a laptop computer for doing the work; thereby getting rid of the second computer on her desk and being able to do the work at home, when needed, where it is more convenient and there are fewer interruptions when doing meter readings and the billing. The board members discussed this and Mike Kilroy said a computer can be purchased at a low cost, around \$600.00, and he will check with BAS software about what is needed for the software.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver stated that the water truck is all done. Supervisor Morency asked for a resolution to declare the old truck as surplus.

RESOLUTION #38 - 1973 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board to declare the 1973 International truck as surplus.

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

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

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FEMA

Supervisor Morency stated that St. Armand will be receiving a check approximately \$18,000 for damages done back in April and May of last year. The work being done on Mill Street is almost done except for the black top.

CELL TOWER

Supervisor Morency stated that the cell tower became activated on April 17, 2012.

TRI-LAKES HUMANE SOCIETY

Supervisor Morency stated that the Town Clerk talked to her regarding having the dog control officer being able to do dog licensing at the shelter. She asked for a resolution for this.

RESOLUTION #39 – DOG CONTROL OFFICER

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board to have the Dog Control Officer, Lena Bombard, be a deputy Town Clerk to be allowed to issue dog licenses, and collect the fees for St. Armand. All reports and money will be given to the Town Clerk for the dog licenses.

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

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

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AIRPORT

Supervisor Morency asked Mike Kilroy what Harrietstown is looking at for the airport. Mike Kilroy stated that the talks of towns paying a portion to keep it operational is like being based on the airport being in the center of towns, and having assessment like the school it probably won't be much higher that what you are paying now.

TOWN GARAGE PROJECT

Supervisor Morency stated that the AES engineer, Dave Witford, met with the board and worked with plans. She stated that AES wanted to start from scratch to do a set of plans for \$40,000. She said she called Ethan Hall who helped with the original drawings and he wanted to talk with her, Roger, and one board member (Charlie Whitson). He was interested in working with St. Armand and does preliminary drawings for no more than \$25,000. Councilman Amell asked her if she did get information on solar panels. She stated she will try to get someone to do a study on it. Councilman Whitson said the upkeep is a lot and have to be replaced in ten years. Councilman Grimone stated that at the last meeting it was discussed about offices, and an alternate type of building such as metal. Supervisor Morency stated there are all kinds of reasons why it is not a good idea. She stated that Mike did an estimated debt amortization for \$600,000 and \$800,000 both with 25 years.

NORMAN'S WHOLESale

Supervisor Morency stated that the contract of the sale for the parcel from Norman's has to be re-done; the attorney called her today and said he made a mistake in it and to pass this resolution with today's date and to advertise it in the newspaper. Supervisor Morency asked for a resolution.

RESOLUTION #40 – AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND FROM NORMAN'S WHOLESale.

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board to purchase the parcel from Norman's Wholesale Grocery and to advertise it in the legal notice of the Adirondack Daily Enterprise.

This resolution was duly seconded by Councilmen Amell and Dakin, and adopted as follows:

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

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WATER MAIN

Sandy Hayes asked about locating the water shut off at Tug Duffy's lot, as the building is torn down and Tug wants to shut the water off so he doesn't have to be paying the debt services. Supervisor Morency stated that he still has to pay for debt services. Sandy said that the rule is, if you unhook it from the way box you don't pay. Supervisor Morency told Sandy to call Jeff Cotter and he will help him locate the way box. Supervisor Morency stated that this was one of Bart's job in putting on paper the location of all shut offs.

DEC

Sandy Hayes asked about the letter received from DEC. Supervisor Morency stated that they are looking into some of the issues. Sandy stated he wants to be on record that the Town is not in compliance with the letter from DEC. The Town has to have two certified people on the payroll. What is being done to try to comply with that? Supervisor Morency stated that they are looking into the issues and some has been taken care of and that the one regarding (two certified people) is being researched. Sandy stated that the jobs were not advertised. Sandy stated that he talked to DEC regarding St. Armand's sewer issues. Supervisor Morency stated that he is constantly criticizing the Town Board's decisions.

AMA

Councilman Grimone said that he wants to talk to the Town's Attorney regarding the letters the board members received. Supervisor Morency said to call him at his office. Councilmen Grimone and Amell to meet with Matt Norfolk, Esq. on the AMA annexation issue.

END OF MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Grimone, and seconded by Councilman Dakin, to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 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