

**Stillwater Town Board
Public Hearing (2008 Budget)
Special Meeting (Highway Equipment)
November 8, 2008 7:00 PM
Stillwater Town Hall**

Present: Councilman Artie Baker
Councilman Ken Petronis
Councilwoman Joan Ronda
Councilwoman Jo Ann Winchell
Supervisor J. Gregory Connors

Also Present: Mark Minick, Supt of Highways
Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk
Beth DiCerce, Director of Fiscal Management

Public Hearing

Purpose: The purpose of the Public Hearing is to afford the public the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2008 Budget.

Supervisor Connors called the public hearing to order.

The Town Clerk took the roll call.

The Town Clerk noted for the record that the public hearing was advertised and published on the bulletin board.

Public Input

Resident I inquired about the contractual of Emergency Management compared to the 2007 budgeted contractual.

Supervisor Connors stated that there was money appropriated last year in that line item for the Reverse 911 system. He said that the County picked up that expense up so in the 2008 budget they returned the contractual back to \$500 which was fairly typical for expenses in that department.

With everyone present having the opportunity to speak Supervisor Connors declared the Public hearing adjourned at 7:04 PM.

(Beth DiCerce left at this time)

Special Meeting

Purpose: The purpose of the Special Meeting was to consider authorizing the Supt. of Highways to purchase a Hydro-Seeder and a Roller.

Supervisor Connors called the Special Meeting to order and led everyone into the Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisor Connors stated that Resolution #186 authorizes the Highway Supt to purchase a hydro-seeder at a purchase price of \$38,165 and Resolution #187 authorizes the Highway Supt to purchase a roller at a cost of \$48,975.

The Town Clerk took the roll call.

The Town Clerk noted for the record that notice of the Special Meeting was posted.

Action Items (Resolutions #186 & #187)

Resolution #186 (hydro-seeder)

Motion by Councilwoman Ronda and seconded by Councilman Baker to adopt Resolution #186.

Discussion: Councilwoman Winchell inquired if this was mandated or recommended for storm water management.

Supt Minick stated that it was mandated and you could be fined up to over \$10,000 for inadequate covering.

Councilwoman Winchell asked if this meant all municipalities would be required to purchase hydro-seeders.

Supt Minick stated that this is the most cost effective way.

Councilwoman Winchell stated that she has concerns with only one bid being received. She asked if the bid specs might have been too restrictive.

Supt Minick stated that there are all different types of hydro-seeders but this particular hydro-seeder is a hydro-seeder which is used in the commercial business. It is less maintenance and cost effective.

Councilwoman Winchell asked if this was available through state contract.

Supt Minick stated that this model is not available through state contract.

Councilwoman Winchell asked if he investigated whether it was cost effective for the short term that it will be needed versus hiring a contractor to do the hydro-seeding.

Supt Minick stated that it is less expensive per foot for them to do it themselves.

Councilman Baker stated that maybe they could rent it out to other communities.

Councilman Baker asked if both items before the Board tonight were budgeted items from the 2007 budget.

Supt Minick stated that they were.

A roll call vote was taken as follows on Resolution #186.

Councilman Baker	Yes
Councilman Petronis	Yes
Councilwoman Ronda	Yes
Councilwoman Winchell	No
Supervisor Connors	Yes

Motion carried. Resolution #186 was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote. (Copy attached and made part of the minutes)

Resolution #187 (Roller)

Motion by Councilwoman Ronda and seconded by Councilman Petronis to adopt Resolution #187.

Discussion: Councilwoman Winchell inquired if the Town already owned a roller.

Supt Minick stated no the Town did not own one. They rented one.

A roll call vote was taken as follows on Resolution #187.

Councilman Baker	Yes
Councilman Petronis	Yes
Councilwoman Ronda	Yes
Councilwoman Winchell	Yes
Supervisor Connors	Yes

Motion carried. Resolution #187 was adopted unanimously. (Copy attached and made part of the minutes).

Supervisor Connors declared the Special Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Sue Cunningham
Stillwater Town Clerk