

REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 12, 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. Jeff Cotter, Water Superintendent

GUESTS: Sandy Hayes, Patrick Finnegan, Georgia Murphy, August Simpson, Timothy Woodruff, John O’Neil, Fred Finn, Robert Laba, Judy Odell, Tom Cassavaugh, Tim Reyell, Sandra Aery, Paul Aery, Sue Abbott-Jones, Tom Jones, Elizabeth Baker, Francis Tuthill, Dean Montroy, Philip Weidenheimer, Doug Snickles, Carol Techman

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Dakin.

RESOLUTION #50 – MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Amell, and seconded by Councilman Dakin, to accept the Regular Town Board meeting minutes of May 8, Special Board meeting May 14th – Highway Garage, Special Board meeting June 7, 2012 – Sewer Project, and Special Board meeting June 7, 2012 – Town Garage Petitions. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #51 – MONTHLY BILLS

GENERAL:	Abstract #6	\$14,138.27
HIGHWAY:	Abstract #6	\$ 6,373.41
TOWN GARAGE PROJ:	Abstract #4	\$ 400.00
WATER & SEWER:	Abstract #6	\$ 7,776.64
FIRE PROTECTION:	Abstract #4	\$ 605.62
BLDG. RESERVE FUND:	Abstract #1	\$19,200.00

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

RESOLUTION #52 – SUPERVISOR’S REPORT - MONTH OF MAY

RECEIPTS:	\$ 94,674.46
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 91,720.26
CHECKING BALANCES:	\$802,832.41
SAVINGS BALANCES:	\$175,021.59
WATER & SEWER BALANCE	\$ 15,536.93

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

LIFE FLIGHT CONTRACT

TOWN OF ST. ARMAND 2012 CONTRACT

This Contract made and entered into this 1st day of January, in the year of 2012 by and between the **Town of St. Armand**, a municipal corporation, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, party of the first part, and North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation existing under the laws of the State of New York, with principal offices in Saranac Lake, New York, hereinafter referred to as “LIFE FLIGHT”, party of the second part.

MORENCY: Would someone move to have a resolution to accept the contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 53

DATED June 12, 2012

WHEREAS: North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation which is responsible for all aspects of patient care by providing medical equipment, training medical personnel and administering the medical portion utilizing the New York State Police helicopter based in Saranac Lake and private fixed-wing aviation resources; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Police and private fixed-wing aviation resources do not provide a medically trained team or medical equipment for patient transports; and

WHEREAS: The people of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton and St. Lawrence Counties receive a vital emergency medical service which is free of charge to critically ill and seriously injured patients, and, therefore municipal governments are asked to pledge monies for this worthwhile program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the **Town of St. Armand** hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a contract with North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. for the purpose of operating the medical component of the medevac program, which will serve its residents and visitors, and paying the amount of \$500.00 which represents the Town's share for 2012; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the sum of \$500.00 is hereby appropriated to Account No. A4540.400 for payment to North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc.

Motion by: Councilman Dakin
Seconded by: Councilman Whitson
Vote: All in favor

BLOOMINGDALE VOL. FIRE DEPT.

Chief Tim Woodruff asked if the board member would be the judges for the 100th anniversary parade on July 14th. Board members said they would do it. He said that Jay Annis is asking permission to use the field for the Rugby playoffs on July 26th. He said that after last year's Rugby, you asked us to find a different way of cooking inside of the shack, and Sween (Sheridan Swinyer) found a way by using a vent hood to put in if that is alright.

MORENCY: as long as the fumes are getting out of there, I don't have a problem with it.

WHITSON: Tim, are they looking at a commercial type vent hood?

WOODRUFF: I don't really know, they are looking at options.

DAKIN: I'm all for it.

AMELL: Yes.

GRIMONE: Yes.

