

Stillwater Town Board
Agenda Meeting
May 1, 2006 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**
 Mark Minick, Supt of Highways
 James Trainor, Attorney for the Town *7:10 Arrived
 Joe Lanaro, Engineer for the Town *7:55 Arrived

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

Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk took the roll call.

Adoption of Minutes: Motion by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilwoman Whitman to adopt the minutes of the April 3, 2008 Agenda Meeting of the Stillwater Town Board. **Motion carried.**

Reports (Town Board & Dept Heads)

Supervisor Connelly

Saratoga –Washington on the Hudson Partnership Commission: would like to announce the forming of the Historic Saratoga- Washington on the Hudson Partnership Commission on April 28th by Assemblyman Roy McDonald at the Saratoga National Park. The commissions objectives are to partner with existing public and private initiatives to work on agriculture, open space preservation, economic revitalization and recreational and tourism. The newly appointed officials of this commission are:

President: Tom Richardson Supervisor from Mechanicville

VP: John Rymph Supervisor of Easton

Treasure: Bill Peck Supervisor of Northumberland

Sec.: Katharine Tomasi from Salem.

Saratoga National Historic Park: On May 10th The Saratoga National Park is having an 18th Century Military reenactment from 10am to 4 pm. Park volunteers will portray 18th century military life which will include open fire cooking, musket firing demonstrations and inspections uniform explanation and stories of the British army during the battle of Saratoga. The event is free, although an entrance fee to the auto tour road will be charged. The fee is \$5 a car load and \$3 per adult bike or hike.

Blockhouse: Lastly I want to let everyone know that the Blockhouse opens this month on May 24th. Please stop in and see the many pictures and displays that the Historians have there.

Saratoga Lake Association: The Saratoga Lake Association will be doing a roadside cleanup this Saturday. Anyone wishing to volunteer should meet at the Stewarts Shop at 9AM. A grievance class will be taught on Wednesday, May 7th at the Saratoga City Center from 6-9PM.

Councilman Baker

Councilman Baker had nothing at this time.

Councilman Petronis

Town Hall: Councilman Petronis stated that he recently had someone inspect the Town Hall roof. He commented that the Town Board needs to decide what their long range plans are and was hoping to get a consensus from the Board and render a decision by the next Town Board meeting.

Councilman Baker commented that they discuss this at their next meeting.

Councilwoman Bruno

Community Center: Councilwoman Bruno reported that a swing at the Community Center was broke and inquired as to who would be responsible for fixing the swing.

Town Wide Clean Up: Councilwoman Bruno reminded everyone that the first clean up day would be May 24th.

Library: Councilwoman Bruno stated that the library has received a grant for Senator Bruno's Office for \$90,000 to update and renovate the library.

Councilwoman Whitman

4 Way Stop Sign: Councilwoman Whitman stated that she received a few calls regarding if it was possible to put a four way stop sign at George Thompson, Elmore Robinson, Mehan and McDermott Rd.

Supt Minick stated that it is not legal to put one there but he can have the Engineers review the area to see what the situation is.

Browns Beach: Councilwoman Whitman comment on the clean up and asked if a letter on cleaning up the property was sent out.

Supervisor Connelly stated that Ray Abbey sent out the letter.

Blockhouse: Councilwoman Whitman reported that Sunday, May 4th at Blockhouse Park a community video will be done at noon time. Everybody within the community is certainly invited and would like to see as many people as possible show up.

Town Hall Roof: Councilwoman Whitman stated that she fully understands about the roof needs to be done financially. She also stated that an overall picture of the Town and will continue to be fiscally conservative. Councilwoman Whitman stated that with fuel oil & gas cost rising the 2008 budget does not reflect these increases, therefore she remains conservative and that all overall spending should be looked at closely. This is not to say they will not run the Town, do the necessary things that need to be done but she believes that there should be no unnecessary spending at this time. She has been working very closely with the Bookkeeper and her concerns are not just a whim.

Junk Cars: Councilwoman Whitman asked about the status of junk cars throughout the Town. Supervisor Connelly stated that at the Town notices were issued were in Saratoga Hills which have been removed before they had to remove any.

A discussion was held on other junk cars and a letter received that someone will remove junk cars at no cost.

Sewer: Councilwoman Whitman stated that she knows there will be an increase in the sewer rates and wanted to know how the residents will be notified.

Supt Minick stated that in the past a letter came from the Town Board to the residents notifying them of the increase due to an increase from the Village.

Highway of Supt (Mark Minick)

Water: Supt Minick reported that on Monday, May 5th the residents in Water District #1 will be getting a notice for Water District #1 in regard to the HAA5's. This is a test that they do in the water system and the test exceeded the maximum contaminants by .6 over an annual year's average. Because of this the Health Dept requires that a notice is sent to the residents.

Highway: Supt Minick reported that they have doing some ditch & culvert maintenance and crack sealing.

Inter-municipal Agreement: Supt Minick stated that he has given a copy of an inter-municipal agreement for the Town of Halfmoon to the Town Attorney to review. This is considered a shared service agreement.

Cold Springs Road Corridor Project: Supt Minick stated that he has been attending multiple meetings daily in regard to Cold Springs Road & Elmore Robinson Rd in regard to the project for the roads & sewer. He stated that things appear to be going well, once they meet with the residents and they have a clearer understanding of the project. He stated that LFTC & SEDC would like to see the sewer portion of the project completed by June of 2009.

Town Attorney (James Trainor)

Attorney Trainor stated that the Resolutions the Board has Resolution #82 should be Resolution #81.

Supervisor Connelly explained what Resolution #81 dealt with.

