

TOWN BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 9, 2012

The Special Board meeting of the Town Board of St. Armand was held on the above date at the Town Hall, Bloomingdale, NY.

PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor Samuel A. Grimone, Councilmen Donald Amell, Earl J. Dakin, Jr., Charles Whitson, Jr. Town Clerk Davina Thurston.

ABSENT: Supervisor Joyce W. Morency

GUEST: Sandy Hayes, Chris Knight, Roger Oliver, Mike Kilroy

Notice was sent to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise regarding this meeting.

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

All rose and said the Pledge of Allegiance

RESOLUTION #84 – MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A motion was made by Councilman Whitson and seconded by Councilman Dakin to accept the minutes for the meetings held on September 11, 2012, September 20, 2012, September 26, 2012 and Special Board Meeting – Sewer Project - October 2, 2012. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Roger Oliver gave an account of the readiness for winter roads. Oliver stated that two trucks are ready for winter, sand and salt has been obtained, Goodspeed Road repairs have been completed, Mill Street repairs would be completed by Wednesday, October 17, 2012. Oliver also stated that the 2001 International truck will need to be replaced soon as the frame is severely rusted.

WATER AND SEWER MONTHLY REPORT

Councilman members reviewed the list of delinquent accounts for the water and sewer bills. The council decided which accounts would receive shut off notices and which accounts would be re-levied for taxes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Deputy Supervisor Sam Grimone read a letter that had been received from High Peaks Hospice, thanking the Town of St. Armand for their contribution.

WATER TAP

Council members discussed a current charge for a water tap that was completed for a Town of St. Armand employee. The council decided further information was needed to make a determination of further action. It was decided that this will be discussed at next board meeting.

LAGOONS & SOLAR POWER

Councilman Whitman discussed the growth on the lagoons. Duck weed has been removed and DO levels are down. Town Clerk Davina Thurston reported obtaining information regarding grants available for Solar Panels for the Sewer Project. Deputy Supervisor Grimone discussed the solar panels that are located at the Cumberland Head Ferry, and recommended that information be obtained from them regarding the installation of the panels, etc.

SOUND SYSTEM FOR THE BOARD ROOM

Deputy Supervisor Grimone discussed the bid he received from Ampersound to replace the microphone recording system currently in place. The board discussed using the laptop computer with a microphone to record the sessions in order to replace the current

recording system. Councilman Amell stated that he will bring in a microphone to use with the laptop computer for recording the next meeting.

TOWN GARAGE

The board decided to have a meeting with the architect to get the latest update on the project.

PHONE SYSTEM

Deputy Supervisor Grimone discussed our current phone system at the Town Hall and stated that he has been on hold for over five minutes while trying to leave a message. Mike Kilroy stated that the reason for that is if an account has its voice mail turned off, then the caller will continue to hold. To prevent that from happening in the future, all voice mail boxes should be kept turned on.

WEB SITE

Deputy Supervisor Grimone discussed the need for a web site that links St. Armand with Essex County. He stated that we need to look into having our own web site in order to provide information to the community, for example, Fire Department info, Cemetery and Board Meeting Minutes. Sandy Hayes suggested that the board look at the Town of Brighton’s website that is maintained by Rainbow Graphics. Councilman Whitson stated that the recent flu clinic could have been much better utilized by community members if they had known in advance about it. Councilman Amell agreed to check into Rainbow Graphics and get the board information regarding a new web site at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION #84 – TO ALLOW MIKE KILROY, TOWN ACCOUNTANT, TO USE A FACSIMILE SIGNATURE FOR TOWN BILLS AND PAYROLL CHECKS.

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

WHEREAS A Resolution of the St. Armand Town Board authorizes Mike Kilroy, Town Accountant, to utilize the facsimile signature of Supervisor, Joyce Morency, or Deputy Supervisor, Samuel Grimone, to sign payroll checks and bills.

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

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

Dated October 9, 2012

Davina M. Thurston
St. Armand Town Clerk

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Mike Kilroy went over the tentative budget. Mike stated that he had spoken with Supervisor Joyce Morency regarding the budget and she has some recommendations. Mike recommended a budget work session with all department heads to discuss upcoming expenses for the town. Mike passed out Tax Rate Comparison information, which the board discussed. Mike stated that the Budget is due on November 20, 2013, and recommended a Public Hearing regarding the Budget. He suggested holding it the same night as a regular board meeting.

Deputy Supervisor Grimone suggested a Special Board Meeting to discuss the Tentative Budget for 2013. The board members decided to hold the meeting on October 23, 2012 at 6:30 pm. The board will ask all department heads to attend this meeting.

PURCHASE OF LAND

The board discussed the purchase of ¼ acre of land for use at the sewer plant. The price of the land, legal fees, survey and abstract were discussed. Councilman Dakin stated he would look further into it for the board, and give more information at the next board meeting.

END OF MEETING

Councilman Whitson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Dakin to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

I, Davina M. Thurston, 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.

Davina M. Thurston
St. Armand Town Clerk