TOWN GARAGE

MORENCY: I want to thank everybody for being here. This situation on the town garage where there was an accident on the corner, and the building is in rough shape, a 70 year old building. Since January, we had nine special board meetings, and six regular board meetings. Concerns with using the garage the safety issue of the people and equipment, was given a verbal cost of \$100,000 to \$150,000 to fix the corner. In the beginning of this, Charlie and Roger went out looking at garages, I got some plans and did hire Ethan Hall who did the plans for North Hudson, and we paid \$24,000. The Town of Brighton's metal garage spent \$500,000 to \$600,000 for their building. Ethan Hall is from Saratoga and we have our meetings early in the morning to accommodate him. Some board members have different ideas of what type of building they want, whether it is metal, brick or stick. We have had bond counsel ready on board, we purchase a piece of property from Artie Niederbuhl at 17 feet wide will help us with the space, we have the abstract to the title, we had to do APA jurisdiction, we done survey and topographical survey of the property, have had Atlantic testing for asbestos and only have two windows' caulking; already did the drilling of boring, already talked to Sheridan Swinyer about being the Clerk of the Work, the boys have been dealing with DEC and about moving the gas tanks, Roger talked to DPW from the County about dumping and found a place to dump the old garage; we did advertised for the bids for the building and then several people decided to do petitions and a call for permissive referendum. If there have not been petitions, I have given out 17 sets of plans and the architect has given out two, it would have been a good thing to have seen what the bids are. The bids were to be opened on June 21st and now we can't open them, I have to prepare a letter to them to tell them that we have been served with petitions that calls for this referendum. The original plans was to open the bids on the 21st, start on the July 9th

and could have been in by end of December, that will not happen now because we have to vote, you got to wait 60 days and that brings it up to August 6th and it means that we will not have a building up this year. When we were estimating before, we had an estimate of \$800,000 and looking at what it would cost. We could have looked at the bids and try to determine the amount, that's not going to happen now. Our intention was, once we open the bids, have a public information meeting from that meeting on that 21st, but that's all gone away.

PETITIONS

MORENCY: The Town received the petition from Sandy (Hayes) on June 4th and then that gives the Town five days to go through them like a regular elections, and sent them down to our attorney. Cindy did most of the work, one signature was not legible, two people lived in their mail box, they were in good shape there were more than enough signatures. When our attorney looked at them he called the next day and said there was a fatal flaw in the petition, the wording was not in there about their present place of residence is stated opposite the signature, it was part of the election law and it wasn't there. We voted and two voted not to accept the petitions because of that fatal flaw and three voted to accept it; so majority ruled and we are set for election. We can't do anything for 60 days. The attorney sent the ballot proposition for election and it is for August 6th it says: "Town of St. Armand Highway Garage Ballot Proposition. This was done by the attorney and will be turned over to the board of elections, they will print the ballots, Towns no longer do elections, they will prepare all ballots, and elections will be 12 noon to 9 p.m. On the ballot it will say "Shall the qualified electors of the Town of St. Armand, in the County of Essex, approve the resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand on the 8th day of May, 2012, which resolution authorizes the construction of a new town highway garage in the estimated amount of \$750,000. You will get a paper ballot and go into the booth and vote yes or no and then we will have the results.

GARAGE COMPARISSON

WHITSON: Day of the accident, we called the engineer to check out the building structural wise to see how bad it is. Roger and myself took a trip down, first stop was at Schroon Lake, we were looking for a township that had just recently built a town garage which we felt as a Highway Super and a board member would be the best way for us to in to select a style of building. We went to Schroon Lake first and we found that the building made out of block what was entirely too large to expect or think of us putting it into this community because of the size of it, about four times larger than ours. We left there and next stop was in North Hudson and we got there and were told by the employees that they were the sister buildings, same design but smaller. It was a four large bay and a smaller bay; being it was constructed like Schroon, I liked that way with the blocks and said to Roger that we have to keep an open mind for everything. From there we went over to Paul Smiths where they just built a new garage, theirs was a steel girder. I took my movie camera that day and when we have the informational meeting I will show that video and you can see the differences between the three garages. The steel girder has too many drawbacks, the girders are too wide and losing all the wall space for shelving. That was one of the job they had to stop because of the cost factor, they ran out of money. Today, I was invited down to Dick Trudeau's sand pit and spent two hours with both Mark and Dick on their pole barn and the exterior was built with metal and didn't have to put in concrete footers like we have here with the hard sand and clay. When Sandy said at the meeting that Dick only paid amount of dollars and I was curious about that and took pictures and Dick said okay. I tried as hard as I can with my decision and feel the blocks are the better way for our return, and money we invest into, not falling apart in 50 years or so and also looking at the safety factors, already too tight over there now at the garage. I feel that I have taken and participated as a participant on this board for the benefit of the Town taxpayers, not just the employees despite whatever the rumors are out there.

