TOWN OF WATERTOWN
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AUGUST 14, 2008

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 7:00PM and called for a roll of members present. All members were present. Legal Counsel Joseph W. Russell was also present.

MOTION # 88
Supervisor Bartlett moved to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2008 regular board meeting as presented. Councilman Prosser seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 89
Supervisor Bartlett offered a motion to schedule a special meeting of the town board for 7:00 PM, August 26, 2008 for the purpose of holding a public hearing on proposed bond resolution for improvements to Water District No. 6, (Norstar Housing Development). Councilman Rich seconded.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett offered the floor to David Roof, president of the Town of Watertown Ambulance Service.

Mr. Roof presented to the board an update on the financial and service record of the ambulance service. He noted the number of ambulance calls made since the first of the year, and the increase in the number of volunteers and paid employees during that period. He presented to the board copies of the Town of Watertown Ambulance Service budget for January 1, 2009 thru December 31, 2009. He also requested in writing that the service would like to change to a calendar year operating budget effective January 1, 2009. He went on to explain that under the current agreement the town would pay to the ambulance service, $50,000.00 on September 1, 2008 for the period of 9/1/08 thru 8/31/09. He requested that in lieu of the $50,000.00, the town pay to the ambulance service $16,800.00 on 9/1/08 for the period of 9/1/08 thru 12/31/08, which is the prorated amount of the $50,000.00 for the period requested. He then suggested that the town agreement of $50,000.00 per year be included in the town's fiscal year budget to cover the period of 1/1/09 thru 12/31/09. This represents a savings to the town of $33,200.00 in the town's 2008 budget.

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

Mrs. Peggy Raymond asked the status of her request at the last board meeting regarding the regulations of outdoor wood burning furnaces. She also commented that at the last board meeting she had made a comment regarding extension of water service to residents within the town. As a clarification, she is not opposed to an expansion of water service to people who have a shortage of water, she was only talking about her own situation where she has plenty of water.
Mrs. Raymond listed some changes she thought should be included in the outdoor wood burning furnace regulations.

Supervisor Bartlett informed her that the code enforcement officer had checked on the neighboring house to determine if it met the present code, and that his findings assured that it did meet code. In terms of the suggested changes, Supervisor Bartlett stated that he would refer her suggestions to the planning board.

Mr. William George requested that the board appoint him as marriage officer for the Town of Watertown under Section 11 of the New York State Domestic Relations Law.

Supervisor Bartlett stated that he would prepare a resolution for Mr. George's appointment for the August 26, 2008 board meeting.

No one else chose to address the board, Supervisor Bartlett closed the floor to the public.

Supervisor Bartlett acknowledged receipt of the Town Clerk's report for the Month of July 2008.

Supervisor Bartlett acknowledged receipt of the resignation of the Town of Watertown Justice Court Clerk Jackie Cronk effective August 31, 2008.

Supervisor Bartlett noted that their were no sand bids received and at the suggestion of Mr. Russell the town might want to look at the town highway superintendents association to see if they have any pool, whereby we might be able to get what we need for the coming winter requirements.

RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION # 90

WHEREAS, the Disabled Persons Action Organization has submitted a request for a $2,500.00 grant of bed tax revenues to assist the organization with underwriting promotional cost associated with the organizations annual fall show, which will be held Saturday, September 27, 2008 at the Watertown High School, and

WHEREAS, the town has contributed to past year fall performances sponsored by the DPAO, as the Annual Fall Show brings to the area many visitors from outside of our community, and

WHEREAS, funds are available tin the town bed tax appropriation account to fund this request.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a grant of town bed tax revenues in the amount of $2,500.00 is hereby authorized to underwrite promotional expenses associated with the production of the annual fall DPAO show.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Supervisor Bartlett and seconded by Councilman Desormo. Upon a roll call vote of the town board as follows, the motion was duly adopted.

