

REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 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 Charles Whitson, Jr. and Donald Amell and Town Accountant Mike Kilroy.

ABSENT: Councilman Earl J. Dakin, Jr., Town Clerk Cynthia Woodson

GUESTS: Sandy Hayes, Bob Sweet, Carol Techman

Supervisor Morency called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

RESOLUTION #67 – MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A motion was made by Samuel Grimone and seconded by Charles Whitson to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2012 and the minutes of the Special Meetings held on July 10, 2012 and July 26, 2012. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #68 – AUTHORIZATION TO PAY MONTHLY BILLS

A motion was made by Donald Amell and seconded by Charles Whitson to accept and pay this month’s bills.

GENERAL	Abstract #8	\$35,467.48
HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE	Abstract #8	\$13,844.98
HIGHWAY OUTSIDE	Abstract #8	\$3,078.67
WATER AND SEWER	Abstract #8	\$26,506.53

Samuel Grimone questioned the purchase of a log splitter by the highway department. Charles Whitson to ask Roger Oliver, Highway Superintendent for the purpose of the item. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR

- WATER AND SEWER COSTS

Supervisor Morency presented and explained two (2) handouts showing large costs incurred by the Water and Sewer District this year as requested by board members at a previous meeting. These handouts are attached to these minutes. There were no questions.

- WATER AND SEWER REPORT

A written report was submitted by Jeff Cotter, Water Superintendent, to Supervisor Morency and members of the board covering the period July 1, 2012 through August 14, 2012. It is attached to these minutes. There were no questions.

- MEETING WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING ONGOING SEWER ISSUES

Supervisor and councilman Whitson met with Nathan Race, attorney retained to represent the Town of St. Armand involving DEC issues. An additional meeting is scheduled to be held at Department of Environmental Conservation Offices in Raybrook on August 21, 2012 at 9:30 am. Meeting will involve the attorney for DEC.

- FRANKLIN FALLS BRIDGE

Supervisor brought attention to a letter regarding the closing of the Franklin Falls Bridge for repair.

- AMA APPRECIATION INVITATION

Supervisor read a letter of invitation regarding attendance on November 1, 2012 at 6 pm to recognize AMA's 55 years in the Town of St. Armand and community.

- UPDATE ON ANNEXATION OF AMA INTO VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE

Mark Norfolk, attorney for Town of St. Armand on vacation – nothing new to report at this time.

- UPDATE ON PUMP HOUSE BUILDING

Supervisor Morency asked councilman Whitson to give a brief update on the pump house building being constructed. Mr. Whitson explained that the shell is up and rough-in plumbing is complete.

- UPDATE ON WATER AND SEWER SOFTWARE PROGRAM

Supervisor Morency asked town accountant Mike Kilroy to give a brief update on the new water and sewer software program being written by county programmers. He explained that we received an initial disk from the programmers in order to "try it out" and report back to them for any corrections or additions that we would like. Appears to be what we are looking for with some minor "tweaks."

- POSSIBLE RETIREMENT OF TOWN CLERK

Supervisor Morency reported that Town Clerk Cynthia Whitson may be retiring in September. As it stands now, it looks like she will take vacation from September 13 – 17 with her last day of work being September 20, 2012.

Discussion ensued regarding the issue of a deputy town clerk. Is there one? If so, who is it? Will there be enough time to have the position put on the ballot in November. In addition, the position of water and sewer clerk will need to be filled.

The Board authorized Supervisor Morency to place an ad in the newspaper for a water and sewer clerk. Interested persons should send a resume to the Supervisor by August 30, 2012.

- AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM FOR BOARD ROOM

Supervisor Morency asked about the status of a recorder/amplification system for the board room. This being old business, Sam Grimone and Donald Amell will research again and come back with a recommendation.

- VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONDING TO CALLS IN THE TOWN OF ST. ARMAND

Supervisor asked councilmen for direction on this issue and it was decided at this time that it is an issue between the VSL Police Department and the NYS Police.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS

Carol Techman asked for an update on the garage building. Supervisor answered that they are waiting for new plans that are being drawn up by the engineers. Should be here soon.

Bob Sweet asked if it is feasible if a new garage will be completed before "snow flies" and Supervisor Morency answered "no."

Sandy Hayes asked a number of questions regarding the garage. Supervisor Morency answered by stating that the town has hired NorthWoods Engineering to do a structural inspection and report back to the board within 30 days. Contract was signed on July 30, 2012 at a cost between \$1,000 - \$2,500.

Mr. Hayes had a number of questions regarding the deputy town clerk. Is there one, if so, who? Will the Town have one to replace Cynthia Woodson to cover the town business? Since the Supervisor has not received an official retirement letter there is nothing that can be done until the position is actually vacated.

Sandy Hayes inquired about the theft of equipment from the Town Garage and why was it not mentioned. Supervisor Morency replied that the insurance company was notified as was the NYS Police. A person has been arrested and the equipment has been returned with the exception of one (1) trimmer.

Mr. Hayes also wanted to know where the new set of plans for the town garage, promised by the Engineer, Ethan Hall, have not been received. Supervisor Morency will contact the Engineer and follow up.

Mr. Hayes requested the minutes of the meetings of July 3, 10 and 26 since they are not on the website. He also requested that all material be made available to the public prior to each meeting so that the public will be knowledgeable about what the Town Board is discussing at the meeting.

- END OF MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Samuel Grimone and seconded by Charles Whitson to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:00 pm.

Michael Kilroy
Acting Recorder