

Town of St. Armand
Tuesday, December 8, 2020
Regular Board Meeting 6:30 PM

These Meeting Minutes were approved by the St. Armand Town Board on January 12, 2021.

A Regular Board Meeting of the Town of St. Armand was held on the above date and time via a webinar conducted from the Town Hall, Bloomingdale, NY. The webinar meeting was advertised and made available to the public.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Town Supervisor Davina Winemiller, Deputy Superintendent D. Joseph Bates, Councilperson Donald Amell, Councilperson Jennifer Fuller, and Councilperson Karl Law.
A quorum of the Board was in attendance.

TOWN EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Town Clerk Barbara Darrah.

EXCUSED: All department Superintendents and the Code Enforcement Officer Derrick Martineau were excused due to COVID regulations and Town Hall spacing limitations.

GUESTS: Keith Bordeau, Josh Colby, Adam Mayville, JP Oneil, and Warrene McCarthy, all from the community.

Notice was posted regarding the date and times of the Regular Board Meeting.

Supervisor Winemiller called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and asked all to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting then proceeded with the departmental Monthly Reports.

MONTHLY REPORTS

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Highway Superintendent Douglas Snickles submitted the following written report to the Board:

Town of St. Armand Highway Report for the December 8, 2020 Meeting

- 1) We brought all the old paperwork from upstairs over to the Highway Garage to be shredded by Adirondack Shredding.
- 2) We started cutting trees and chipping at the cemetery.
- 3) We had some clean up to do after the windstorm.
- 4) We installed more signs on Moody Pond.
- 5) We have been working on the new platforms for the Transfer Station. They will be completed this week.
- 6) The new drop ceiling is in for the second floor. We will start installing it as soon as we can.
- 7) We had to get new plow lights and one front tire for the one-ton. Both have been installed.
- 8) We had the oil and water separator tank pumped out at the garage.
- 9) We have done just a little plowing and sanding so far.
- 10) We brought the unused shelving from the Town Hall 2nd floor over to the Highway Garage for housing our supplies.

WATER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Cory Skiff submitted the following written report to the Board.

Town of St. Armand Water Report for the December 8, 2020 Meeting

11/6 - Located water main for Dig Safe at the corner of Route 3 and River Road.

- Supplied water to the drillers at the Reservoir for the new cell tower.

11/17 - Picked up sample bottles for nitrate and lead from Saranac Lake Treatment Plant.

- Talked to Rocky Stephenson, 110 Main Street, about installing a water reader.

11/18 - Talked to Dean Everritt about his water being cloudy. I told him it was probably just air in the lines caused by the divers when they cleaned the Reservoir. He was also concerned about lead. I told him I would drop off a sample bottle to him for testing.

11/19 - Dropped lead sample bottle off to Dean Everritt.

- Turned water on at 781 St. Regis Ave. Found water to be leaking in the basement and had to shut the water back off.

- Checked the meter reading at Reverend Shumway's house. It has been replaced recently and he wanted to make sure it was moving forward.

- Checked meter reading at Phil Weidenhiemer's place. Landlords had asked that it be checked due to last quarter's high reading.

11/20 - Installed new resistors at the Reservoir for the water level reading. The meter reading is now accurate.

- Turned water back on at 781 St. Regis. Ave. Found the hot water tank to be leaking. Turned the water back off.

- Installed a new water reader at 110 Main Street.

11/23 - Dropped Dean Everitt's lead sample off at the Water Plant in Saranac Lake. I am still waiting for the results.

- Checked the reading at 80 Maple. Kathleen Curit had a new water meter and reader install by Dave the Plumber.

- Checked the reader at 110 Main St. I found it was not working.

- Capped a shutoff on Rockledge for the winter.

11/24 - Talked to a tech at Gunner's Supply where we buy our readers and meters about the reader at 110 Main St. not working. He advised me to replace the reader, and if that didn't solve the issue, to replace the head of the meter itself. I replaced the reader at 110 Main St.

11/30 - Dropped of yearly Nitrate sample to the lab. I am still waiting to hear on the results.