TUTHILL: My only thing is that concrete do crack more often in winter.

WHITSON: Several factors in that claim, and one is that it is caused by shifting in the foundation as well.

SIMPSON: That building has been there for 82 years and how far down does it has to go to do the footing, I was here when it was being built, and I don't think it was even five feet.

WHITSON: I do not know and that since you were here when it was built, I have to take your word on it. The codes have changed and even Dick said since his was built, the codes have changed tremendously. I can't answer that with an exact answer.

SIMPSON: What size garage are you looking at to build?

WHITSON: These plans call for 120 foot wide and 60 feet deep.

SIMPSON: Why so deep?

WHITSON: Well, you have the large equipment, and you have to climb over the plow in order to turn on the light switch, that is one of the safety things I am looking at.

MORENCY: That is a good point, the old trucks were much smaller and now they are much larger. The garage has stayed the same size but the equipment grows larger.

SIMPSON: What are you going to do with the other building, the pole barn?

WHITSON: Use it as cold storage, don't have to worry about snow and ice on equipment.

SIMPSON: Heard that we are going to have a kitchen, office and a meeting room in that garage.

WHITSON: What it is if you look at the plans, a 9 x 15 office for Highway Superintendent, a men's toilet room and a ladies toilet room which the piping will be in place but if a woman is hire then it will be put into place, a utility room where your furnace, water, electrical goes in it. The last is a break room for the employees where there is a lunch counter and a microwave, same thing as what is in North Hudson, not a very large room.

TUTHILL: What about the heating plans?

WHITSON: I looked at the wood pellet stove, and then went to Hyde to get the difference between the fuel oil and propane, the propane is half of what the fuel is and it burns cleaner, and we are having in-floor heat. In-floor heat does not work like our hot-air furnace does now, the floor is closer to the floor, but the further you go up it is colder.

TUTHILL: They (highway men) do a nice job when working on the equipments.

WHITSON: In years of watching them working, they endure a lot of hardships.

ODELL: Does the \$750,000 include the plumbing, electric, general, and mechanical work?

WHITSON: Yes, it all includes it. We will never know now because we can't touch those bids.

ODELL: I'm thinking it is \$750,000 for the structure only.

MORENCY: No.

AERY: Does that include the offices?

WHITSON: It is only for the highway.

ODELL: You did the comparison looking at Trudeau's and Brighton,

WHITSON: Roger is it the same size?

OLIVER: Yes, 120 x 60.

ODELL: I looked at the metal building and I liked it, it was very nice building.

AMELL: I was against the plans of May 8th, the architecture said it would be \$110.00 a square foot and I was trying to determine the cost; I didn't have the time to go to places like Charlie did and I feel bad.

WHITSON: Joyce and I did talk about that and you guys are working, so I was the point man to get the information.

TUTHILL: Charlie, did you go over to Gabriels and looked at their garage? I was kind of leaning towards a metal garage.

WHITSON: Yes, I did and I didn't like the way it was presented, the metal outside, the steel girders inside and plastic going inside the girders that takes away from a lot of the uses for the building such as shelves and benches.

AERY: Do you feel confident with all you looked at? There is a lot out there; salt ruins concrete also.

