

REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 13, 2012

The Regular 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, Councilman Donald Amell, Councilman Charles Whitson, Jr., Town Clerk Davina Thurston, Mike Kilroy, Town Accountant, Jeff Cotter, Water Superintendent

ABSENT: Supervisor Joyce W. Morency, Earl J. Dakin, Jr.,

GUESTS: Sandy Hayes, Carol Techman, Ed Kanze

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

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

Councilman Charlie Whitson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

WATER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Jeff Cotter, Water Department Superintendent gave an accounting of the most recent actions taken for the water department.

Deputy Supervisor Sam Grimone asked Jeff to take measurements of the shed where the diesel generator is housed, and to get a quote to put in a concrete pad with a curb to comply with DEC standards to prevent leakage.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO RECESS THE BOARD MEETING BY COUNCELMAN AMELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCELMAN WHITSON.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:02 PM.

BUDGET HEARING

Town Accountant Mike Kilroy led discussion on the Proposed Budget for 2013. Questions and concerns were raised by guests and Council members. Sandy Hayes asked the board to accept a raise for the upcoming year. The board members all agreed that they would not accept a pay raise at this time. After several adjustments to the Budget were made, a Motion to accept the Budget was made by Councilman Amell and was duly seconded by Councilman Whitson and adopted as follows:

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

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Davina M. Thurston  
St. Armand Town Clerk

A MOTION TO ADJORN THE BUDGET HEARING WAS MADE BY COUNCELMAN WHITSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN AMELL.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING CONTINUED

MINUETS

A motion was made by Councilman Whitson and seconded by Councilman Amell to accept the Regular Town Board Minuets of October 9, 2012 and the Special Town Board Minuets of October 23, 2012. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS  
AVAILABLE

Deputy Supervisor Sam Grimone led discussion regarding the availability for a grant for cultural/natural heritage research and interpretation projects for the Town of St. Armand

with regards to the history of the American Civil War, the War of 1812 and commercial evolution of the surrounding area. Councilman Amell offered to do further research into a project and will report back at the next regular board meeting.

**RESOLUTION #86 – CONTRACT WITH NORTH COUNTRY LIFE FLIGHT FOR 2013**

The following resolution was offered by Deputy Supervisor Samuel Grimone:

**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 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, AND THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** That the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand hereby authorizes the Deputy Supervisor, Samuel Grimone, 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 2013; 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.

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

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

Dated November 13, 2012

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Davina M. Thurston  
St. Armand Town Clerk

**WATER & SEWER MONTHLY REPORT**

Discussion was led by Davina Thurston, Water and Sewer Clerk, regarding the most recent activities for the Water and Sewer Department.

A letter that was received from Bill Edelberg was discussed, and it was decided that Deputy Supervisor Sam Grimone will conduct follow up and will report back to the board at the next regular meeting.

A letter that was received from Charles and Marla Duffy regarding the water line to their property was discussed. Sandy Hayes spoke regarding the issue. It was decided that Deputy Supervisor Grimone will follow up with Jeff Cotter and report back to the board at the next regular board meeting.

**HIGHWAY MONTHLY REPORT**

Deputy Supervisor Grimone read from a memo given to him by Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for a desk and file cabinet for Stan at the pump house. Councilman Amell volunteered to try to obtain the items for the town from surplus at AMA.

Deputy Supervisor Grimone stated that the fence is down at the reservoir and needs to be put back up as soon as possible. Roger Oliver is looking into an estimate for that, and will inform the board when the estimate is received.

### **SEWER MONTHLY REPORT**

Councilmen Whitson led discussion for the sewer department. The old blower cannot be repaired and a new one should be obtained immediately for safety reasons. Councilman Whitson presented an estimate from ROOTS for \$2,116.00. A motion was made by Councilman Whitson to purchase the new blower; it was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Grimone. All agreed. Motion carried.

Councilman Whitson stated the town water and sewer truck has been parked because the linkage cable to transmission is burnt out. An estimate was obtained from Heath's Auto to repair the vehicle for \$300.00 to \$350.00. All council members agreed to have the repairs made.

### **SEWER PROJECT**

Deputy Supervisor Grimone discussed the letter that was being sent to Dominic Fontana, PE, Environmental Engineer 2. This letter is to meet the deadline for SEEKER and SHIPPO that is required to move forward on the Sewer Project.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilman Amell discussed the estimates for a new town web site that he had obtained. It was decided that after the New Year, Rainbow Graphics would be invited to attend a board meeting and present their ideas for a new town web site.

Councilman Amell discussed the new sound system for the board room. He stated that we will attempt to use a new system for the December board meeting.

Discussion was led by Davina Thurston regarding the need for a drop box for correspondence and payments. Many water and sewer customers have complained that they cannot leave their payments when the Town Hall is locked. Some people have taped their payments to the back door. Councilman Whitson stated that he was concerned about theft. Deputy Supervisor Grimone suggested that Davina look into options for a secure drop box and present them at the next board meeting.

### **2013 FIRE CONTRACT**

A copy of the 2013 Fire Contract was passed to all board members. After review and discussion of the contract, Deputy Supervisor Grimone made a motion to accept the Fire Contract. The motion was duly seconded by Councilman Whitson. All agreed. Motion carried.

### **TIME WARNER CABLE**

Deputy Supervisor Grimone discussed the lack of contract between Time Warner Cable and the Town of St. Armand. He asked the board members for their approval for him to speak with Time Warner Cable on behalf of the town. The board members agreed. It was decided that Deputy Supervisor Grimone would report back to the board at the next meeting.

Councilman Whitson made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 PM. The motion was duly seconded by Councilman Amell.

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 Board meeting minutes held on the above referenced date.

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Davina M. Thurston  
St. Armand Town Clerk