- Checked the reader at 110 Main St. and found that it is working properly.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer Derrick Martineau submitted the following written report to the Board:

Town of St. Armand Code Enforcement Officer Report for December 8, 2020 Meeting

1. Returned 16 calls 10 emails
2. 1 permit issued
3. Inspections are ongoing on open permits. And, still checking sites for compliance with Covid laws to best of my ability.
4. Gladd property has a court date set for Dec 22, 2020.
5. Spoke with health department about trailer park having abandoned trailers. Working to get those removed.
6. Attorneys feel with our new local law the board can order Gladd's house be removed after following specific guidelines which I will work with attorney to my part right and be able to guide the Board. I just found this out with not enough time for this month's meeting for me to get it ready.
7. I have received plans, etc. for Dollar General and had an extra set of plans to share with the Board and show the public if anyone wants to see them. I am reviewing plans which take a minimum 40 hours to check everything against codes.
8. Working with a Canadian company who wants to look into doing a solar farm. I told them they need to go through APA and Essex County Planning board before I can approve anything.
9. Had a foil request for a ton of permits which was a mountain of work. With the help of Davina and Barb, a letter was sent explaining it would cost thousands on their part to complete or they can come meet me and look themselves and pay to copy what they need only under my supervision.

Thank you to Davina and Town crew for the Christmas lights around the Town Hall. They really look very nice and, add some joy during these hard times.

Thank you to Barb for helping me with a previous foil request and copying everything and sending it out.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wastewater Superintendent Stanley Ingison submitted the following written report to the Board.

Town of St. Armand Wastewater Department Report for the December 8, 2020 meeting.

- 1) Did daily collections, testing and recorded data.
- 2) Did daily checks of all systems at the PTB and WWTP and recorded the data.
- 3) Wrote up the DEC monthly operating report and the discharge monitoring report and submitted them digitally.
- 4) Did weekly generator checks.

- 5) Did weekly greasing of the paddle wheel drive and clarifier drives.
- 6) Did weekly grit removal from the classifier drive outfall and unloaded it into the transfer station trash dumpster.
- 7) I did the weekly flexing of all the aeration diffusers.
- 8) We did get a new, more basic stirrer, for the laboratory and sent back the month old one with faulty systems in it for a refund. This will save us money and hopefully have a number of decades of use from the current lower priced unit model.
- 9) Blower # 1 is continuing to run well and is running on less wattage even with the warmer running temperature. I will continue watching it.
- 10) Kevin Cogan and crew have been under quarantine for a while after one of the wife's tested positive for Covid-19 but all have no symptoms. He says that after sending the data to the Fronious people about the 2 fried invertors they conclude that it was from a utility surge or lightening that caused the problem which is not covered under the warranty. Davina is working with AES to find out why surge protection was not included in the system when it was installed.
- 11) I have continued to winterize the systems and everything is ready for the cold weather to arrive but hopefully Mother Nature gives us a little warmer than usual winter this season as predicted by the Farmer's Almanac.
- 12) With the help of Chris from Highway I did get the disabled pressure reducing valve removed and the new one installed which was more difficult than one would think because the bypass line had to be shut off also to make enough clearance to accomplish It. There is 190 pounds of pressure in the lines upstream from the valve but within two days I did get all the leaks stopped from the 4 joints that had to be opened to replace the valve. The new valve is working well, and I will rebuild the faulty one to keep as a backup for when the new one goes bad.
- 13) I finished doing the annual lift station inspections and hope the town is able to find ways to replace the remaining three of the 5 that haven't been upgraded yet. It would be nice to get Union Lane lift station replaced with a gravity feed line so we could be done with that problem. It would also be nice to get the Poplar St. and Prospect Avenue lift stations turned over to the households that use them instead of the sewer district having the maintenance cost on its back.
- 14) I continue to work on the St. Armand Wastewater Department Comprehensive Improvement and Repair Program.

Supervisor Winemiller asked if there were any questions on any of the submitted departmental reports. There were none.