Supervisor Bartlett	Aye
Councilman Rich	Aye
Councilman Desormo	Aye
Councilman Prosser	Aye
Councilman Smith	Aye

MOTION # 91

WHEREAS, the Town of Watertown proposes to replace approximately 2,000 lineal feet of 4" ductile iron pipe with 8" ductile iron pipe along NYS Route 11, to upgrade existing elevated storage tank and consolidate telemetry controls for the tank, and

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of this board held on June 12, 2008, Part 1 of a long form Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") was duly accepted for filing by this board as prepared by the Town Engineer, a resolution was duly adopted by which this board declared itself lead agency and directing the Town Attorney to circulate Part 1 of the EAF to the involved agencies identified in Part 1 of the EAF and attached to this resolution, and

WHEREAS, by letters dated June 13, 2008, the Town Attorney forwarded a copy of Part 1 of the EAF to the involved agencies as identified by this board, and

WHEREAS, this Board has received the consent of each of the other identified involved agencies that this Board act as the lead agency for this project, has received comments from certain of the involved agencies and has thoroughly reviewed those comments in connection with its obligations under SEQR, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, this Board has reviewed Part 11 of the EAF to determine whether the project will have a significant effect on the environment, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VIII of the Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation to wit: 6NYCRR Part 617, this Board has determined that the action will not have a significant affect on the environment and will not cause a significant impact on the environment and therefore the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Watertown as follows:

1. Based upon the examination of the EAF and the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617, the board makes the following findings.
    A. The proposed action constitutes a Type I Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 and this Board has previously determined that a coordinated review is appropriate.
    B. This Board has received the concurrence from the other involved agencies as identified on the EAF that this Board act as lead agency for this project. This Board has reviewed and considered the comments, if any, submitted by the other involved agencies.
    C. No potentially significant adverse impacts on the environment are noted on the EAF, none are identified by any of the involved agencies and noe are known to this Board.
    D. There will be no substantial adverse change in existing air or water quality.
    E. There will be no hazard created to human health.
    F. There will be no substantial change in the use or the intensity of the use on the land.
    G. There will not be created a material conflict with the community's current plans or goals as officially adopted.
    H. None of the criteria listed in 6 NYCRR Section 617.11 will be present in the proposed project and no similar criteria will be present which will adversely impact on the environment.
2. The Town Clerk for the Town of Watertown is hereby directed to file in the Town Clerk's Office in a file readily accessible to the public, a negative declaration, substantially in the form and substantially to the affect of this Resolution, and the Town Clerk may use this Resolution therefore.
3. The Clerk is directed to mail, by return receipt requested a copy of the determination of significance to each of the involved agencies.
4. The Clerk is directed to publish the determination of significance in the Environmental Notice Bulletin.
5. All subsequent notices concerning this project shall note that this Board has issued a negative declaration.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Supervisor Bartlett offered the foregoing resolution and Councilman Rich seconded. Upon a roll call vote of the town board as follows, the resolution was duly adopted.

Supervisor Bartlett	Aye
Councilman Rich	Aye
Councilman Desormo	Aye
Councilman Prosser	Aye
Councilman Smith	Aye

MOTION # 92

WHEREAS, the Town of Watertown proposes to reallocate a portion of the flow from Sewer District No. 2 (Salmon Run Mall) to Sewer District No. 3 by installing approximately 2800 lineal feet of sewage transmission main within Salmon Run Mall and along Salmon Run Mall Drive to connect to the existing manhole within Sewer District No. 3 near Ryder Trucking, and

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of this Board held on March 13, 2008, Part I of a long form Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") was duly accepted for filing by this Board as prepared by the Town Engineer, a Resolution was duly adopted by which this Board declared itself lead agency and directing the Town Attorney to circulate Part I of the EAF to the involved agencies identified in Part I of the EAF and attached to this resolution, and

WHEREAS, by letters dated March 14, 2008, the Town Attorney forwarded a copy of Part I of the EAF to the involved agencies as identified by this Board, and

WHEREAS, this Board has received the consent of each of the other identified involved agencies that this Board act as the lead agency for this project, has received comments from certain of the involved agencies and has thoroughly reviewed those comments in connection with its obligations under SEQR, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 this Board has reviewed Part II of the EAF to determine whether the project will have a significant effect on the environment, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VIII of the Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation to Wit: 6 NYCRR Part 617, this Board has determined that the action will not have a significant affect on the environment and will not cause a significant impact on the environment and therefore, the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Watertown as follows:

