

**Stillwater Town Board
Business Meeting
April 17, 2008 7:00 PM
Stillwater Town Hall**

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

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

Supervisor Connelly called the meeting to order and led everyone into the Pledge to the Flag.

Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk took the roll call.

Motion by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilwoman Bruno to adjourn into executive session. (Contractual) **Motion carried.**

Motion by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilman Baker to resume the regular business meeting.

Bid opening: On the advice of the Attorney the Town Board rejected all bids and decided not to open any of the bids because of a possible union conflict.

Adoption of Minutes: Motion by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilwoman Whitman to adopt the minutes of the March 20, 2008 Town Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

Communications: None

Public Input

Resident I inquired why they were not opening the lawn care bids and if the Highway Dept would continue the mowing.

Attorney Trainor stated that an issue came to light that involved the Highway Dept and their union contract.

Supervisor Connelly stated that at this time there is no talk of additional hiring.

Resident I inquired why the trucks were back up for bid, if they would be on state contract and if they were the Highways Dept's specification.

Councilman Baker stated that they were.

A discussion was held on the cost of the trucks, the state contract, specifications and optional packages.

Resident I asked if due diligence has been done by the Town Board to have all the facts so that at the last minute additional expenses weren't incurred for the plows, lights, etc.

Supervisor Connelly stated that he has spoken with Supt Minick and this is the final cost.

Resident II commented on Elmore Robinson Rd and the work that is going to be done. She wanted to know where they were at this stage.

Engineer Lanaro stated that the project has gone through two public informational meetings, has advanced through a draft design report and a final design report would be finalized by the end of tomorrow. The final design report talks about the final recommendation for the road improvements for the Cold Springs Road Corridor. The improvements are consistent with the requirements that came out of the Luther Forest Technology Campus Generic Environmental Impact Statement & Findings. They are also consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Resident II inquired as to who is being helped by this project and what exactly are they doing. Supervisor Connelly stated that they would be helping a lot of residents by paving the road and they would be paving and widening the road.

Engineer Lanaro the intent is to reconstruct the roads to the Town's standards, there would be 11 foot travel lanes, 4 foot paved shoulders and roadside drainage.

Resident II stated that her home is close to the road and she has concerns with this project and the widening of the road.

Supervisor Connelly stated that they have a meeting for next Tuesday to go up to her home and look at the property in order to explain what is intended to be done.

A further discussion was held on the project, design, easements, process, funding, and public hearings.

Resident II stated that she was not against the funding just the widening of the road.

Resident III stated that he was against the purchase of two new trucks, commented on the resignation of the Fire Marshal and stated that the Code Enforcement Officer should be doing this job, and inquired about the additional parking for the Blockhouse.

Resident IV asked the Board to elaborate on Resolution # 77 and the actual terms in regard to the additional parking for the Blockhouse.

Supervisor Connelly stated that they would pay \$600 on a yearly basis to be paid directly to the food pantry in Gene Cook's name for seasonal use only.

Resident I inquired if the additional parking would be covered by liability insurance.

The Board will look into this but feels the Towns insurance would cover any liability.

Resident V inquired about Resolution #66 in regard to the title search of the Mechanicville Reservoir Property and who will pay for this.

Supervisor Connelly stated that the purpose was to determine who owns the land because no deed filed at the County in regard to this property and the Town will pay for this.

Resident V stated that the prior Resolution to purchase two trucks was turned down two weeks ago so why can't they go out for bid for one truck.

Supervisor Connelly stated that the resolution for two trucks.

Resident V inquired about the resignation of the Fire Marshal and who to obtain burn permits from.

Supervisor Connelly stated that Ray Abbey is the acting Fire Marshal.

Resident V inquired about the County Animal Shelter.

Supervisor Connelly stated that the animal shelter is in poor condition and the County authorized money to rebuild a new shelter.

Resident V inquired about Cold Springs Road Project and the road width.

Engineer Lanaro stated that it was fifty feet and the standard is sixty feet.

A discussion was held on the project and the sewer line.

Resident V questioned why Gene Cook was invited to stay for executive session.

Supervisor Connelly stated that it was to negotiate a contract for additional parking for the Blockhouse.

Resident IV inquired about Resolution #66 and who would be doing the title search.

Attorney Trainor stated that Monroe Title would be doing the title search.