RESOLUTIONS #'s 65 - # 72

RESOLUTION # 65 OF 2020

TOWN OF ST. ARMAND REGULAR MONTHLY
TOWN BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021

Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that for the year of 2021, the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand will hold its Regular Monthly Board Meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the Bloomingdale Town Hall, 1702 NYS Route 3, Bloomingdale, NY 12913, except as noted below:

- Tuesday, January 12th
- Tuesday, February 9th
- Tuesday, March 9th
- Tuesday, April 13th
- Tuesday, May 11th
- Tuesday, June 8th
- Tuesday, July 13th
- Tuesday, August 10th
- Tuesday, September 14th
- Wednesday, October 13th
- Thursday, November 4th - Public Budget Hearing (held the Thursday following the General Elections per Town Law)
- Tuesday, November 9th - Regular Board Meeting and Passing of the Budget
- Tuesday, December 14th

Special Board Meetings or changes in Regular Board Meetings will be announced in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilperson Jennifer Fuller, and adopted by Roll Call vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Winemiller AYE

Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates AYE
Councilperson Donald Amell AYE
Councilperson Jennifer Fuller AYE
Councilperson Karl Law AYE

Dated: December 8, 2020

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 66 OF 2020

TOWN OF ST. ARMAND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
FOR 2021 – TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED

Councilperson Karl Law, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that for the year of 2021, the Town of St. Armand's Town Hall, located at 1702 NYS Route 3, Bloomingdale, NY 12913, will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- Friday, January 1st – New Year's Day
- Monday, January 18th – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Monday, February 15th – Presidents' Day
- Monday, May 31st – Memorial Day
- Monday, July 5th – Independence Day Observance
- Monday, September 6th – Labor Day
- Monday, October 11th – Columbus Day
- Thursday, November 11th – Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 25th & Friday, November 26th – Thanksgiving
- Friday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

This Resolution was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates, and was adopted by Roll Call vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Winemiller AYE
Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates AYE
Councilperson Donald Amell AYE
Councilperson Jennifer Fuller AYE
Councilperson Karl Law AYE

Dated: December 8, 2020

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 67 OF 2020

TOWN OF ST. ARMAND 2021 WATER
AND SEWER METER READING
SCHEDULE

Councilperson Donald Amell, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that for the year of 2021, the quarterly Water and Sewer Meter Readings will take place as follows:

First-Quarter Meters to be read December 27th 2020 – January 3rd, 2021
Billed in January and Due in February

Second Quarter – Meters to be read on March 25th – March 31st
Billed in April and Due in May

Third-Quarter Meters to be read on June 24th – June 30th
Billed in July and Due in August

Fourth Quarter – Meters to be read on Sept. 24th – September 30th
Billed in October and Due in November * RE-LEVY Quarter

This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilperson Karl Law, and adopted by Roll Call vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Winemiller AYE
Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates AYE
Councilperson Donald Amell AYE

Councilperson Jennifer Fuller AYE
Councilperson Karl Law AYE

Dated: December 8, 2020

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 68 OF 2020

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ST. ARMAND AND
THE TRI-LAKES HUMANE SOCIETY FOR 2021

Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

WHEREAS A Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand, authorizing Town Supervisor Davina Winemiller to sign the contract with Tri-Lakes Humane Society for the year 2021, and

WHEREAS the Tri-Lakes Humane Society will be the duly authorized agent for domestic animal control in the Town of St. Armand, and

WHEREAS the Town of St. Armand agrees to pay the amount of \$3,090.00 for the year of 2021 for such services January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, payable on the first business day (Regular Board Meeting) of January 2021.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Town Board for the Town of St. Armand agrees to the current adoption fees and other rules and regulations of Tri-Lakes Human Society with regard to domestic animal control.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilperson Jennifer Fuller, and adopted by Roll Call vote as follows:

Town Supervisor Davina Winemiller	AYE
Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates	AYE
Councilperson Donald Amell	AYE
Councilperson Jennifer Fuller	AYE
Councilperson Karl Law	AYE

Dated: December 8, 2020

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 69 OF 2020

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE
TOWN OF ST. ARMAND AND STANDARD MEDICAL
TESTING SERVICES FOR 2021

Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this agreement is made between Standard Medical Testing Services, a division of Mountain Medical Services located at 68 Quaker Road, Queensbury, NY, 12804 and the Town of St. Armand, having an address at 1702 NYS Route 3, Bloomingdale, NY, 12913, and;