WHITSON: I have taken what Sam brought up with the logic....

GRIMONE: Insulated concrete forms, I took a day off work to go to the workshop with Jimmy, and Dougie was there also, to check them out. In my opinion, the board has not properly address the issue of energy saving options. I learned that a 2200 square foot house, in nine years saved \$36,000 of energy cost, in my opinion we could have done that; in my opinion we did not fully look at that.

AERY: Why rush out and do a concrete block building where there are other options out there.

WHITSON: I agreed with Sam when we discussion of saving between blocks and his (ICF) because of the R factor, I didn't feel the logic blocks would take and make up what the cost was to the original. You have the blocks and do the interior and then do the exterior. I talked to someone who came and picked up plans to bid, he said that they have a building out of logic blocks and he said in six months, because it was so air tight, he had to go back and install humidifiers to put moisture in the air. I'm talking to a contractor about this.

GRIMONE: Charlie, I would like to remind you that this was a man who came in to pick up bids, which means that we never fully addressed that in the process, that's all I'm saying.

WHITSON: No, I am not saying that, it was just this last Friday when he was here. I have to look at the taxpayers, I don't look at the taxpayers at what I feel we need to have over at the garage, I look at the taxpayer thinking that there's more than one, two, or three different types of people who have income, I have to look at that angle also. The

decisions that I was making were not to take and spend wherever I needed which I thought we needed to have in our Town. No, because there are a lot of things that I took out of that plan originally that North Hudson had. I felt that I was taking and trying to meet everybody's needs in the community Paul. Everybody is going to be paying per thousands.

AERY: Yes, but just that sometimes you have to pay a little bit more to get from it.

MORENCY: The life will be 100 years. I'm looking for a garage that will be around a long time.

ONEIL: As you know, I am in 100% that we need a new garage, and I don't think that Sam got the results that he should have, he got cut off. Every time Sam brought it up about (ICF) I don't think he got a legitimate shot of it being investigated. I want to ask you (Charlie), what is your opinion on metal buildings?

WHITSON: On metal buildings, I feel that the amount of salt six or seven months out of the year, it'll deteriorate the metal.

ONEIL: Earl, what is your opinion on it, would you like a metal building or what?

DAKIN: We didn't have a shot at it, we ask questions and we asked the architect and he came back with one figure on the cement blocks and that's it, per square foot. We asked questions on other buildings and the only answer we got was, this price per square foot on that building.

ONEIL: Joyce what is your feelings on a metal building?

MORENCY: I have a couple of things, and I can't imagine in this little town in Bloomingdale putting a metal building, it would be the biggest eyesore and there is nobody in this room would want a metal building within distance of their home, and I don't like the pictures of what happens to the inside of these buildings, it rots, it can't hang anything on the walls. My very first thought is that I didn't want to see that kind of a building in the middle of our hamlet. I don't think it is practical, not much use of the space, I would like to hear from others about how they feel about it.

ONEIL: I understand about the corrosions, you can spray the area. The type of things that more stuff could have been put out. I think you should have brought other people in to get other ideas and help you out a little bit.

GRIMONE: Salt is corrosive to concrete and motor. I asked him (Ethan) a question about ICF and he said I don't know, I don't do anything on that. I sent him a couple of links from the internet thinking maybe he would take a look at it and he would give me a comment but he didn't. I think he had the plans drawn for this building; 90 percent of the work is done.

FINNEGAN: What was the total cost of this building? That \$750,000 was allocated for this building. My concern is the unknown.

GRIMONE: Absolutely not, even the architect said that \$100.00 to \$110.00 (a square foot) may not even cover it, if you take 7200 by 110 (square feet) you get \$820,000 to cover it with the other expenses they know they have. The figures we got from North Hudson are going to be deceptive because they use their own laborers to do much of the work.

GRIMONE: I work in a steel building that is really nice.

ABBOTT-JONES: Have you looked at solar, any alternative energy and grants.

