TOWN OF WATERTOWN
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
FEBRUARY 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 opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and called for a roll call of members present. All members were present. Legal Counsel Joseph W. Russell was not present.

MOTION # 19
Supervisor Bartlett offered a motion to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2008 regular meeting. Councilman Prosser seconded the motion.

Ayes All

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

Mr. Koberger asked the supervisor if he had a chance to look into a contract with Guilfoyle Ambulance Service for subsidy payments for town residents. Supervisor Bartlett responded and informed Mr. Koberger that the board had a resolution before them this evening.

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

Supervisor Bartlett acknowledged receipt of the town clerk's report for the month of January 2008.

RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION # 20
WHEREAS, the public works superintendent has requested this board hire an additional employee to fill a vacancy in the Town Public Works Department, and
WHEREAS, an official notice was published in the official newspaper of the town for a period of time wherein applications for said position would be accepted up until February 1, 2008, and
WHEREAS, the superintendent has reviewed all applications received and recommends to this board that Mr. Kevin Stevens, a town resident be hired to fill the position.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Kevin Stevens is hereby appointed to a full time employment position in the public works department, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appointment is a provisional appointment for a 120 day period, wherein after satisfactory completion of the provisional period Mr. Stevens will be reclassified as a permanent full time MEO-5 classified employee with the wage rate for said position established at $12.24 per hour.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Rich Seconded.

Discussion:
Councilman Smith asked if Mr. Stevens was the most qualified for the position. Highway Superintendent Rick Serow responded that he was the best qualified.

Upon a roll call vote of the town board as follows, the foregoing resolution was passed.

Supervisor Bartlett	Aye
Councilman Rich	Aye
Councilman Desormo	Aye
Councilman Prosser	Aye
Councilman Smith	No

MOTION # 21

WHEREAS, the public works superintendent has requested this board modify the authorized sales agreement between the Town of Watertown and Route 11 Truck and Equipment Sales and Service, Inc., 6085 US Rt. 11, Canton, NY, relative to needed upgrades of plowing equipment on the new plow trucks ordered in December of 2007, and

WHEREAS, this change order adds an additional $1,177.00 to the original purchase order for each vehicle and totals $2,354.00 for both vehicles.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said change order for the specified equipment upgrade is hereby authorized.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Desormo seconded. Upon a roll call vote of the town board as follows the motion was duly passed.

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

MOTION # 22

WHEREAS, the public works superintendent has requested this board modify the authorized sales agreement between the Town of Watertown and Route 11 Truck and Equipment sales and Service Inc., 6085 US Rt. 11, Canton, NY, relative to needed upgrades of plowing equipment on the new plow trucks ordered in December of 2007, and

WHEREAS, this change order adds an additional $4,500.00 to the original purchase order for each vehicle wherein two REXROTH-440RC computerized deicer controllers are added to the original equipment purchase contract and totals $9,000.00 for both vehicles.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said change order for the specified equipment upgrade is hereby authorized.

Supervisor Bartlett offered the foregoing resolution and Councilman Prosser seconded.

Discussion:

Councilman Smith asked if this new piece of equipment could also be used with sand. Public Works Superintendent Rich Serow stated that it could and the equipment would allow for more efficiency and control of the sand and salt going on to the highways. Mr. Smith asked if the town was going to get more into the salt. Mr. Serow responded that it would depend on costs. Mr. Smith also asked if any other town used this equipment. Supervisor Bartlett stated that the State of New York used this equipment. Mr. Serow said that most towns in the county also use this equipment.

Upon a roll call vote of the town board as follows the resolution was duly passed.

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

MOTION # 23

WHEREAS, it is necessary to fill a vacancy that exists on the Town of Watertown Zoning Board of Appeals.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the town clerk is authorized to cause to be published in the officials newspaper of the town, a notice to the public requesting letters of interest from any Town of Watertown resident who would have an interest in being appointed to fill the Z.B.A. Board vacancy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that letters of interest for said position will be accepted at the Town Clerk's Office, 22867, Co. Rt. 67, Watertown, NY 13601 up until 3:00 PM, Friday, February 29, 2008.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Supervisor Bartlett and seconded by Councilman Rich. 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 # 24

WHEREAS, Mr. Anthony Campanaro, Dry Hill Estates has submitted a request for relief on a $232.00 sewer charge on his 11/20/07 water and sewer bill wherein water used to water his lawn did not enter the sewer system, and

WHEREAS, previous sewer bills based on water usage and waste water flowing to the sewer system averaged $112.00 indicating an adjustment to the customers billing is needed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the town clerk is authorized to issue a corrected sewer bill based on the average sewer charge to said property.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Smith seconded.

Discussion:

Councilman Smith asked the method the city and the town used to charge for water and sewer. Councilman Rich stated that recently residents have been asking for relief on their sewer charges every time they used water that does not go through the sewer. He further stated that he did not believe that the town should continue this practice with the exception of an emergency or in the case of large amounts of water usage occurred due to broken pipes, etc. All town board members agreed that it was getting out of hand. Supervisor Bartlett also stated that people have asked for relief after they have filled their swimming pool, the town has no way of verifying what the water was used for.

Upon a roll call vote of the town board as follows, the motion was defeated.