WHEREAS, this agreement shall be in effect from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, and;

WHEREAS, this contract is for required drug and alcohol testing for equipment operators in the Highway Department. The contract is priced per visit, and specified services and hours, not an annual fee, and;

WHEREAS, Standard Medical Testing Services/Mountain Medical Services attests that it will keep all information obtained from the Town of St. Armand for the purpose of testing confidential unless otherwise required to disclose said information by applicable law, regulation, or subsequent agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand hereby authorizes Town Supervisor Davina Winemiller to execute the contract with Standard Medical Testing Services, a division of Mountain Medical Services for the year 2021.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilperson Jennifer Fuller, and adopted by Roll Call vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Winemiller	AYE
Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates	AYE
Councilperson Donald Amell	AYE
Councilperson Jennifer Fuller	AYE

Councilperson Karl Law

AYE

Dated: December 8, 2020

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 70 OF 2020

2021 FIRE CONTRACT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ST. ARMAND
AND THE VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE

Councilperson Donald Amell, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, a Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand, authorizing Town Supervisor Davina Winemiller to execute the 2021 Fire Contract with the Village of Saranac Lake, and

WHEREAS, the Village has provided the services of the Village of Saranac Lake Fire Department for the fire protection and rescue services pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 209-b and fire police protection pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 209-c to the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board for the Town of St. Armand agrees to the provisions set with the Fire Contract Agreement for 2021,

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Town Board for the Town of St. Armand shall abide by the Fire Contract Agreement for January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, in the amount of \$25,557.38, payable by February 1, 2021.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilperson Karl Law, and adopted by Roll Call vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Winemiller	AYE
Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates	AYE
Councilperson Donald Amell	AYE
Councilperson Jennifer Fuller	AYE
Councilperson Karl Law	AYE

Dated: December 8, 2020

Barbara J. Darrah

RESOLUTION # 71 OF 2020

AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND CDBG
PROGRAM MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of St. Armand is in possession of certain funds generated through the repayment of a deferred payment loan to the Town from its 2014 Community Block Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, these funds were received in 2019 and designated as “miscellaneous income” to the Town on April 1, 2020 according to Office of Community Renewal policy, and therefore can be used at the Town’s discretion, and

WHEREAS, the Town has identified a resident homeowner with a household income below 80% of the area median income in need of the emergency replacement of their heating system. No other funding sources have been found to pay for this repair.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Town of St. Armand Town Board hereby authorizes Davina Winemiller, as Town Supervisor to use a portion of the miscellaneous funds to provide housing repair assistance in the form of a 5-year, forgivable deferred payment loan to the eligible applicant for necessary repairs on the home. Supervisor Winemiller is further authorized to engage the Housing Assistance Program of Essex County to provide program delivery services for the project.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilperson Karl Law, and adopted by Roll Call vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Winemiller	AYE
Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates	AYE
Councilperson Donald Amell	AYE
Councilperson Jennifer Fuller	AYE
Councilperson Karl Law	AYE

Dated: December 8, 2020

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 72 OF 2020

TOWN OF ST. ARMAND UNPAID WATER AND
SEWER BALANCES AS OF NOVEMBER 16, 2020
SUBMITTED TO THE ESSEX COUNTY OFFICE OF
REAL PROPERTY FOR THE 2021 TAX RE-LEVY

Councilperson Donald Amell, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, by Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand, the Town Board authorizes the property tax Re-levy of all unpaid Water and Sewer balances in the St. Armand Water and Sewer District, and

WHEREAS, the amounts of \$ 6,695.66 including late fees for Water and \$ 15,549.28 including late fees for Sewer remained unpaid as of November 16, 2020. A grand total re-levy in the amount of \$ 22,244.94 was prepared on November 17, 2020 and submitted to the Essex County Office of Real Property for re-levy onto the associated 2021 Town and County property tax bills.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilperson Karl Law, and adopted by Roll Call vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Winemiller	AYE
Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates	AYE
Councilperson Donald Amell	AYE
Councilperson Jennifer Fuller	AYE
Councilperson Karl Law	AYE