MORENCY: I ended up with so many other things that I couldn't get to it.

ABBOTT-JONES: How are you going to get electric?

WHITSON: That was one of the possible option doing piping for solar panels some day, right now it will be National Grid for lighting.

SNICKLES: Solar doesn't last long, have to be replaced every ten years.

REYELL: Where are the trucks going to go?

MORENCY: We don't know. It's going to be a problem, if the trucks can't go back into the garage, we don't know what we are going to do. The saying about the hydraulics.

OLIVER: I called the Supervisor in the Town of Ausable and he has the same problems we have, building down and not only does his hydraulic not freeze up, but the oil gets so thick that it can't get through the pump and that what causes so much pressure and blows the hoses.

REYELL: Joyce, are we considered an emergency response for the coverage?

MORENCY: We are covered under the State contract and you guys got to be out there.

REYELL: If our trucks are outside and we can't fulfill that service, what do we do?

MORENCY: The first thing is the roads won't be as good as a job this year.

ABBOTT-JONES: I don't think anyone is arguing, but all of a sudden it is an emergency. I been to several meetings about doing something to the offices in the Town Hall, but I never heard it being talked about building a new garage, it just became an emergency overnight.

MORENCY: You know we are not talking about this building anymore, we are talking about the garage.

ABBOTT-JONES: Now, we are in an emergency situation and now taxing something very quickly, lack of foresight.

MORENCY: We won't be doing a building this winter because of the 60 days referendum.

CASSAVAUGH: The election that is going to take place in 60 days, all that's going to do is approve or disapprove this cement block building, there is no other type of buildings being discussed?

MORENCY: Yes. The board members, if they want to spec out another building and hire an architect and talk about what money they are comparing it, to what they are going to spend. In the meantime, you still have 60 days.

CASSAVAUGH: You still are talking about a cement building, and that is the only option being offered right now.

GRIMONE: I see what you are saying Tom, and you are right. If you read this that Joyce read, the answer is that essentially you will build a cement block building we told you about or not and that's what that said.

MORENCY: No, they have a chance to turn that down, and that may very well happen.

GRIMONE: The question is, yes or no, you will build this cement block garage that's what this said.

MORENCY: If the majority of voters say no, we will not. If the majority says yes...

GRIMONE: The question is yes or no?

MORENCY: Yes.

UNKNOWN: This building only.

GRIMONE: Yes, that's what it is.

SIMPSON: If the insurance condemned it, why don't they pay for a new garage, why doesn't the Town's insurance pay for that? Like a replacement value.

MORENCY: I understand what you are saying. The insurance company came and looked over all cracks of the building, looked at how old the building is, they are not going to pay for deterioration. They paid for the cost of shoring it up, our men fixed that. They won't pay to fix the wall.

ONEIL: Is that building insured today?

MORENCY: Yes.

ONEIL: Then why can't we park the vehicles in there?

MORENCY: Well, we are taking a chance if we do. It's an option that if we put our men in there something decides to give, the building is not stable, it's not condemned, and I never said that word.

ONEIL: I heard that we are not going to be insured this winter, I heard that right here in this room.

MORENCY: What I said was if we go in the building and the building is not stable, the trucks are in there if we get a big, huge snowstorm, something goes wrong. They are going to have a hard time collecting on an insurance claim.

ONEIL: Now, there is no way around it to get us through one winter?

MORENCY: I don't know what it is.

FINNEGAN: You are saying the building is insured, but we can't use it?

MORENCY: I'm saying that we probably need to haul in another engineer to tell us it is unstable.

GRIMONE: Why don't we haul in the insurance company? Which won't cost us a dime?

MORENCY: Those guys don't do any engineering.

GRIMONE: Well, why don't we ask them if we're insured...

MORENCY: We are insured, we do carry a policy and we are insured.

GRIMONE: Okay, then why would we pay for this policy if we are not going to be able to collect?

