

**Stillwater Town Board
Business Meeting
August 20, 2009 7:00 PM
Stillwater Town Hall
(Stillwater Community Center)**

Present: Councilman Artie Baker
Councilman Ken Petronis
Councilwoman Lisa Bruno
Councilwoman Virginia Whitman
Supervisor Shawn Connelly

Also Present: Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk
Mark Minick, Supt of Highways
Ray Abbey, Bldg Inspector/Code Enforcement
James Trainor, Attorney for the Town
Joe Lanaro, Engineer for the Town

Supervisor Connelly called the Business Meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge to the Flag.

Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk took the roll call.

Adoption of Minutes: **Motion** by Councilwoman Whitman and seconded by Councilman Petronis to adopt the Minutes of the July 16, 2009 Business Meeting of the Stillwater Town Board. **Motion carried.**

Town Board Members

Supervisor Connelly

Saratoga County Day at the Races: Supervisor Connelly wanted to inform residents of Saratoga County Day at the Races to be held on August 31st and all residents are invited to attend.

Councilwoman Whitman

Village Water Payment: Councilwoman Whitman inquired why the Village water payment was late being sent out when the check was dated on August 6th and not mailed until August 13th. Supervisor Connelly stated that Councilman Baker was on vacation and was not available to sign the check.

Blockhouse: Councilwoman Whitman commented on the humidity problem and seeking bids to solve the problem. She spoke with the Blockhouse Curator and she was seeking separate three bids.

Viall Ave Sewer: Councilwoman commented on authorizing Chazen to look into sewer for Viall Ave and where the funding would come from to pay for this.

Public Input

Resident I inquired where they stand with the picnic tables, the pavilion and comments made on why Village residents question the Highway Dept when they don't pay Highway tax.

Supervisor Connelly stated that the resolution on picnic tables was tabled at the last meeting. Councilman Petronis stated that when they begin the work on Cold Springs Road they will be bringing in fill to the Saratoga Glen Park which will be leveled and then the pavilion will be built.

Councilman Petronis stated that he does have a problem when certain Village residents just complain on Highway when they don't pay Town Highway tax.

Resident II stated that Route 9P needed more police patrol support do to heavy traffic & speeding and inquired as to when the minutes are posted on the web. He stated that if people wanted to discuss an issue the resident wouldn't know what was in the minutes, the Board is adopting the minutes prior to availability so he thought the Board might want to consider voting on the minutes after they were posted for residents to view in case a resident wanted to discuss them during public input and interject on what was or was not accurately stated.

Supervisor Connelly stated he would suggest to the Police Chief about placing the Police radar Dolly in that area but the problem is it needs to be plugged in and taken in during the night. The resident stated that he would be willing to do that if the Town Police wanted to put the radar dolly in his yard.

Supervisor Connelly explained that minutes have always been placed on the website after the Town Board adopted the minutes.

Sue Cunningham explained that minutes do not need to be verbatim, but merely show all resolutions, acts or motions of the Town Board. She stated that she does put in a brief synopsis of comments and answers made but it does not need to be verbatim.

Resident III inquired about Resolution #114, Water District #4 Ext 1 and asked where Water District #4 was at.

Supervisor Connelly stated that Resolution #114 has nothing to do with Water District #4 and before anything can be done regarding Water District #4 Ext 1 an escrow account needs to be set up.

Resident III questioned Resolution #118 and asked if the Town would ever hook into this system and if the State is saying the Town has to.

Supervisor Connelly stated that the Village has until February of 2011 to have a new source for water.

Resident III commented on an article in the paper regarding the Reservoir and asked how the Town was going to keep fill from going into the Reservoir.

Supt Minick stated that's in the design for the total highway reconstruction and it is being designed to prevent that from happening.

Engineer Lanaro stated that Elmore Robinson Rd portion of the Cold Springs Road Reconstruction Project is going to be entirely paved. As part of that road design in the construction the design standard are going to be brought up to meet Town standards as well as the requirements of a road project as regulated by the DEC stormwater regulatory program for stormwater pollution prevention control. Drainage systems will be included along the road that will convey the stormwater but manage it in a way that it doesn't have an adverse effect on the Reservoir. He went on to explain the process of the road construction project. The bottom line was the Town will be responsible for maintenance of the road and system for water drainage. Resident III also commented on the way the sewer line is being run down Route 67 to Farley Rd.

Resident I commented on the article that the prior resident was referring to. He said the article was on the widening of the road, securing shoreline, who would be taking care of the road, how Mechanicville was having someone doing random spot checks and who was paying this person to do the spot checks?

Supervisor Connelly stated that if Mechanicville was sending someone up there to do random checks they would have to pay that person.

Agenda items (Resolutions #111-#123)

Resolution #111: Setting a Public Hearing to Change a Summer TB Meeting Schedule.

Resolution #112: Appointing Directors for AFT/Stillwater Foundation Board.

Resolution #113: Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign a Grant re Courtroom Furniture.

Resolution #114: Establishing an Escrow Re: Water District No. 4 Extension 1.

Resolution #115: Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign an Amendment to Grant Disbursement Agreement with LFTCEDC.

Resolution #116: Authorizing the Purchase of a Printer/Copier for the Fiscal Manager and Tax Collector.