Dated: December 8, 2020

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

MOTION TO PAY MONTHLY BILLS

The payment vouchers for December 8, 2020 were presented for the Board’s approval as follows:

- General Vouchers # 358 - # 381 in the amount of \$ 14,299.22
- Trust and Agency Fund Vouchers # 75 - # 78 in the amount of \$ 987.20
- Highway Vouchers # 193 - # 208 in the amount of \$ 6,519.41
- Highway Outside Vouchers - None
- Water and Sewer Vouchers # 173 - # 185 in the amount of \$ 4,503.63
- B Fund Vouchers # 10 - # 11 in the amount of \$ 1,099.00
- I&I Fund Vouchers - None
- Rockledge Water District Vouchers – None

Councilperson Karl Law made the Motion to approve payment of this month’s bills; the Motion was seconded by Councilperson Donald Amell. A Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Supervisor Davina Winemiller	AYE
Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates	AYE
Councilperson Donald Amell	AYE
Councilperson Jennifer Fuller	AYE
Councilperson Karl Law	AYE

All in favor. Motion carried.

Dated: December 8, 2020

Barbara J. Darrah,
St. Armand Town Clerk

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Winemiller presented the Supervisor’s Monthly Report for November 2020. Councilperson Donald Amell made the Motion to approve November’s Supervisor’s Report. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Jennifer Fuller. All in favor. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND MOTION TO APPROVE PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

Councilperson Karl Law made the Motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2020. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Jennifer Fuller. All in favor. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Barbara Darrah gave the following report for the month of November 2020:

There was (1) Dog License for November 2020. Male neutered	\$ 7.00
There were (5) Certified Death Certificates (Hall)	\$ 50.00
There were (3) Cemetery Lots sold (Franklin Falls)	\$ 450.00
Total Revenue Earned	
	\$ 507.00

Paid to Town Supervisor: \$ 456.00 Paid to B Fund: \$50.00 Paid to NYS Agriculture & Markets: \$ 1.00

WATER AND SEWER BILLING MONTHLY REPORT:

The Town's Water and Sewer relevy amount for 2020 is \$22,244.94. The various customer credit balances total \$451.98. If you take the amount of \$22,244.94 minus the \$451.98 credit amount, the total is \$21,792.96. This amount balances with our County Water and Sewer Receivables Report dated December 8, 2020. The next billing cycle will be in January 2021.

OLD BUSINESS:

Winemiller: Moody Pond Parking Tickets: Supervisor Winemiller displayed a handout on the screen with a breakdown of the funds collected by the town's Justice Court from the Moody Pond Parking Tickets that were issued thus far:

July 2020	\$ 75.00
August 2020	\$ 500.00
September 2020	\$ 1,550.00
October 2020	\$ 600.00

Total collected July through October \$ 2,725.00

NEW BUSINESS

Winemiller discussed the health insurance premium refund due to Thomas Cassavaugh. A handout was displayed in the presentation and an explanation of the errors that occurred in the calculations of the annual fees collected and refunded over the last three years. In conclusion of the review, the Town owes \$992.76 to Thomas Cassavaugh. Based on what he pays in 2021, we will reduce that balance by the \$992.76. I am looking for a motion to approve.

Karl Law: Have you discussed this with Mr. Cassavaugh?

Winemiller: I have not. I wanted to discuss it with the Board first. The refund does not come until the next year. There is no way to know exactly what the refund will be until the following year.

Amell: If the procedure is that once we get the refund annually, if there is one, it's a credit toward the following bill the following year. That is the way we will handle it.

Winemiller: Exactly. So, can I get a Motion to approve the credit of \$992.76 to Mr. Cassavaugh?

The Board approved the corrected refund. All in favor.

Winemiller: The Cure Cottage Development Assessment Lawsuit: They are the folks that purchased the AMA property. They have filed an assessment lawsuit against the Town of St. Armand. When they purchased the property, it was assessed at 6.9 million dollars. They purchased it for 2.65 million dollars. It is currently assessed at 3.6 million. The 2.65 million that they purchased it for included several leases that they were doing long term with AMA and other people leasing some of the property. So, currently it is at 3.6 million dollars. I wanted to let you know that we are in the process of being served with that lawsuit.