MORENCY: My thoughts on this, I'm warning you people, if something happens, they are concerned about safety with the use of the building, we'll call the insurance and ask them if they want to send their engineer and we will get our engineer guy.

GRIMONE: I think that is what I'm hearing. Why are we paying for an insurance policy, am I hearing that correctly? Do you see what I mean Joyce?

MORENCY: Yes, I do if the building is not safe enough for us to be in we shouldn't be in it. I agree with you.

CASSAVAUGH: I don't think anyone is against a new building, it's the cement block one that some people are opposing, nothing else was even considered, I think that's where all the friction started.

TECHMAN: We are not a Cadillac town and trying to put up a Cadillac building. We should be looking at choices and looking at what this Town can really afford, before it ends up costing more than we can afford.

FINNEGAN: How are we going to pay for it? Bond Issue or what.

MORENCY: It would have to bond.

FINNEGAN: Are you going to make it for 750 (\$750,000) or for more?

MORENCY: We can't get to the bids.

FINNEGAN: Okay, well you can issue it for more and not use it all. Do you understand Bond Issues?

MORENCY: Why would I do that when you have to pay interests on it.

FINNEGAN: If you have a Bond Issue, you don't have to pay what you don't use.

MORENCY: Well you don't borrow more than you need.

FINNEGAN: Exactly, my concern is that are you getting enough?

GRIMONE: The thought process was not to bond the 750, (\$750,000) it was to bond what we need. Although she has something lined up, nothing been done yet.

MORENCY: They are on board; well they are off board now.

MORENCY: Sandy?

HAYES: Just to clarify everybody in this room, when you have that vote, people are saying yes, you will approve construction of a 60 by 120 concrete block building as designed on this table, or they will vote no. So the public does not have tonight or will not have, up to the day of election, any opportunity to suggest, try to look into, the board to look into any other building except what is on the table.

GRIMONE: That wouldn't be hard to do Sandy.

HAYES: What do you mean?

GRIMONE: It's possible.

HAYES: Right, you have 60 days to do it. Right now the board does not have plans to look at anything other than what's on the table.

GRIMONE: But we could make some. But we didn't.

HAYES: Yes.

GRIMONE: You really are referring to this that is yes or no, so anything from here on out, we can do, we can talk, we can have meetings, we can invite people, we can have open forum, we can do anything that doesn't directly relate to this piece of paper.

WHITSON: That's what the 60 days in my opinion is all about. For us as board members to take and have more input, not only with each other, but also outside ideas. I thought that was the whole part of a referendum, or just to close it down.

HAYES: I don't think there's anybody in this room that doesn't want the new building. I have not seen this board approve any other consideration other than what is on the table, and that is why there was the petitions and that's why you are hearing these comments tonight. If you put before the public the figures of what it would cost to put up a metal building, concrete building, brick building, ICF building or a straw building that will do the job, so the public know what all the options are to get the support of the public. If you do not offer any other than that, that thing is voted down and you are right, you will not have a garage. So, you got 60 days to put the numbers on the table and not put blinders on and say, not in our little town are we going to have any in the middle other than this concrete block building.

MORENCY: That's my opinion.

HAYES: That's been your opinion from day one and that's why you don't get a majority vote. The comments now are that we can't build it now, it's too late now. If you had done the price comparison between different types of building, you wouldn't be in this problem now. You saw how hard I worked in getting the petitions in eight days, if you don't present other options for the garage, I will work harder so that this building will be voted down.

HYDRAULICS:

HAYES: Roger, I have talked to loggers, the Quarry, and Trudeau and the hydraulics do not appear to be a problem. The sand truck is a big problem for me because of the icing, but the hydraulics, I'm not going to buy that.

OLIVER: I don't care if you buy it or not, I have talked to Highway Superintendents, every highway departments in town and you got three guys right behind me that are laying in snow banks changing hoses, you can't tell me. I've seen it done.

MONTROY: The highway trucks have to be able to leave at a moment's notice. The other workers and loggers don't have the time frame they could put it out another day.

