

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – JULY 3, 2012
WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

The Special Board 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, Councilmen Samuel A. Grimone, Earl J. Dakin, Jr., Charles Whitson, Jr. and Donald Amell. Cynthia A. Woodson, Town Clerk. Water Superintendent Jeff Cotter.

Supervisor Morency called the Special Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Grimone.

APPRECIATION LETTERS

Councilman Grimone suggested to the Supervisor to send letters to all those that have helped with work on the flag poles, and for the water and sewer departments. He would like to have these put on record.

P.A. SYSTEM

MORENCY: Charlie and I have made phone calls regarding updating the current recording system for board meetings.

WHITSON: I called Ray Supply located in Queensbury about what would work for recording our meetings.

GRIMONE: Was there a price?

WHITSON: He gave a quote of \$323.00 and also has additional microphones.

MORENCY: I would like a resolution approving the purchase of this.

RESOLUTION#55 - RECORDER

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board have approved to purchase a new recorder for the board meetings.

This resolution was duly seconded unanimously by the Town Board members.

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 July 3, 2012

Cynthia A. Woodson
St. Armand Town Clerk

WATER & SEWER COMPUTER PROGRAM

WOODSON: On Thursday Joyce, Connie and myself will be going to Elizabethtown to review the new water and sewer program that was designed at the County.

SEWER PLANT

MORENCY: There are still problems with the duck weed and another type of weed that is not being removed fast enough. We had Saranac Lake (Village workers) come down to help us before in removing some of the duck weed. The truck has a large suction hose that helps remove the weeds. I would like to use them again. I don't know how many loads it will take.

COTTER: I'm not sure how many.

GRIMONE: Would it take two days to use the truck?

COTTER: Maybe a day.

GRIMONE: Cost about \$3,000 or \$2,000?

MORENCY: No, maybe about \$1,000.

GRIMONE: Where would we get the money, as we don't have a lot in the water and sewer? Don't really want to set a limit, but we really don't have a choice. It has to be done.

COTTER: No, we don't have a choice we will get more letters of fines.

MORENCY: If we could get more irrigation, we can get some of the weeds out.

DAKIN: Remember when we had a lot of problems with the smell, and people complaining about it; it is a lot better now not much complaint.

MORENCY: The new motor and blowers are helping.

DAKIN: Last week I helped Stan put in three more aerators and we are getting more air in and using less power with the new aerators.

MORENCY: I have the draft letters for DEC and three different names for attorney to hire; we are just waiting. 1) Jim Brooks from Lake Placid for \$300.00 an hour. We don't have that kind of money.

2) Jerry Hayes from Tupper Lake and has experience with the APA and DEC. 3) Harrison Beach; and Joe Brenning from Glens Falls.

GRIMONE: Jerry is a good guy; he does his research and will work with the people.

MORENCY: I will get in touch with him.

SECOND WORKER AT WATER AND SEWER PLANT

MORENCY: One of the issues with DEC is that they want a second person on hand for backup. Charlie and I talked with Donald Raymond from Onchiota today. He is retired and willing to help out as a substitute with the water and sewer departments.

WHITSON: This Thursday, Don, Stan and I will meet at 9:00 a.m. and show this guy around the area. Today, Don suggested trying different chemicals with some of the problems.

COTTER: Sounds like this guy has a lot of experience, does he have a resume?

MORENCY: Yes, here are copies to look at.

WHITSON: With his knowledge and experience, he may have an idea once he sees the area.

COTTER: A guy for emergency is a plus.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

COTTER: One of the citations in the letter is the clear well that has to be capped. I called Ron Gill and others. The others won't touch it. Ron said he would do it and quoted a price of \$4523.75. It is an eight inch pipe and it's about 300 feet deep. It will take about 100 bags of concrete or more. Takes two days to do the job. We will have to notify the public with limited use of water. We could do this at end of July early August.

GRIMONE: Already we are spending money for sewer and water and we don't have much in the budget.

MORENCY: We can borrow from contingency if necessary, and repay it back.

SEWER TESTING BUILDING

GRIMONE: Did we buy the materials for the building? I understand we need it, the quote was \$8200 without electric and we have the cost for that.

MORENCY: Yes, the materials have been bought.

GRIMONE: Would it be possible to put the building on skids and someday when we want to move it, we could. It is to be having a building at the sewer plant in the future. Can we move it?

MORENCY: I don't know, Dougie might know.

WHITSON: I agree with you Sam, that if we can move it.

GRIMONE: It may save us \$5,000 or \$6,000 in funds. If on skids, put on flatbed then we can move it.

MORENCY: How to keep the building heated?

GRIMONE: Probably in-floor or heaters.

WHITSON: Could use the in-floor, put insulation underside of building and do the outside insulation with the skirting.

GRIMONE: Do we have a permit?

MORENCY: Yes. Robert is getting paranoid about his certification.

COTTER: Robert said it was a municipal building.

MORENCY: No one will be in the building but Jeff and Stan; no one needs to go in there. Robert is saying that we have to make it handicapped accessible. Need different doorknobs, handicapped toilet, slop sink for handicap, etc. It is only a building for sewer testing, not a place for public to be. Put a NO ADMITTANCE sign on the building.

COTTER: Kevin did send e-mail to me and said it would be better to have the new building down at the sewer plant.

GRIMONE: Any water there?

DAKIN: No. That's why we have a composting toilet there.

COTTER: So, how do you feel about the \$4523 for capping the well?

MORENCY: We need to do it. Everyone agrees.

COTTER: Who last worked there?

MORENCY: Try Gary Snickles.

COTTER: I'll call Gary about the capping.

DOOR FOR PUMP HOUSE

COTTER: I got three quotes for a new door for the pump house. The first one is for \$1300, the second is for \$2470 and the third is \$4500 including installed. The first one for \$1300 is from Overhead Door Company in Plattsburgh. We would pay extra for the installation.

WATER AND SEWER DELINQUENT BILLS

MORENCY: Cindy has spent a few days working on these; she prepared two different handouts for everyone to look at as we review them.

WOODSON: Let us start from the beginning and we will tell you what we know.

each bill was reviewed by board members and action to take

GRIMONE: What happens to the ones that are re-levied?

MORENCY: We get our money next year.

ALL BOARD MEMBERS: set up plans, and those with no response, shut off the water until paid.

WOODSON: I will type the letters tonight for those getting them and put them in the mail Thursday.

OTHER

AMELL: I will be having surgery Monday and will try to make the meetings on Tuesday.

END OF MEETING

MORENCY: Can I have a motion to adjourn?

Councilman Grimone made a motion, seconded by Councilman Dakin to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 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