Amell: What was the 6.9 million?

Winemiller: When the property was purchase by Cure Cottage Development the assessed value was 6.9 million dollars.

Amell: When was that?

Winemiller: They purchased it in late 2019.

Amell: Last year it was assessed at 6.9 million and this year it's assessed at 3.6 million?

Winemiller: Yes. We dropped it to 3.6 million, after they purchased it at 2.65 million.

Law: So, they were fully aware that the assessment was 6.9 million when they made the purchase?

Winemiller: Absolutely.

Amell: So basically, the lawsuit is they want it assessed at 2.65 million. That is the gist?

Winemiller: Yes. That is what they want. After discussing this with our attorney Matt Norfolk and Donna Bramer came to the 3.6 million based on the fact that when they purchased it, they did have long term leases included with that. So, there was value beyond the 2.65 million that they paid for it. I will keep you posted as we go along.

Winemiller: Protect the Adirondacks FOIL Request: We had a FOIL request from Protect the Adirondacks. They were requesting copies of all of our building permits from the year 2000 to 2019. It's significant because it is a huge amount of work. Barb did respond to them. I am going to ask Barb to expound on that.

Darrah: There are two options with this request. We responded successfully to a similar request a couple of years ago from a union requesting labor records for the building of the Wastewater Treatment Plant grant documents. The union representative was offered to come to the Town Hall, research the records, and they did and came up with a few documents they wanted copied and this was all completed within an hour. That worked very well. So, we offered Protect the Adirondacks the same two options to complete their request. We could go through all the building permits, photocopy everything, which would be an enormous amount of work and we do not charge for our time, we only charge for the photocopies. It would cost their organization approximately \$1500 for the copies plus the postage fee to mail it to them. The alternative offer was to have them come here and look through the building permit records for the years that they were requesting. They could decide what they wanted for copies and then we would charge them accordingly for those copies at 25 cents per copy. They have opted to come here to the Town Hall. We did relate to them that their visit would have to be conducive to our COVID work schedule and we are waiting to hear from them.

Winemiller: Are there any questions regarding this?

There were no questions.

Winemiller: HAPEC Expenditure Funding: The following handout is associated with the HAPEC Resolution we did earlier in the meeting. The handout just shows the bids HAPEC received for that furnace installation project.

Winemiller: UV Light for the Town Hall: We purchased a tabletop UV light sanitizer disinfectant lamp. You turn it on for 30 minutes and make sure no one enters the room because the UV light is bad for your eyes. It kills all the germs in a 20x20 room after 30 minutes. This is just a small, non-commercial space device. It is the same type of thing the County uses for their rooms. There is a very distinct smell. It is an ozone-type smell which means that it is working. If you enter the Town Hall and smell something strange, it is the UV light. There is a log in the Board room, where we keep track of which offices are being disinfected. Does anyone have any questions?

There were no questions.

Winemiller: Reschedule the Rockledge Water District Special Board Meeting: I would like to reschedule the Special Board Meeting we tentatively set for January 26th. I did receive the maps. But, because this is a map-oriented meeting, I would like to wait until we are done with COVID, and we can open back up so everyone can be together and look at the maps together and understand what we are talking about. So, right now, what I would like to do is postpone it and we will determine a date for the meeting later.

The Board was in agreement to postpone the meeting.

Winemiller: Winter Skating Program: This is really tough because I know everyone really loves our skating, but we are seeing an uptick in COVID. I am very concerned because we only have one big room and people who are skating are not going to want to wear masks because it's hard enough to breath just because it is cold out.

Amell: Would an option be to maintain the rink, but keep the shack closed?

Winemiller: You mean not let people go into the building?

Amell: Right.

Law: I was thinking the same thing, Don. Why not give the guardians the choice.....use their discretion if they let kids go down there or not?

Winemiller: That's a tough one because we want people to be safe. How are they going to put their skates on? What if they have to use the restroom? And the other fear I have with that is what if we don't have someone working, what if someone gets hurt? I'm concerned about that. How do you all feel about that?

