

Stillwater Town Board
Agenda Meeting
June 16, 2011 7:00 PM
Stillwater Town Hall

Present: Councilman Artie Baker
Councilman Ken Petronis
Councilwoman Lisa Bruno
Councilwoman Virginia Whitman
Supervisor Ed Kinowski

Also Present: Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk
James Trainor, Attorney for the Town
Joe Lanaro, Engineer for the Town

Absent: Mark Minick, Supt of Highways

Supervisor Kinowski called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge to the Flag.

Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk took the roll call.

Presentation:
Chief of Police: Chief Dennis Latham spoke on behalf of the Stillwater Police Dept. and presented a Certificate of Educational Achievement to Officer Pecor for graduating with the highest academic grade of the Zone 14 Police Academy class he attended.
Troop #35: Supervisor Kinowski recognized Boy Scout Troop #35 for their support of Stillwater’s annual Family Day. Supervisor Kinowski also recognized Wesley V. Chmielewski for Attaining the Rank of Eagle Scout and his support to the Community Center.

Adoption of Minutes: **Motion** by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilwoman Whitman to adopt the minutes of the June 2, 2011 Business Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Agenda Items (Resolution #44-#46)

Resolution #44 Authorizing the Police Chief
to send an Officer to the Police Academy

Introduced by: Supervisor

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has recommended that Daniel Nelson be authorized to attend Zone 5 New York State Police Academy and return to the Department as a Stillwater Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, the officer will pay his own expenses to attend the academy, but has to be sponsored by the Town in order to attend;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Police Chief to send Daniel Nelson to Zone 5 New York State Police Academy at his own expense.

Motion by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilwoman Bruno to adopt Resolution #46.

Councilman Baker	Yes
Councilman Petronis	Yes
Councilwoman Bruno	Yes
Councilwoman Whitman	Yes
Supervisor Kinowski	Yes

Motion carried. Resolution #44 was adopted unanimously.

**Resolution #45 Amending Resolution No. 27 of 2011
 And Assigning the Benson Easement to
 The Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1**

Introduced by: Supervisor

WHEREAS, the Town of Stillwater previously obtained a sewer easement over the lands of Benson connecting what is commonly known as the Hillside Sewer System to the Revolutionary Heights Sewer System; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the connection between PNL and Camelot it is now necessary that the Benson easement be assigned by the Town to the Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town hereby amends Resolution No. 27 of 2011 and approves the assignment of the “Benson” easement to Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1 for a sewer connection between the Hillside and Revolutionary Heights Sewer Systems and authorizes the Supervisor and attorneys for the Town to sign all necessary documents to effectuate the conveyance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to New York State Town Law § 64(2).

Motion by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilwoman Bruno to adopt Resolution #45.

Councilman Baker	Yes
Councilman Petronis	Yes
Councilwoman Bruno	Yes
Councilwoman Whitman	Yes
Supervisor Kinowski	Yes

Motion carried. Resolution #45 was adopted unanimously.

**Resolution #46 Authorizing the Supervisor
 To Publish a Local Town Newsletter**

Introduced by: Supervisor

WHEREAS, the Supervisor wishes to publish a Local Town Newsletter to provide information to all Town residents; and

WHEREAS, the cost to produce the newsletter at the Town offices and mail the same to all Town residents shall not exceed \$1,500.00;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to publish a Local Town Newsletter, and be it further;

RESOLVED that the Local Town Newsletter shall be produced at the Town offices and mailed to all Town residents at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Motion by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilwoman Bruno to adopt Resolution #46.

Councilman Baker	Yes
Councilman Petronis	Yes
Councilwoman Bruno	Yes
Councilwoman Whitman	Yes
Supervisor Kinowski	Yes

Motion carried. Resolution #46 was adopted unanimously.

Communications

Global Foundries: Supervisor Kinowski informed the Board they were invited to tour the new administration building on June 30th. All council members have confirmed going with the exception of Councilwoman Whitman who will let the Supervisor know within the next couple of days.

DEC: Supervisor Kinowski informed the Board of new regulation regarding Towns being able to do open burns of falling limbs.

Capital Projects: Supervisor Kinowski inquired of the status of proposal for continuing the zoning amendments for the rest of Route 67.

After discussion the Engineer will get the proposal to the Supervisor as soon as possible and then the Supervisor will forward the proposal on to the rest of the Board for their review so that they may move on it next month.

Sod Farm: Supervisor Kinowski stated that he has reached out to the sod farm but has not been able to connect with them. He will keep trying so that he can have something for the next meeting.

Speed Sign/Vial Ave: Supervisor Kinowski reported an email he has received regarding the speed limit sign on Viall Ave Hill. The resident is looking to have the sign moved further back up the hill where it was originally. The consensus of the Board was to have the Supervisor contact the County regarding having the sign moved.

Unsafe Buildings: Supervisor Kinowski stated that due to miscommunication he will have a Resolution for the agenda meeting to start the procedure for unsafe buildings on Route 423.

Junk Cars: Supervisor Kinowski stated that the Building Dept will be working with Attorney Cutler to revise the local law regarding enforcement issues. He stated that he met with the head of Planning and Zoning, R. Abbey, R. Butler and Attorney Cutler to streamline the zoning ordinances.

Councilwoman Bruno commented that she has been hearing very good things regarding R. Abbey.

Public Input

Art G inquired to the status of the water leaking into the Community Center gym and the Esplanade project.

Supervisor Kinowski stated that he has not had the time to address the situation but something will be done by the fall.

A discussion was held on legal issues on the deficiency of construction.

Supervisor Kinowski stated that the Esplanade project will move forward once the bus garage moves.

A resident questioned what the money from Global Foundries could be used for.

Supervisor Kinowski went over the process of appointing a committee and the use of the monies.

Tony B inquired if the newsletter was a one time deal or if there would be another one.

Supervisor Kinowski gave a brief review of the method being used to mail the newsletter and said that they are considering another one at the end of the year.

Mike C inquired about the communication from DEC and if the Village gave any relief to the resident who had water leaking which resulted in a very high water bill.

Supervisor Kinowski stated that the regulation of burning pertained to all municipalities and that he was waiting to hear back from the Village on the water bill.

Art F. commented on burning regulations, brownfield study on Route 67 and the previous water line break on Route 67.

It was clarified that the communication from DEC regarding burning was now allowing all municipalities to burn downed debris which was never allowed prior and the City of Mechanicville is not sure what they are going to do at this time regarding their water situation.

Engineer Lanaro stated that the initial study on the Town regarding Brownfield was not approved by the State.

Audited Claims

Motion by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilwoman Bruno to pay the audited claims.

General	#177-#195	\$6650.65
Town Outside	#135-#141	\$930.09
Highway	#215-#235	\$76869.63
Capital Projects	#27	\$284,252.51
Water	#37-#39	\$1842.62

Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilwoman Whitman to adjourn into executive session for litigation matters. (Note: the Town Board will not resume the regular business meeting). **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by

Sue Cunningham
Stillwater Town Clerk