1. Based upon the examination of the EAF and the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Board makes the following findings.
    A. The proposed action constitutes a Type I action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 and this Board has previously determined that a coordinated review is appropriate.
    B. This Board has received the concurrence from the other involved agencies as identified in the EAF that this Board act as lead agency for this project, this Board has received and considered the comments, if any, submitted by the other involved agencies.
    C. No potentially significant adverse impacts on the environment are noted on the EAF, none are identified by any of the involved agencies and none are know to this Board.
    D. There will be no substantial adverse change in existing air or water quality.
    E. There will be no hazard created to human health.
    F. There will be no substantial change in the use or the intensity of the use on the land.
    G. There will not be created a material conflict with the community's current plans or goals as officially adopted.
    H. None of the criteria listed in 6 NYCRR Section 617.11 will be present in the proposed project and no similar criteria will be present which will adversely impact on the environment.
2. The Town Clerk for the Town of Watertown is hereby directed to file in the Town Clerk's Office in a file readily accessible to the public, a negative declaration, substantially in the form and substantially to the affect of this resolution and the Town Clerk may use this resolution therefore.
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The foregoing resolution was offered by Supervisor Bartlett and seconded by Councilman Prosser. Upon a roll call vote as follows the resolution was duly adopted.

Supervisor Bartlett	Aye
Councilman Rich	Aye
Councilman Desormo	Aye
Councilman Prosser	Aye
Councilman Smith	Aye

MOTION # 93

WHEREAS, the Town of Watertown has undertaken certain steps in connection with improvements to the infrastructure servicing Water District No. 1 in said Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town is considering the construction of approximately 6,500 lineal feet of water main on County Route 202 to complete a loop between NYS Route 3 and NYS Route 12F, and

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of this Board held on May 8, 2008, Part I of a long form Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") was duly accepted for filing by this Board as prepared by the Town Engineer, a Resolution was duly adopted by which this Board declared itself lead agency and directing the Town Attorney to circulate Part I of the EAF to the involved agencies identified in Part I of the EAF and attached to this Resolution, and

WHEREAS, by letters dated May 9, 2008, the Town Attorney forwarded a copy of Part I of the EAF to the involved ag4ncies as identified by this Board, and

WHEREAS, this Board has received the consent of each of the other identified involved agencies that this Board act as lead agency for this project, has receive comments from certain of the involved agencies and has thoroughly reviewed those comments in connection with its obligations under SEQR, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, this Board has reviewed Part II of the EAF to determine whether the project will have a significant effect on the environment, and

WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO Article VIII of the Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation, to wit: 6 NYCRR Part 617, this Board has determined that the action will not have a significant affect on the environment and will not cause a significant impact on the environment and therefore the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Watertown as follows:

1. Based upon the examination of the EAF and the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Board makes the following findings.
    A. The proposed action constitutes a Type I action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 and this Board has previously determined that a coordinated review is appropriate.
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6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Prosser seconded. Upon a roll call vote of the Town Board as follows, the resolution was duly adopted.

Supervisor Bartlett	Aye
Councilman Rich	Aye
Councilman Desormo	Aye
Councilman Prosser	Aye
Councilman Smith	Aye

MOTION # 94

Supervisor Bartlett moved to pay the following abstracts as audited.

General Vouchers	#	210	to	212	Total	$ 7,539.08
Highway Voucher	#	171	to	171	Total	$ 9,091.58
Spec. Dist. Vchrs.	#	80	to	81	Total	$ 605.41
General Vouchers	#	213	to	240	Total	$14,064.23
Highway Vouchers	#	172	to	186	Total	$16,883.40
Spec. Dist. Vchrs.	#	82	to	89	Total	$43,988.80

Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett asked the board members to bring their copies of the bond resolution in their packages to the special meeting on August 26, 2008. Discrepancies in the dates on the resolution were noted. Correct copies will be obtained from the town's bond counsel.

Old Business:

Councilman Smith asked the status of Mr. Eisenhower's request at the last meeting. Legal Counsel Joseph Russell stated that he responded to the letter Mr. Eisenhower had received and he had not heard anything further and felt the matter was settled.

Councilman Smith asked if the small building by the water tower would impede the highway department in any way. Superintendent Serow said it would not.

Councilman Prosser asked for a status update on the proposed new water district. Public Works Superintendent Serow stated that he had talked to Mr. Bickford who is waiting for permission to access the second site. It was decided that the drilling on the Weaver Road site should go forward.

Supervisor Bartlett read a letter from the Town of Rutland Highway Superintendent commending Mr. Rich Serow and his highway department for their work and cooperation.

New Business:

Supervisor Bartlett informed the board members that he had received a response from the Teamsters on the proposed contract and he would include it in the special meeting on August 26, 2008.

Discussion took place on the scrap metal collected at the town transfer site. Supervisor Bartlett is looking into methods of disposing of the metal and obtaining some payment for it.

MOTION # 95

Councilman Prosser moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM. Councilman Desormo seconded.

Ayes All

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Catherine M. Rich, Town Clerk