Joe Bates: I don't think you can do it, Davina. I don't think you can open it. Because of the liability alone. Even if you close the shack, there is not going to be any distance maintained. The liability with that also, is a concern.

Winemiller: The other thing I was thinking about is maybe waiting until the beginning of January, and see where we are with the COVID vaccines? Maybe we can pull something off for the end of January and February?

Jennifer Fuller: That's what I was thinking. Maybe just temporarily not open when we usually open it as soon as we were going to and play it by ear. Maybe, if things look up and then we can eventually open it? That being said, my daughter plays hockey, and the kids all have to wear masks under their helmets. It's going well. So, some of the kids are probably going to be used to that.

Winemiller: Are they skating inside or outside, Jen?

Fuller: Inside.

Winemiller: That is what I am concerned about. Because we have an outside rink, all I can think about is when you are outside skating, your nose runs. No matter what you do, if you are skating outside, your nose is going to run. Do you know what I mean?

Law: This is a tough one.

Fuller: Yes, it's tough.

Winemiller: Yeah. I hate to do this to the kids. But I think maybe we can say we will try to open maybe mid-to late January. Let's see what happens.....

Law: I think it's definitely premature to cancel it for the full season. I am agreeing with Jen on this one as far as just postponing until we see where this goes,

Winemiller: Right. I think so, too. Maybe in December or mid-January we will have the vaccine and the cases will be reduced, and we can move forward. I think at this point I will call the ice rink workers and we will see about the possibility of opening in mid-January. We will play it by ear and cross our fingers.

Winemiller: Youth Building Cameras: The youth building cameras are installed. One faces out to the playground, one faces toward the front door and where the ice rink would be, one faces out to the fire hydrants and the frost-free standpipe, and the fourth is tucked into the back of the building facing out, so if anyone walks down toward the back door. The system is set up on a motion-sensor. The highway crew will go down a couple of times a week and check for vandalism and we will be able to see if something happens.

Winemiller: Solar Farm Information: The last thing I wanted to bring to your attention is the discussion we have been having on the County level; creating local laws on solar farms. What they are finding in New York State, is that a lot of solar farms are buying up farmland and putting in big solar arrays to generate power. That in itself is great because we want to have solar power and that is a good thing, but we don't want to have our farmland used up. One of the things that the County is asking us to do is adopt a local law, not to stop solar projects, but to protect the farmland that we have. I wanted to ask the Board if this is something you would like me to pursue.

Amell: We can keep the topic alive and give us a chance to think about it.

Winemiller: I have been sent three drafts of different local laws. I will take a look at those three and see if one or a combination of the three might work best for St. Armand. So, I will put something together and present it at the next Board meeting and we can talk about it further then.

Amell: Sounds good.

QUESTION OR CONCERNS FROM GUESTS AND STAFF:

Supervisor Winemiller asked if there were any questions or concerns from guests or staff?

Donald Amell: Do we still have the Special Meeting scheduled for December 15, 2020 for the Hex and Hop noise issue?

Winemiller: Yes. Next week, on the 15th, at 5:30 pm.

Amell: And it's virtual?

Winemiller: Yes. I will post the link on the Facebook page soon.

Darrah: Also, it was also advertised in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise in Friday, December 4th's edition.

Warrene McCarthy: Davina, is anything happening with that Four Corner's property? They were going gung-ho and then everything stopped.

Winemiller: It is my understanding that the folks that owned the Lake Placid Pub and Brewery and Big Slide Brewery were going to do something there, but then COVID hit. Basically, the loss of jobs and income, they backed out. As far as I know, it is still for sale. Right now, because of COVID, everything is on hold.

McCarthy: Are the courts still running?

Winemiller: The courts are still running. As of right now, we are a go for December 22, 2020.

McCarthy: Thank you very much. It's been an interesting meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates made a Motion to Adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Karl Law and the Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

I, Barbara J. Darrah, Town Clerk for the Town of St. Armand, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct transcript of the Regular Board Meeting minutes held on the above-referenced date.

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

Dated: December 8, 2020