

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
TOWN HIGHWAY GARAGE  
February 28, 2013

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

PRESENT: Town Supervisor Charles Whitson, Jr., Deputy Supervisor Samuel A. Grimone, Councilperson Donald Amell, Councilperson Jennifer Fuller, Councilperson Earl J. Dakin, Town Clerk Davina Thurston, Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver

GUESTS: Sandy Hayes, Sandy Aery, Paul Aery, JP O'Neil

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

Town Supervisor Charles Whitson, Jr. called the board meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Councilperson Earl J. Dakin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION 22 OF 2013 – VACANT STRUCTURES

Town Supervisor Whitson asked for a motion to approve a resolution regarding vacant structure contact information. Board members asked for more information regarding this resolution. After discussion, it was agreed that the Board members need more time to review the resolution, and the assembly bills that are mentioned in the resolution. It was decided that this resolution would be tabled until the Regular Board Meeting on March 12, 2013.

TOWN HIGHWAY GARAGE

Town Supervisor Whitson opened discussion regarding the need for a larger highway garage for the Town of St. Armand. Supervisor Whitson stated that we are basically starting over regarding building the new highway garage. Supervisor Whitson stated that the Town does have a design for a block building. An engineered steel structure design was discussed last year, as well as ICF block and stick built. An engineered steel structure has been designed without interior. An email was discussed from Bread Loaf Corporation with basic construction costs for the four different types of structures, Block, ICF, Stick Built and Steel. The basic costs did not include the price for plumbing, heating, electrical, etc. Ethan Hall is an engineer that provided a design last year.

The cost to heat the building was discussed at length. The cost for heating will continue to go up each year. ICF and wood-frame are the best energy savers, according to research conducted by Deputy Supervisor Grimone.

Due to the garage being a governmental building, it is necessary for it to be built to the specifications required by the State. Fire rating is also a consideration.

Insurance on the garage was discussed, it was decided that a quote should be obtained from our insurance carrier on the cost of insurance on each of the four different types of structures.

The cost of the project was discussed, and the Board agreed that we must be careful with spending, but should not deny the requirements of the garage, to prevent a potential hardship that would cost taxpayers more money in the future.

Currently, the existing highway garage does not have enough room to allow the trucks to drop the plows when parked. This is causing undue stress on the plow equipment and causing additional repairs to be made to the equipment. It is also against State Regulations, but due to the lack of adequate space, we do not have any alternative at this time.

Discussion ensued regarding creating a committee of knowledgeable people to look into the four different types of buildings, and get the pros and cons of each to present to the Board for a decision on the type of building that should be built. It was decided that Supervisor Whitson would contact several people and ask them to volunteer their time for this committee.

Supervisor Whitson informed the Board that he would be in contact with them within a week with the potential names of people for this Special Committee.

Deputy Supervisor Grimone made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilperson Dakin seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 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