Supervisor Bartlett	No
Councilman Rich	No
Councilman Desormo	No
Councilman Prosser	No
Councilman Smith	No

MOTION # 25

WHEREAS, the Disabled Persons Action Organization (DPAO) has requested a grant of town bed tax revenues for the purpose of underwriting the organizations advertising and promotional costs of the 2008 Summer Concert Series, a series of concerts that draws thousands of tourists to the area, and

WHEREAS, the DPAO annually provides the town with documentation as to how the grant funds are appropriated by the organization to promote tourism for the area, and

WHEREAS, the request for grant funds for the Year 2008 is in the amount of $27,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the funds are available for appropriation in the towns Fiscal Year 2008 budget as adopted November 4, 2007, and

WHEREAS, the director of the DPAO agrees to execute this resolution on behalf of the DPAO and agrees to appropriate the grant funds for the purpose of advertising and promoting the 2008 Summer Concert Series.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Watertown Council hereby authorizes a grant of Town Bed Tax Revenues for the purpose of promoting tourism by underwriting promotional and advertising expenses in the amount of $27,000.00 to the DPAO, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the supervisor is hereby authorized to execute this resolution agreement on behalf of the Town of Watertown.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Prosser seconded.

Discussion:

Councilman Smith asked how much Dealmaker contributed to DPAO. Councilman Rich responded that their contribution was much larger than the town's portion.

Upon a roll call vote as follows, the motion was duly adopted.

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

MOTION # 26

WHEREAS, Assessor Roger Tibbetts has applied for the following aplit to the 2008 tax roll for real property identified as:

Split		Amount	Acres
91.09-1-9	Albert & Carol Amell 18851 Co. Rte 155 18910 Co. Rte 165	$1,572.02	1
Split into			
91.09-1-9.1	Albert & Carol Amell	$ 624.32	.53
91.09-1-9.2	Bonnie Eacho	$ 947.70	.52
Split			
100.07-2-9.1	Timothy Fahsel 16816 Ives St. Rd.	$ 142.53	42.40
Split into			
100.07-2-9.1	Timothy Fahsel	$ 79.68	5.02
100.07-2-9.9	Timothy Fahsel c/o Alan Bender	$ 62.85	37.5

BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board hereby approves the split of this tax bill and authorizes the town clerk to issue a corrected tax bill to the owner of said parcel.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Rich seconded. Upon a roll call vote as follows, the motion was duly adopted.

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

MOTION # 27

Supervisor Bartlett moved to pay the following abstracts as audited.

General Voucher	#	22	to	#	22	Total	$	551.57
Spec. Dist Vouchers	#	10	to	#	11	Total	$	799.91

General Vouchers	#	23	to	#	61	Total	$ 33,504.73
Highway Vouchers	#	23	to	#	46	Total	$ 63,306.26
Spec. Dist. Vouchers.	#	12	to	#	22	Total	$ 31,480.81

Councilman Prosser seconded the resolution.

Discussion:

Councilman Smith asked who National Mohawk Home Comfort Services was, as listed in the vouchers. Supervisor Bartlett said that it was a fuel oil service.

Ayes All

MOTION # 28

Supervisor Bartlett moved to adjourn to executive session at 7:22 PM, for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining negotiations. Councilman Rich seconded.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett reconvened the regular portion of the meeting at 7:44 PM.

MOTION # 29

Supervisor Bartlett moved to waive the rules regarding seven day prior notification and presentation of motions to allow for some business needing to be taken care of. Councilman Smith seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 30

Supervisor Bartlett made a motion authorizing the supervisor to execute a proposed agreement between the Town of Watertown and Guilfoyle Ambulance Service for a period commencing January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008 as described and outlined. For a period of one year a stipend of $5,000.00 will be paid to Guilfoyle Ambulance Service. This contract is renewable after the one year period has expired.

Councilman Smith seconded. Upon a roll call vote of the board as follows, the motion was adopted.

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

Old Business:

Councilman Prosser said he talked to Mr. John Petrie who works for the county and does some web site work on his own. He provides service for the Town of Leray and urged everyone to look at the Town of Leray site. Our cost would be $500.00 for initial set up fee, after that it would be $240.00 per year for his fee. The first year there would be at $112.00 fee, which is the ten year purchase of your domain name. There is also a charge of $107.40 per year to Westel Communications. They are the Internet Service Provider ISP.

Councilman Prosser asked for permission to begin work on this and see what it looks like. There were no objections from board members.

Councilman Smith asked if the town had ever billed for the grinder pump that was installed last November on Ives St. Road. Supervisor Bartlett thanked Councilman Smith and that he would talk to the engineers to get the information which will allow him to bill the users.

Councilman Smith stated that he felt that the town should not be paying the hospitalization for former highway superintendent John Maguire. Supervisor Bartlett stated that the board had previously approved this item since they felt that the former

superintendent had contributed 26 years of service. It was also felt that that person should receive from the same benefits as the men who worked for him.

Councilman Prosser asked if the board could get reports from the engineers and/or Hydrologists on the State Street project at next months meeting. He would also like to hear from the engineers on the water tower project. Supervisor Bartlett said he would talk to the appropriate people to come and bring the board up to date on the projects.

Councilman Rich asked again that any reports be given in layman's terms.

No new business.

MOTION # 31

Councilman Prosser moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM. Councilman Desormo seconded.

Ayes All

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Catherine M. Rich, Town Clerk