

**Stillwater Town Board**  
**Agenda Meeting**  
**March 6, 2008      7:00 PM**  
**Stillwater Town Hall**

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

**Also Present:** **Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk**  
                      **Mark Minick, Supt of Highways**  
                      **James Trainor, Attorney for the Town**  
                      **Joe Lanaro, Engineer for the Town**

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

Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk took the roll call.

**Motion** by Councilwoman Whitman and seconded by Councilwoman Bruno to adjourn into executive session.

**Motion** by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilman Baker to resume the regular Agenda Meeting.

**Reports & Resolutions**      *(Town Board & Dept Heads)*  
**Supervisor Connelly**

**AMD:** On Monday I along with 20 or so other interested people attended a meeting with AMD. They went over the timeline and process that they plan to go forward with. This will include bringing their project before the Stillwater planning board in June or July. From there they will move forward with and hope to have all permits in place to start construction January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009. I will be setting a date and time for them to come back and give the presentation again. This is because of the short amount of time they gave the town for this last meeting. After requesting them to come back, they said they will be back in Stillwater the week of the 24<sup>th</sup> and will get me the date and time so I can get the word out to as many of the residents as possible that may have missed this last presentation.

**Saratoga Hills:** In Saratoga Hills, the code enforcement officer and a member of the Town Police will be issuing tickets to vehicles and trailers in the park that are not registered. They will be given time to correct the issue, then the vehicles will be towed away.

**Planning Board Member:** The Town Board will be taking resumes for an opening in the Planning Board due to the resignation last month. Please deliver them to the supervisor's office no later than 3:30 tomorrow.

**Court:** Town Justice Ralph Peluso and Larry Whalen are happy to have me announce that a grant that Ralph and clerk Lorraine Buchal had submitted last year has been awarded to them for \$20,810. This money will be spent with \$20,000 going toward a custom Court Room bench, and the remaining \$810 for a dolly for the walkthrough metal detector and a handheld metal detector. They have asked for the heads of all departments to help design the bench so that it can best be used by all of the groups that now use this room. This is the second grant the justices have acquired, the other being for the purchase of the recording system now used during court and Town Board meetings, the walkthrough metal detector, 4 new computers and printers, and a fax machine. That grant was for over \$14,000. Other than thanking Ralph and Lorraine for all there time well spent on grant writing, that is my report.

**Councilman Baker**

**Community Center:** Councilman Baker stated that there would be an adult basketball fundraiser to be held at the Stillwater School Saturday night.

Councilman Baker stated that he has received a couple of bids in regard to the Community Center heating system. He stated that they may have to hold off on this for the time being. A discussion was held on whether they should proceed to do the job in sections.

**Business Meeting:** Councilman Baker requested to be excused from the Business meeting do to a prior commitment.

### **Councilwoman Bruno**

Community Center: The new volley ball program has been very successful and yields between 25 and 30 members of the community.

The center had a flag presented to them that flew over the Capitol in Washington, by Mike Russo who is the Director of Kirsten Gillibrands District office for the work done in the "lights on after school program".

Historical: Town Historian Linda Palmeri will be attending the 13<sup>th</sup> annual war college of the Seven Years War on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> in Fort Ticonderoga, New York.

Landfill, Refuse & Recycling: Nothing to report at this time.

Library: The Stillwater Free Library has applied for grant funds from Senator Bruno's office which is funded through the Library Construction Grant Program; which would fund restorations to the front walk, vestibule and Cellar if these funds are awarded to the Library. Once these projects are completed the Library can move to its second phase of concerns which would include: special needs accessibility with and without the building and future expansion of the building itself.

The Stillwater Library was also recently awarded the New York State Library Association Pied Piper Recognition Award for the young adult program "First Fridays @ 5". This award recognizes excellence in promotional materials or programs that further service to youth in or by New York State Libraries.

In March, The Library is pleased to welcome Bairbre McCarthy, author of The Keeper of the Crock of Gold. Ms. McCarthy was born in County Cork, Ireland and currently resides in New York. She has been writing and collecting folktales for many years and is coming to share her new collection with you and your family. Copies of her books and CDs will be on sale at the Library up to the event. Join us Tuesday, March 4th at 6:30 pm for Author Night!

### **Councilman Petronis**

Executive Session: Councilman Petronis requested a resolution for the next meeting in regard to having executive session at the end of the meetings.

American Legion: Councilman Petronis stated that there would be a breakfast fundraiser at the American Legion for a young lad who is battling ALS on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Planning Board: Councilman Petronis stated he was forwarding a resume on behalf Alec Mackey, who has shown an interest in being a member of the Planning Board.

Town Hall: Councilman Petronis stated that there is a leak downstairs by the door and he would be requesting bids to repair the leak.

### **Councilwoman Whitman**

Public Relations: Councilwoman Whitman stated that she would be looking into setting up the Stillwater Day at the Races.

### **Supt of Highways (Mark Minick)**

Salt & Sand: Supt Minick stated that salt & sand usage has doubled which has led to the product being rationed.