Community Center (Paul Lilac, Executive Director)

Paul Lilac submitted the Community Center's Annual Report to the Board members and briefly went over the report. (A copy can be reviewed in the Town Clerk's Office) He went over the Mission Statement, use of the center's programs, current board members & staff and thanked all the Town Board members for their support since the new administration has taken over & Supervisor Connelly for all his volunteer work at the center.

Supervisor Connelly on the Community Center's balanced budget.

Councilman Baker asked if they were following through with the grant awarded them.

Paul Lilac stated that they are waiting for the paperwork. He has received a letter from Senator Bruno stating that they will be receiving \$35,000. They will use this money for upgrading the kitchen area and hopefully some work around the stage area. He will be following all this up as soon as he receives the paperwork, then they will go through the bidding process and follow the Town's procurement policy.

Councilwoman Bruno inquired about the swing on the playground and whose responsibility it is to fix the swing.

Paul Lilac stated that it was more a Town's responsibility to fix but he is taking steps to correct the problem before someone gets hurt.

Supt Minick asked if they would need any assistance from the Highway Dept?

Paul Lilac stated that they would need a dumpster and their cooperation is always valuable to the center.

Emergency Management *(John Nett, Chairman)*

John Nett submitted a report to the Town Board for the First Quarter 2008 of the Stillwater Emergency Management Committee. He briefly went over the goals of the committee, accomplishments to date and recommendations being made.

Town Historian *(Linda Sanders—Deputy Historian)*

Linda Sanders spoke on the Saratoga County Quadricentennial. She stated that the theme was going to be Explore Saratoga County, briefly went over some of the possible events that are planned throughout the County, funding is available which can be applied for to be used for events in the community, an essay contest will be sponsored by NYS, and a Hands Across the River Project is proposed.

Linda Sanders also spoke on the community video that is being made on Sunday at Blockhouse Park. They are hoping for a large turnout for this project.

**Engineer Lanaro arrived at this time.

Special Presentation *Victor Gush*

A special presentation was made by Attorney Peter Lynch who represents Victor Gush in regard to a proposed development near Saratoga Lake. Attorney Lynch stated that the original proposal called for twenty-nine high end homes but are now requesting a change that proposal to call for the construction of forty-nine more affordable homes. He spoke on a water line that will be run to the development which would allow residents to hook into the system.

A discussion was held in regard to the traffic, entrance water, cost of the project, quality of the homes, price of the homes, the process and status of the project, timeframe of submitting the application and projected target start date.

Town Engineer *(Joe Lanaro)*

Engineer Lanaro submitted an Engineer report for the Board to review and gave a brief overview of the report. (A copy of the report can be viewed in the Town Clerks office). Engineer Lanaro stated that a shared grant was awarded to the Town & Village of Stillwater and the City of Mechanicville.

Councilman Baker inquired as to the status of the Gurba Pump Station.

Engineer Lanaro stated that they are still waiting for the proper easement.

Public Input

Resident I commented on the poor judgement of the placing of a bench overlooking someone's backyard on the Multi-Use Trail.

Resident I inquired about the eminent domain proceedings, who would pay the fees if a resident sued the Town and if any money has been received from the State regarding Cold Springs Road project.

Supervisor Connelly stated that would all be reimbursed through the State.

Engineer Lanaro stated that they have received payment and that it was a reimbursement program.

Resident I inquired if any money has been received from SEDC and what happens if AMD does not come.

Engineer Lanaro stated that SEDC will be paying for the acquisitions as they occur and the Town will be reimbursed in full for this project whether or not AMD comes.

Resident I questioned Code Enforcement and whether happened to the position of Gatekeeper.

Councilman Baker stated that they talked about this but never followed through on this position.

Resident I inquired about the civil service test in regard to the Building Inspector position, who wrote the qualifications for the position, and the pay rate compared to other municipalities. A brief discussion was held on this topic.

Resident II commented on the status of being a Class 1 or Class 2 Town, home rule regarding the position of an Asst Building Inspector and Deputy Town Clerk, junk cars in Saratoga Hills being moved from one lot to another, and the amendments of Local Law #5 in regard to Animal Control.

Resident III questioned putting the sewer line down the middle of the road, cost of researching who owns the Mechanicville Reservoir Property, the cost for the extra parking at the Blockhouse and the additional homes proposed near Saratoga Lake.

Engineer Lanaro stated that it was Town standards to run the line down the center of the road. He went on to explain the separation distance needed between water, sewer and drainage lines.

Councilman Baker stated that the cost to research the Mechanicville Reservoir was not to exceed \$1000.

Supervisor Connelly stated that the cost for the additional Blockhouse parking was \$600 to be paid directly to the food pantry and as for the additional homes near the lake there would be public hearing's, Planning Board would review the proposal and a traffic study done.

Agenda Items (Resolutions #79-#81)

Resolution #79: Establish an Escrow Fund for LFTCSEDC Site Plan Review

Resolution #80: Establish an Escrow Fund for Crown Communications Special Use Permit & Plan Review

Resolution #81: Intermunicipal Agreement with Mechanicville—Code Enforcement Officer

Motion by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilwoman Bruno to adopt Resolutions #79, #80 & #81.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Motion carried. Resolutions #79, #80, & #81 were adopted unanimously. (Copies attached and made part of the minutes).

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

General	#212--#240	\$17,659.01
Highway	#184--#206	\$23,285.83
Town Outside	#49--#50	\$10,708.16
Water	#22--#26	\$865.21
Capital Projects	#22--#26	\$75,453.36

(BOA, Brownfield, Cold Springs Road)

Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilwoman Bruno to adjourn the Agenda meeting of the Stillwater Town Board at 8:45 PM. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by

Sue Cunningham
Stillwater Town Clerk