TOWN OF WATERTOWN

REGULAR MEETING

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

JULY 9, 2009

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

JOEL R. BARTLETT, SUPERVISOR – STEPHEN L. RICH, COUNCILMAN – PAUL V. DESORMO, COUNCILMAN – DAVID D. PROSSER, COUNCILMAN – EDWARD R. SMITH, COUNCILMAN

Councilman Desormo offered a prayer and Supervisor Bartlett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Bartlett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and called for a roll of members present. All Members were present. Legal Counsel Joseph W. Russell was present.

MOTION # 63

Supervisor Bartlett moved to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2009 regular meeting. Councilman Prosser seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 64

Supervisor Bartlett moved to schedule a special meeting for July 30, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Town of Watertown Municipal Building, 22867 County Route 67, Watertown, N.Y. The purpose of the meeting is to continue a public hearing on the Proposed Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2009 and any other business that may come before the board. Councilman Rich seconded.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett called to order the scheduled public hearing on the proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2009, a local law revising the Town of Watertown Zoning, he asked if anyone wished to speak. No one chose to speak on the proposed local law.

MOTION # 65

Supervisor Bartlett moved to adjourn the public hearing, and refer the proposed Local Law No. 1-2009 to the County Planning Board for their review and comments. The public hearing on the proposed Local Law No. 1 to be continued at the special meeting to be held July 30, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Councilman Rich seconded.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett opened the floor for anyone wishing to address the town board.

Michael Jennings, speaking for Guilfoyle Ambulance Service, asked the board if they had received a copy of the proposed contract from Guilfoyle with the Town of Watertown. Supervisor Bartlett stated that the board members have received the proposed contract and further stated that he would like to set up a meeting to discuss the contract. He asked Mr. Jennings to have David Sherman call him to arrange a meeting to discuss the contract. Supervisor Bartlett said that he would then bring the finished product back to the board.

No one else wishing to address the town board, Supervisor Bartlett closed the privilege of the floor.

Supervisor Bartlett acknowledged receipt of the town clerk's report for the month of June 2009.

Petitions and Communications:

Supervisor Bartlett stated that he had received some communications from Jon Grant, the Town Code Enforcement Officer regarding a property on Gifford St. and the old Bomax building on Coffeen St.

RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION # 66

WHEREAS, the Town of Watertown Fire Department annually holds a community block dance which attracts many town and area residents, and

WHEREAS, the fire department has requested a $1,000.00 grant from the town that would supplement advertising costs associated with promoting the event, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 2009 fiscal budget for appropriation from the Town Community and Economic Development account.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, a grant of $1,000.00 from the Community and Economic Development Fund, Account Code A6989.4 is hereby authorized. And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the fire department will provide the town council with documentation for said promotional advertising expenses.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Desormo seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 67

WHEREAS, the N.Y.S. Office of Justice Court Administration provides grant assistance to municipalities through the Justice Court Assistance Grant Program which provides funding for Justice Courts with large volume of case loads, and

WHEREAS, an application for a grant to fund the purchase of Town Justice Court Office equipment and for other improvements will be submitted with authorization from this board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Watertown Council hereby authorizes an application to the Court Assistance Grant Program for funding the requested purchases and improvements for the Town Justice Court.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Prosser seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 68

WHEREAS, the Town of Watertown Highway Superintendent has requested the purchase of 4,000 Cu. Yards of screened sand material for winter highway use, and

WHEREAS, the purchase is subject to the competitive bidding requirements of the town law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the town clerk is hereby authorized to publish a request for sealed bids in the official newspaper of the Town of Watertown, as follows.

1. All bids will be submitted to the Town Clerks Office, 22867 County Route 67, Watertown, NY 13601 in envelopes marked “sand bids” and will be accepted up until 3:00PM Thursday July 30, 2009.
2. A non-collusion statement shall accompany all bids submitted.
3. Bids submitted will quote a sale price per cubic yard of material.
4. The Town Council will review all bids submitted for compliance with the accepted competitive bidding requirements of Town Law at a special meeting to be held at 7:00 PM, July 30, 2009.
5. The Town Council retains the right to refuse any or all bids submitted for consideration.

Supervisor Bartlett moved to adopt the foregoing resolution and Councilman Rich seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 69

WHEREAS, the economic impact of North Country Transportation improvements is a key component of the North Country Transportation Study, and

WHEREAS, the economic development impact analysis has measured the value to the regional economy of efficiency gain through user benefits such as reductions in travel time, reduction in operating costs and reductions in accidents due to improved safety, and

WHEREAS, the gains through increased social and economic development opportunities due to improved transportation access will reduce unemployment rates, reduce social welfare and unemployment insurance payments and increase employment in the region, and

WHEREAS, the transportation improvements can enhance access to labor, customer, tourism and supplier markets, as well as intermodal transportation facilities, making the region more attractive to transportation-dependent industries, and

WHEREAS, the construction of a four lane highway with the boundaries of Jefferson, St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties will begin to address the transportation improvement necessary to foster such economic growth, and

WHEREAS, our elected New York State and Congressional representatives can be assured that the Town of Watertown Town Council supports the Four Lane Highway construction.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Watertown Town Council urges the New York State Commissioner of Transportation to co-operate with local transportation task force groups to push for the construction of a four land highway within Jefferson, St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties, and

BE IT FKURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the St. Lawrence County and the Citizens Coalition for Economic Infrastructure Development.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Smith seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 70

Supervisor Bartlett moved to pay Cunningham Excavation Inc. the amount of $88,324.72 for payment of the work completed on the supply line improvements to date on project Number 2007-116, pipeline construction on outer Washington St. in the Town of Watertown. Councilman Prosser seconded.

Councilman Smith questioned the change orders and Supervisor Bartlett stated that the amount paid to date is still under budget.

All members voted yes with the exception of Councilman Smith who voted no.

MOTION # 71

Supervisor Bartlett moved to pay the following abstracts as audited.

General Vouchers	#	178	to	179	Total	$ 8,213.88
Highway Vouchers	#	135	to	136	Total	$67,009.75
Spec. Dist. Voucher.	#	50	to	50	Total	$ 153.17
General Vouchers	#	180	TO	202	Total	$ 9,922.74
Highway Vouchers	#	137	to	161	Total	$ 8,238.92
Spec. Dist. Vouchers.	#	51	to	58	Total	$35,918.99

Councilman Rich seconded.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett noted that there will be an open house to display our new water tank on outer Arsenal St. on August 12, 2009 at 1:00 PM. There will also be an open house in Ellisburg on the same date at 10:30 AM for a similar tank.

New Business:

Councilman Smith asked what was going to be done with the blue truck that had been used in the town water department. Deputy Highway Superintendent Bruce Rohr said that they were going to try to sell it.

Councilman Desormo commented on the recent article in the Watertown Daily Times regarding the sewage capacity on Arsenal St. and the fact that new development is being halted due to the line being at capacity. He further questioned that the Town of Watertown might consider putting in their own sewage treatment plant. Legal Counsel Joseph Russell commented that the problem on Arsenal St. would be resolved when a portion of the flow is directed to Coffeen St.

MOTION # 72

Councilman Prosser moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 PM. Councilman Desormo seconded.

Ayes All

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Catherine M. Rich, Town Clerk