Sweeper: Supt Minick requested a resolution authorizing him to rent a sweeper at a cost not to exceed \$9,900 for cleaning up the excess sand from the streets left from winter season.

Water & Highway Committee: Supt Minick requested a meeting between the two committee's to be set up.

Supt Minick requested putting notices in the paper regarding the increase in water rates due to the increase from the supplier.

Accident: Supt Minick reported that there was a minor accident during plowing on Putnam Rd... He reported that there was only minor damage done to the plow.

### **Town Clerk (Sue Cunningham)**

Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk reported that she submitted her monthly report and end of year report to the Town Board.

### **Attorney for the Town (James Trainor)**

Resolution #23: Attorney Trainor stated that Resolution #23 before them this evening has been revised from the one tabled at the last Board meeting.

### **Engineer for the Town (Joe Lanaro)**

Engineer Lanaro submitted a report to the Board and briefly went over the report. (Copy on file in the Town Clerks Office)

Councilman Baker inquired if permits for Revolutionary Heights have been issued. Engineer Lanaro stated that DEC has requested a meeting regarding this and a tentative date of March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM has been set up. Councilman Petronis requested that everything be in order in regard to the Brownfield prior to the next meeting.

**Agenda Items** (Resolution #23 & #34)

Resolution #23: LFTC Road Dedication

**Motion** by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilwoman Bruno to take Resolution #23 off the table. **Motion carried.**

Attorney Trainor went over the revision from the original Resolution.

A brief discussion was held on the length of the roadway, obligation of the roadway, and that the funding of the roadway was included in the Malta funding process.

**Motion** by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilwoman Bruno to adopt the revisions.

A roll call vote was taken as follows on accepting the revisions.

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

**Motion carried.** Revisions to Resolution #23 were adopted unanimously.

**Motion** by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilman Petronis to adopt resolution #23.

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.** Resolution #23 was adopted unanimously. (Copy attached and made part of the minutes).

Resolution #34: Authorizing the Bookkeeper to attend Advanced Accounting Workshop

**Motion** by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilman Baker to adopt Resolution #34.

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.** Resolution #34 was adopted unanimously. (Copy attached and made part of the minutes).

**Public Input**

Resident I inquired about the status of VanNess Hill.

Supt Minick stated that they are continuing to monitoring the area and are looking at all options.

Resident I inquired about Phase II of the Walking Trail.

Supervisor Connelly stated that Phase II has not been discussed as of yet and that the blacktopping in Phase I needs to be completed.

Resident II inquired when the GEIS would be completed.

Engineer Lanaro stated that a tentative date of March 20<sup>th</sup> has been set for accepting the Draft as completed with an alternate date of April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Resident III commented on the flooding situation on Wrights Loop as to who is responsible, what can be done and how it's ruining property.

Supt Minick stated that he has heard of talk in regard to the State and/or County doing corrective measures to prevent some of the flooding. He stated that he would look into it for the resident and get back to him with any information he learns of.

Resident IV commented on the Towns involvement in enforcing the unregistered vehicle law and names being omitted from the Town Board minutes.

Supervisor Connelly stated that he (resident) has been complaining about the unregistered vehicles and stated that the Town Board on the recommendation of the Town Clerk backs her decision not to put the residents name and address on the web. If he wants an original set of minutes with the name and addresses he could obtain a copy from the clerk at a cost of twenty-five cents per copy.

Resident V wanted to publicly thank the Arvin Hart Fire Dept for helping his parents with a flooding problem.

Resident VI stated commented on the public forum he attended in regard to the Saratoga Glen Hollow Park. He commented that he considered this park to be for the neighborhood residents and did not feel that town taxpayers should be required to pay for the development of the park. A lengthy discussion was held on the approval of the park, development of the park, people willing to volunteer to develop the park and if taxpayers or neighborhood residents should pay for the park.

Resident VII inquired if the LFTC falls through what happens with Cold Springs Rd Project. Councilman Petronis stated that all monies for the project are reimbursed from the State whether or not anyone goes into the LFTC.

Resident VII inquired who owns the sewer line.

Councilman Petronis stated that the County owns the sewer line.

Resident VII inquired if the new water meters have started to be installed.

Supt Minick stated that they have started to install the new meters.

Resident VII stated that she felt Resident VI deserved an apology from the Supervisor. She considered a comment he made to be offensive to the resident in regard to only people who use the park pay for the park.

Resident VIII commented on the lights still being on at the Blockhouse Park.

**Motion** by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilman Petronis to pay the audited claims.

General	#119--#144	\$20,367.28
Highway	#97--#113	\$24,688.34
Town Outside	#29--#33	\$10,534.65
Water & Sewer		\$65.00
Capital Projects	#16--#18	\$12,969.73

**Motion carried.**

**Motion** by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilman Baker adjourn the Agenda Meeting of the Stillwater Town Board at 9:10 PM. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by

Sue Cunningham  
Town Clerk