TOWN OF WATERTOWN
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
OCTOBER 2, 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 of members present. All members were present. Legal Counsel Joseph W. Russell was also present.

MOTION # 112
Supervisor Bartlett offered a motion to accept the minutes as presented for the September 11, 2008 regular meeting. Councilman Desormo seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 113
Supervisor Bartlett offered a motion scheduling a special meeting to be held at 7:00 PM, Thursday October 16, 2008 for the purpose of conducting a work session on the proposed 2009 fiscal year budget, and any other business that might come before the board. Councilman Prosser seconded.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. David Sherman, representing the Guilfoyle Ambulance Service presented a proposed contract to Supervisor Bartlett. He also spoke as a taxpayer regarding the proposed contract with the Town of Watertown Ambulance Service, stating that he was opposed to the proposed payment to the town ambulance service. He stated that he was opposed to the Town of Watertown taxpayers paying for this service out of their tax dollars. He was reminded that there is no town tax, therefore the taxpayers are not paying anything for this service.

Town Clerk's correspondence:

A letter from Dry Hill Ski Area notifying the town of there intend to renew their liquor license. A letter from N and D Restaurants, Inc. d/b/a as Red Lobster #0654 advising the town that they will be submitting an application to the New York State Liquor Authority. They will be transferring their license from GMRI Inc. to N and D Restaurants, Inc.

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

Resolutions:

MOTION # 114
WHEREAS, the N.Y.S.D.O.T., Regional Support Data Services Division requires a resolution adopted by this board as formal documentation of this boards acceptance of roads dedicated to the town, to be included in the N.Y.S. Department of Transportation Local Highway System data base and inventory, and
WHEREAS, the Local Highway System Data Base is used to calculate C.H.I.P.S. reimbursement to the town. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Watertown Council hereby authorizes the acceptance of the following sections of road and requests that the following roads be added to the N.Y.S. Department of Transportation Local Highway Inventory.

.31 miles of Hickory Lane
.33 miles of Ridgeview Road
.12 miles of Tall Timber Trail

Supervisor Bartlett offered the foregoing resolution and Councilman Rich seconded.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett informed the board that included in their package is a Town of Watertown Exemption Report, which lists the tax exempt properties in the town. This is now required as part of the preparation of the Fiscal Year budgets. It was noted that 31.709% of the properties in the town are tax exempt to some degree.

Supervisor Bartlett referred to a letter from the town planning board regarding a proposed zoning change request. Supervisor Bartlett asked if any of the town board members wished to pursue this request further. Councilman Rich stated that he would stand by the findings and recommendation of the planning board not to approve the request. The other board members concurred. Supervisor Bartlett stated for the record that the town board would not take any action on the request from the property owner.

Supervisor Bartlett recommended that the board take no action in requesting that the state cause speed limits to be reduced, or signs added at the proposed site of the new bus garage in the town. He advised that the board delay any decision until the business is up and running. Mr. Randy Voss who was present at the meeting stated that he had conversations with D.O.T officials, and that they were already addressing the issue.

MOTION # 115

Supervisor Bartlett offered a motion to pay the following abstracts as audited.

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| General Vouchers | # | 260 | to | 261 | Total | $ 7,061.95 |
| Highway Voucher | # | 200 | to | 200 | Total | $ 9,091.58 |
| Spec. Dist. Voucher | # | 98 | to | 98 | Total | $ 138.92 |
| General Vouchers | # | 262 | to | 279 | Total | $ 19,598.14 |
| Highway Vouchers | # | 201 | to | 209 | Total | $ 18,437.86 |
| Spec. Dist. Vouchers | # | 99 | to | 106 | Total | $173,110.99 |

Councilman Prosser seconded.

Ayes All

Councilman Smith asked Mr. Russell if the Special Board Meeting of September 23, 2008 was legal. Mr. Russell stated that he was not present therefore could not respond, other than to say all that is necessary is to notify the press.

Councilman Smith brought up the issue of letters submitted by Mr. Serow. He questioned whether all members were notified in a timely fashion of Mr. Serow's intent to resign his position as highway superintendent. Mr. Smith also stated that he was never asked to be part of any town committee. He was told that he was on the audit committee to approve vouchers this month and that he had refused.

Councilman Prosser gave a report on the status of the water tower construction of Arsenal St. for Water District #1.

MOTION # 116

Councilman Prosser moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Supervisor Bartlett seconded.

Ayes All

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Catherine M. Rich, Town Clerk