INSURANCE:

HAYES: The insurance covers replacements factor, what was the figure for repairing it.

MORENCY: About \$18,000.

HAYES: So they estimated \$18,000 to repair that damage.

MORENCY: They paid for the shoring up, and the men's time in shoring up.

HAYES: If I back by car into the garage, my insurance would pay for replacement the parts that I damaged, not to shore it up. You must have had a figure to put that building back to what it was.

MORENCY: That was the figure I got, the architect and engineer used the cost of \$100,000 to \$150,000 to repair the walls. That's a lot of money; we can't put a lot of money in a building that straddle over, though we never considered that as an option.

HAYES: Like my garage...

MORENCY: This is not a household garage.

HAYES: It doesn't matter, you pay insurance and have damage, you put that building back the way it was. So, what I'm asking is that somebody had to come up with an estimate to replace for that damage then the insurance company took their depreciation factor, what was the figure to repair the damage.

MORENCY: We did not consider repairing for that.

HAYES: What do you pay for insurance for?

MORENCY: I know, buy they would only pay for the shoring up.

HAYES: That doesn't make sense.

MORENCY: First thing they told us is that we have to get an engineer and plans to fix it.

WHITSON: They didn't take that back side.

HAYES: If you don't consider at other options, I will do what I can to get other options. If you think I worked hard on this petition. If you put all other options on the table, and that is the best one, then I will work twice as hard to get everybody to approve it. I think the public is entitled to look at all the options that are available and take the best.

MONTROY: Charlie has done tremendous job of gathering information. If the other board members want to the same, then that's great.

GRIMONE: What makes you think we haven't Dean?

MONTROY: I don't know. You just sit here and talk about it. I haven't been to all the meetings, so I'm just asking.

GRIMONE: First of all let me say this, I haven't heard anybody say that is not a nice building let's get that straight. Secondly, Dougie, Phil, Tim, and Roger there isn't any one of the board members that hasn't praised you guys for the work you do. I can assure you none of us want to see any of you guys laying on a piece of plywood in 10 below weather. We all want the best garage.

GRIMONE: From day one, that was what is going to be built, that's my opinion.

MONTROY: That's my point, because Roger and Charlie had done, looked at other buildings...

GRIMONE: You haven't been to the meetings.

MONTROY: You're right. Is there another option right now?

GRIMONE: I think so. In my mind, we did not look at other options. Now, what will it cost for that building none of us will know.

MORENCY: I don't think a stick building would work for a town garage in my opinion.

FINNEGAN: What do we do next?

MORENCY: Have an election.

BAKER: Why can't he (Ethan Hall) come in here and ask him to explain what it will cost?

MORENCY: We'll get him in. I think we will take a short break and then get back to the other town business. Time 8:45 p.m. out, back in at 8:55 p.m.

TOWN HALL BUILDING:

MORENCY: The Town Country Bridge and Rail will do the pointing. His name is Vincent Paolozzi and the cost is \$8030.00. He will be in Essex County in mid July and will do the foundation and windows.

FLAG POLE:

WHITSON: The top of the flag pole needed clamps to hold the light.

GRIMONE: You did a great job and it looks really nice.

SIGN BOARD:

MORENCY: The sign for the front of the building is downstairs 42 1/2 inches wide and 5 foot 10 inches tall and 10 inches thick. Sherry Swinyer will do the work at his garage.

WHITSON: Sherry said he will do the refurbishing right here in the town hall, it would be easier than trying to carrying it to his place. Then we'll set the post in the ground.

WATER & SEWER:

MORENCY: You all have a copy of Jeff's report.

