

Regular Board Meeting
August 12, 2014

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Town Supervisor Charles Whitson, Jr., Deputy Supervisor Sam Grimone,
Councilperson Don Amell, Councilperson Jennifer Fuller, Councilperson D. Joseph Bates

TOWN EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Town Clerk Davina Thurston, Highway Superintendant Roger Oliver,
Water Superintendant Jeff Cotter

GUESTS: Sandy Hayes

Notice was posted regarding the date of this meeting.

Town Supervisor Charles Whitson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Town Clerk Davina Thurston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HIGHWAY REPORT

SAND

Supervisor Whitson began the Highway discussion by informing the Board that the price of sand for 2014 was \$4.35 per ton picked up or \$6.05 per ton delivered. The total cost for pick up of sand will be \$15,225.00. The total cost for delivery will be \$21,175.00, with a difference of \$5950.00. Highway Superintendant Roger Oliver stated that the Highway Crew will be assisted by area Towns with pickup of the sand, as has been the case in previous years. Discussion ensued. It was decided that the Highway Department should pick up the sand at \$4.35 per ton.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Highway Superintendant Roger Oliver asked that the 2001 Plow Truck and the 2003 Sander should be surplus, removed from inventory and sold. Discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION 45 of 2014 – Surplus 2001 Plow Truck with 2003 Sander

Deputy Supervisor Grimone who moved the adoption, offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of St. Armand agrees that the Highway Vehicle 2001 Plow Truck with the 2003 Sander attached, have past their useful life, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board agrees that repairs to such vehicles would not be cost effect, and

NOW AND THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the 2001 Plow Truck and 2003 Sander shall be considered Surplus Equipment and Supervisor Charles Whitson may sell these pieces of equipment, together or separate, and they shall then be removed from the inventory list and the monies acquired shall be deposited in the Highway Fund General Account

This resolution was duly seconded by Councilperson Fuller and was adopted by roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Charles Whitson, Jr.	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Samuel A. Grimone	AYE
Councilperson Donald Amell	AYE
Councilperson Jennifer Fuller	AYE
Councilperson D. Joseph Bates	AYE

Dated August 12, 2014

Davina M. Thurston
St. Armand Town Clerk

WELLS COMMUNICATION – ANTENNA

Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver and Supervisor Whitson discussed the proposal for a new antenna to be installed on the new highway garage. Discussion ensued. It was decided to continue to utilize the current antenna and have Wells Communication install it once the highway garage construction is complete. The estimated cost for this is \$150.00

REPAIRS

Highway Superintendent Roger Oliver stated that the patching, paving and shouldering have been completed. The Crew is working on ditching and replacing culverts. The planks on Moose Pond Bridge have been replaced. The State is going to install new drainage near Bloomin' Market in the near future. Discussion ensued.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

CEO Robert Drosdowich was excused from the meeting, but provided two written reports as follows:

Month of June 2014 – 7 Building Permits Issued, Fees collected: \$1,131.60, 9 Inspections Completed, 2 Renewals. Detailed report attached.

Month of July 2014 – 2 Building Permits Issued, Fees collected: \$662.00, 10 Inspections Completed. Detailed report attached.

WATER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Water Superintendent Jeff Cotter gave a detailed verbal report to the Board. The following is a list of topics discussed:

- DOT storm drain near Bloomin' Market
- Ron Gill and the drilling of Well #5
- Electric situation at Well Field
- Pipe situation at Well Field
- Pumping of water
- Next year should schedule Well #8 for further drilling
- Recharging and Recovery of Wells
- Samples to be taken
- Door knockers
- Meter Readers
- Annual Health Inspection next month
- Inspection of the Stand Pipe
- Paul Smith's College – 50 Year Lease
- Hydrants/AMA/Village of Saranac Lake

MOTION TO PAY MONTHLY BILLS

Councilperson Bates made a motion to pay this month's bills; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Fuller. All agreed. Motion carried

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Deputy Supervisor Grimone made the motion to approve the minutes of July 8, 2014, Regular Board Meeting and July 17, 2014, Special Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Fuller. All approved. Motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Whitson gave the Board his monthly financial report. This report is kept on file and can be viewed at the Bloomingdale Town Hall, in the Town Clerk's file. Councilperson Amell made a motion to accept the Supervisors report; Councilperson Bates seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Davina Thurston gave the following report for the month of March 2014:

Dog Licenses	3 spayed/neutered	\$21.00
	1 un-spayed/un-neutered	\$14.00
5 Certified Death Certificates		\$50.00
Total Revenues to Supervisor		\$79.00
Revenue to NYS Dept of Agriculture & Markets		\$6.00

WATER & SEWER BILLING MONTHLY REPORT

Water & Sewer Clerk Davina Thurston gave the following report to the Board:

Total outstanding revenues: \$30,881.85

REVIEW AND UPDATE OF SEWER PROJECT

Supervisor Whitson informed the Board that a Pre-Construction Meeting for the Sewer Plant will be held on August 18th. Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Clerk Davina Thurston stated that Lynn Coleman had stopped in her office and asked about the sign that Eagle Scout Chris Coleman had made for Joyce. Discussion ensued. It was decided to ask Roger about this, as it may have been moved to the Pole Barn.

HIGHWAY STORM DRAINS

Supervisor Whitson gave the Board a written estimate from IRC for the installation of storm drains at the new highway garage. The amount was \$42,841.00. Lengthy discussion ensued. It was decided that further information was needed from the architect and engineer and the project should go out for bid.

TOWN LAW REVISIONS

Councilperson Amell stated that a meeting should be scheduled regarding the proposed Town Laws. Discussion ensued. It was decided that Supervisor Whitson would contact Attorney Leah Everhart to set a meeting in the near future. Sandy Hayes asked if the Laws were subject to Public Referendum, Deputy Supervisor Grimone stated that they were.

GUEST COMMENTS

Sandy Hayes stated that the Moose Pond Bridge has been much improved and thanked the Highway Crew for their diligent work.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Deputy Supervisor Grimone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilpersons Bates. Supervisor Whitson adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

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

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