Resolution #117: Establishing an Escrow Re: Saratoga Pointe PDD Application.

Resolution #118: Approving Chazen's Proposal to Evaluate the SCWA Water System Connection.

Resolution #119: Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign a Grant Agreement with NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Resolution #120: Authorizing the Purchase Highway/Water Equipment and Materials from the Member Item Grant.

Resolution #121: Setting a Public Hearing for Sept 3, 2009 at 7:00 PM Re: Utility Permits.

Resolution #122: Establish an Escrow Account Related to AMD Construction Inspections.

Resolutions #123: Revoking and eliminating the use of Debit Cards to make purchases on any of the Town's bank accounts.

Councilman Baker requested a separate vote on Resolution #123.

Councilwoman Bruno requested a separate vote on Resolution #111.

Resolutions #112--#122

Motion by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilwoman Bruno to adopt Resolutions #112--#122.

Discussion

Resolution #112 (Directors for AFT/Stillwater Foundation Board)

Councilwoman Whitman questioned who came up with the names and why are finding out the names this evening.

Supervisor Connelly stated that these names were brought up in executive session at the last meeting.

Councilwoman Bruno stated that she was left out of the discussion. There was discussion of several names at the last meeting but she wasn't aware that a formal decision was made.

Further discussion was held on why the names were not included in the first Resolution they received and names were added in an updated resolution they receive just prior to the meeting.

Resolution #120 (Purchase Highway/Water Equipment and Materials from the Member Item Grant.)

Councilwoman Whitman requested that the wording of the resolution be amended to read "we are amending the 2009 revenue by \$300,000 from the unexpended balance and amending the 2009 expenses by \$300,000 so that it will within the 2009." She stated that her only concern is water coming out of highway.

Supt Minick stated that the three items are listed in the grant and the grant was approved for him to use a portion on Water District #4 Ext 1. He stated that the money is not DB tax money it is grant money.

Supervisor Connelly stated that in taking with the Bookkeeper it was discussed doing the water portion through capital projects.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolutions #112 thru #122 as follows:

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

Motion carried. Resolutions #112 thru #122 were adopted unanimously. (Copies attached and made part of the minutes).

Resolution #111 (Summer TB Meeting Schedule)

Motion by Councilwoman Bruno and seconded by Councilwoman Whitman to table resolution #111.

A roll call vote was taken as follows on Resolution #111.

Councilman Baker	No
Councilman Petronis	No
Councilwoman Bruno	Yes
Councilwoman Whitman	Yes
Supervisor Connelly	Yes

Motion carried. Resolution #111 was tabled by a three to two vote. (Copy attached and made part of the minutes).

Resolution #123 (Revoking and eliminating the use of Debit Cards)

Motion by Councilwoman Bruno and seconded by Councilwoman Whitman to adopt Resolution #123.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Whitman stated that she is not in favor of eliminating the card but she feels the card should be kept in the safe and not on person. She stated that there is better control with the debit card than with a town credit card.

Councilwoman Bruno stated that she has concerns with liability issue and feels that the credit card is safer and ties in with the Town insurance policy.

Supervisor Connelly stated to date this has been no issue with the debit card. He also stated that it has been mentioned in the past about cash advances and wanted it on record that there are no cash advances on this card it is strictly to be used for incidentals for the Town. Further discussion was held and it was agreed that the debit card would be kept in the safe.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution #123 as follows:

Councilman Baker	No
Councilman Petronis	No
Councilwoman Bruno	Yes
Councilwoman Whitman	No
Supervisor Connelly	No

Motion carried. Resolution #123 was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote. (Coy attached and made part of the minutes).

Resolution #106 (Picnic Tables)

Motion by Supervisor Connelly and seconded by Councilman Baker to remove Resolution #106 from the table.

Discussion: Supervisor Connelly stated that he has research and the information that was obtained is that a standard picnic is eight foot long and price between \$79 & \$99.

Councilwoman Bruno stated that these picnic tables aren't going in backyards they are going in Town parks where kids will be jumping on them.

Councilwoman Whitman inquired where the picnic tables are being put.

Councilman Baker stated that six are going to Saratoga Glen Park and four are going up to the Riverfront Park.

A roll call vote was taken to remove Resolution #106 from the table as follows:

Councilman Baker	Yes
Councilman Petronis	Yes
Councilwoman Bruno	No
Councilwoman Whitman	Yes
Supervisor Connelly	Yes

Motion carried. Resolution #106 was removed from the table by a 4 to 1 vote.

Motion by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilman Baker to adopt Resolution #106.

A roll call vote was taken as follow on Resolution #106:

Councilman Baker	Yes
Councilman Petronis	Yes
Councilwoman Bruno	No
Councilwoman Whitman	Yes
Supervisor Connelly	Yes

Motion Carried. Resolution #106 was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote. (Copy attached and made part of the minutes).

Audited claims

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

General	#381--#400	\$36,826.58
Highway	#366--#392	\$25,316.97
Town Outside	#95--#97	\$7,987.23
Water & Sewer	#53--#58	\$1,065.65
Capital Projects	#61--#66	\$68,691.37

Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilman Baker to adjourn into executive session for contacts and litigation at 7:45 PM.

Note: It was noted that the Town Board would not resume the regular meeting.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Sue Cunningham
Stillwater Town Clerk