It is as follows:

1. The Coliform sample obtained from the Youth Center for the month of May came back from the lab as negative.
2. The Pump House and the Well Field emergency generators were both run without issues for the month.
3. We spent time working on water main shutoffs on Whiteface Lane and Union Street. Two water main shutoffs on Union Street have been dug out and are now functional

(Thanks to the men at the Highway Department for helping with this!). Several water main shutoffs on Main Street have broken way boxes and will need to be dug out. We should be able to replace the top sections of the way boxes by cutting off the broken top portions. We purchased a new cut-off saw to help perform this work. The old saw was purchased in 1993 and has bad engine compression. It was determined that it not be cost effective to repair. We had the saw checked out by Sturdy Supply and they determined that extensive repairs were needed. The new cut-off saw will be used by both the Water Department and the Highway Department and was a much needed purchase for both of the departments.

4. Water consumption is up for the month by approximately 8000 gallons per day. This is obviously related to the summer season and nothing related to any leaks in the system. We are now averaging 48,000 gallons per day; however, this is still much lower than last year at this time when we were averaging approximately 68,000 gallons per day.

5. We obtained a price quote from Ron Gill to cap the original abandoned well at the Pump House. Other well drillers were not capable of capping this well and refused to quote on this project. NYSDOH wants this unused well casing capped with concrete to avoid any cross contamination with finished treated water and untreated water. This will also help us save money on electrical consumption as mentioned on previous reports. We plan on having this well casing capped over the next few weeks. During this time, we will need to inform the public to take measures to conserve water by cutting back on watering lawns and washing cars etc... We will be shutting off the Well Field pumps to allow us to drain the Clear Well down to enable us to cap the old well. We have approximately three days' supply of water in the Stand Pipe Reservoir and the entire project should take two days; however, water conservation by the public is critical during this project.

6. I flushed fire hydrants on Main Street and Union Street this month.

7. We purchased two new wet tap drill bits to allow us to perform wet tapping of the water mains under pressure for new service connections. This will save money in the future because we will not be utilizing outside contractors to provide new service connections to water mains.

8. I plan on continuing to work on dysfunctional water main shut-offs throughout the summer as we feel that this is a priority.

9. We are working on obtaining quotes to replace the doors at the Pump House.

AIRPORT:

MORENCY: Don, do you have any report on the airport.

AMELL: The meeting itself was more informational, the elected officials were put at the front of the table. Talks of promotions and more of brainstorming.

MORENCY: They will never be able to do it without the gas sale tax.

AMELL: The AMA used to use the airport a lot because it was a direct flight, they don't have that anymore. They thought if some people could rent the hangers for income.

SEWER SPACE:

MORENCY: The sewer office has been a problem for quite awhile. There is no place to test samples. Stan takes his samples and brings it up to the water plant to test. Jeff has concerns as it doesn't take much to contaminate. We are looking to find a place that is separate building. I asked Doug Snickles for a quote on a building. A 12 x 12 building. The total labor and materials comes to \$8776.00, he is below the \$10,000 so don't need to go out for bid.

DAKIN: That building is sitting in a hole.

WHITSON: Doug is going to do back fill with crusher run and raise the building to be level with the pump house.

CABLE:

GRIMONE: Are we going to need cable there? Can we not have the cable at the pump house? It's more than \$840 a year.

MORENCY: I don't see why not we could remove the cable down there. Would someone care to move the resolution to have a building for the sewer testing?

RESOLUTION#54 – BUILDING FOR SEWER HEADQUARTERS

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board to have a building put up to house all the sewer testing's and supplies. Doug Snickles has provided the quote for the work to be done.

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

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

Dated June 12, 2012

Cynthia A. Woodson
St. Armand Town Clerk

GRIMONE: I tell you Madame Chairwomen that I thought you handled yourself very well tonight with the public.

MORENCY: I promised myself that I would never get upset that way again. Sandy, did you see your letter and the one from the attorney?

HAYES: Just look at buildings built by the Amish. Large enough building and you would have to put the fixtures and electric in. Look at Adkbarns.com.

MORENCY: Charlie, do you want to take time to look into that and then I'll call the other board members for final decisions?

WHITSON: Yes.

MORENCY: Can I have a motion to adjourn?

END OF MEETING:

A motion was made by Councilman Grimone and seconded unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 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