Resident I inquired about Resolution #70 the Riverfront Park Culvert, piles of dirt, grading that has been in the area, and the stack of pipes.

Councilman Petronis stated that the state owns the pipes.

Councilman Baker stated that where the grading has been done is not the entrance to the park.

The entrance is north of where the grading has been done. The piles of dirt are just being stored there to be used as a sub base for the road.

A discussion was held on the entrance, roadway culvert placement and drainage.

Resident I stated that it would be appreciated if there would be some thought put into it if they need to hire people that they consider hiring seasonal people so that there is not additional incurred expense such as benefits.

Councilman Baker said that they are taking that on serious consideration.

Councilman Petronis stated that they do hire people seasonally but as far as he is concerned they should have hired the two additional people on January 1st.

Agenda Items (Resolutions # 64 to # 78)

Resolution #64: Appointing new Bond Council.

Resolution #65: Referring the LTFCEDC PDD Amendment to the Planning Board for review.

Resolution #66: Authorizing the Title Search/Abstract to be conducted on the Mechanicville Reservoir property.
Resolution #67: Authorizing the Placement of a clothing box at Town Hall.
Resolution #68: Re-Appointing Barbara Raymond to the Board of Assessment Review.
Resolution #69: Appointing a Custodian for Clean-Up days.
Resolution #70: Authorizing the Highway Supt to install a culvert at Riverfront Park.
Resolution #71: Sponsoring the Annual Kid's Fishing Tournament.
Resolution #72: Sponsoring Family Day at the SACC
Resolution #73: Authorizing the Highway Supt to purchase two trucks off the State Contract.
Resolution #74: Declaring April as national Autism Month in the Town of Stillwater.
Resolution #75: Accepting the resignation of Robert Palmieri from the position of Fire Marshall.
Resolution #76: Setting a Public Hearing regarding the Amendment of Local Law #5 of 2004.
Resolution #77: An Agreement to acquire use of additional parking spaces at the Blockhouse.
Resolution #78: Authorizing the Highway Supt to attend NYS Highway School.

Councilwoman Whitman requested Resolution # 73 be pulled for separate vote.
 Councilwoman Bruno requested Resolution # 66 be pulled for separate vote.

Motion by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilman Baker to adopt Resolutions #64, #65, #67, #68, #69, #70, #71, #72, #74, #75, #76, #77, & #78.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolutions #64, #65, #67, #68, #69, #70, #71, #72, #74, #75, #76, #77, & #78.

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

Motion carried. Resolutions #64, #65, #67, #68, #69, #70, #71, #72, #74, #75, #76, #77, & #78 were adopted unanimously. (Copies attached and made part of the minutes.)

Resolution #66 (Title Search)

Motion by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilman Baker to adopt Resolution #66.
 Discussion: Councilwoman Bruno stated that she thought this would be wasting money.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution #66 as follows:

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

Motion carried. Resolution #66 was adopted by a 3 to 2 vote. (Copy attached and made part of the minutes).

Resolution #73 (Highway Trucks)

Motion by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilman Baker to adopt Resolution #73.

Discussion: Councilwoman Whitman stated that she pulled this Resolution for the same reason she voted no on April 3rd and her opinion has not changed. She stated that there could be alternatives that they could have taken to save the taxpayers.

Councilman Petronis commented on the fund balance and if they don't keep up the equipment they will end up back where they were eighteen years ago. He stated that one of the trucks engine has blown and the second truck the rods may be bent.

Councilwoman Whitman stated that she is not against progress of the Highway Dept, she not taking anything away from roads, the men or the repairs & improvements. She stated that she was told by the Supt of Highways that they put up signs and check the roads with the pick up trucks. She said that they could have definitely saved money rather than spend close to sixty-thousand dollars.

Further discussion was held on the use of the trucks.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution #73 as follows:

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

Motion carried. Resolution #73 was adopted by a 3 to 2 vote. (Copy attached and made part of the minutes.)

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

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| General | #193--#211 | \$5317.33 |
| Highway | #168--#183 | \$6667.81 |
| Town Outside | #47--#48 | \$811.73 |
| Water & Sewer | #18--#21 | \$715.95 |

Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilman Petronis to adjourn into executive session at 7:50 PM. (personnel) **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by

Sue Cunningham
Stillwater Town Clerk