

Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 24, 2015
6:30 PM

Meeting minutes were approved on April 14, 2015.

A Special Board Meeting regarding the Water & Sewer Rules & Regulations 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

A quorum of the Board was in attendance.

TOWN EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Town Clerk Davina Thurston, Water Superintendent Jeff Cotter

GUESTS:

Sandy Hayes, Jim Dakin, C. George Hare, Cheri Fisher, Ives McCarty, Jason Endries, Dean Everitt,
Tyler Chase, Diane Chase, Mark McCarty

Notice was posted regarding the date of this meeting.

Town Supervisor Charles Whitson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Councilperson Bates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

WORK SESSION

Supervisor Whitson stated that there is a current scenario in St. Armand that has many sides, with regards to many homeowner's having frozen water and sewer lines. He also stated that the Town Hall water line has been frozen for 32 days, and discussed the steps that have been taken to resolve the issue. Supervisor Whitson asked the guests to address the Board with their concerns.

Cherie Fisher informed the Board that her water line, located at 748 St. Regis Ave, has been frozen for 2 ½ weeks. Cherie stated the steps and costs she has incurred to unfreeze the line. Discussion ensued regarding the line. It was decided that part of the line is considered a Water Main, and the Supervisor stated he would take action to resolve this issue.

Tyler Chase informed the Board of the freeze up that occurred on his property on Prospect Avenue. The issue was resolved within 2 days.

Dean Everitt described the challenges that he has faced with his water line freezing up on Oregon Plains Road. Dean stated he has been without water for nearly a month, and he has exhausted all of his monetary resources to solve this problem, without results. Dean requested that the Town inform residents of when they should run their water to prevent freeze ups from occurring. Dean also spoke about ground thawing electric blankets.

Dale Gonyea informed the Board of the issue he had last year with water freezing on his property located at 1803 NYS Route 3. Dale stated that a welder was able to fix the line at a cost of \$1200.00. Dale stated that he had a plumber install a "pick line" that he utilizes to run the water during the coldest months.

Ives McCarty reported that his water line had been frozen for 7 days in February on his property located on Roosevelt Avenue. Ives stated he did not feel safe digging such a large hole on the edge of the road, but felt he had no choice as he could not afford to hire a professional excavating company. Ives felt that the Town should be responsible for repairs such as this, due to the safety of the residents.

Jason Endries discussed his position with the Lake Placid Water and Sewer Department, and informed the Board of the steps that had taken to deal with the extreme frost this year. Jason also expressed concern for the safety of individuals who are forced to dig up the road. Jason suggested utilizing the "shared services" plan with other Towns.

Water Superintendent Jeff Cotter stated that steam is safer than utilizing welders to thaw lines. Jeff also stated the safety issues involved with going into residents' homes when water lines break. Discussion ensued.

Diane Chase proposed the Town be responsible for the water and sewer lines that run under the road, due to the safety concerns involved. Diane also suggested the Town apply for grant funds to help resolve this issue.

Town Clerk Davina Thurston stated that the St. Armand Water and Sewer District is a user-funded account, and there is no tax-base for this system. Davina explained the grants that have been received for the new Waste Water Treatment Plant, and how the grant process works for Town infrastructure.

Deputy Supervisor Grimone stated that this was not an easy fix, and that there are many aspects that must be considered before a decision is made.

Discussion ensued regarding the above-mentioned comments.

During the meeting, Deputy Supervisor Grimone stated that he had received a text from resident Ben Kline stating that he would like the Town to be responsible for the Water and Sewer lines under the road, up to the property line or way-box.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Deputy Supervisor Grimone made a motion to adjourn the Special Board Meeting at 8:15 pm, Councilperson Fuller seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

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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