TOWN OF WATERTOWN
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SEPTEMBER 11, 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 7:00 PM and called for a roll of members present. All members were present. Legal Counsel Joseph W. Russell was present at the meeting.

MOTION # 103
Supervisor Bartlett moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2008 regular meeting as presented. Councilman Smith seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 104
Supervisor Bartlett moved to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2008 special meeting as presented. Councilman Desormo seconded.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett reminded everyone that the next regular meeting would be held on October 2, 2008 at 7:00 PM. This would be the first meeting to begin the 2009 fiscal year budget process.

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

Mr. James Sherman spoke, stating that he lived across from the proposed new Freeman Bus Garage. He expressed concern for traffic conditions that will be present once that project is complete and in use. He informed the board that he has written a letter to the NYS DOT requesting a speed limit change to the area. A copy of the letter was presented to the town board. He went on to describe the concerns and dangers that will be presented with the additional traffic.

Supervisor Bartlett thanked Mr. Sherman and noted that no one else chose to speak, closed the floor to the public.

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

MOTION # 105
Councilman Rich moved to appoint Amanda L. McCracken to the open position as clerk typist in the justice court. Councilman Prosser seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 106
WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer funds between highway department accounts to provide supplementary funding for unanticipated cost increases for road salt and sand for winter highway department use.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the supervisor is hereby authorized to amend the fiscal year 2008 highway department budget to provide supplementary funding for highway department purposes as follows:

Decrease Acct. Code	Amount
D5130.2 Equipment	$80,000.00

Increase Acct. Code	
D5142.2 Snow Removal Contractual	$80,000.00

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Desormo seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 107

Supervisor Bartlett moved to pay the following abstracts as audited.

General Vouchers	#	241	to	259	Total	$ 10,999.80
Highway Vouchers	#	187	to	199	Total	$ 21,974.35
Spec. Dist. Vouchers.	#	90	to	97	Total	$ 35,165.73

Councilman Rich seconded.

Ayes All

Old Business:

Councilman Prosser asked the status of the proposed water district. Highway Superintendent Serow stated that the drilling on the test site would begin within the next week.

Supervisor Bartlett brought the board up to date on the improvements to Water Districts 6 and 3 & 4.

Councilman Smith talked about the need to improve the facilities at the town transfer site considering the capacity of the packer and the recyclable bins were overflowing. Discussion took place on the remedies to the problem. Supervisor Bartlett asked Mr. Serow to look into additional bins and packers and or alternatives. Some consideration should be given to allowing for the cost of a new packer in the 2009 budget.

Councilman Smith questioned the policies and procedures of the Watertown Ambulance Service regarding their billing practices and wages paid. He commented that some of their employees are being paid $2.00 per hour and that amount was not minimum wages and therefore illegal. Councilman Rich stated that no one was being paid a wage of $2.00 per hour. Volunteers can accumulate points for volunteering time. These points can be redeemed for purchasing items from a catalogue. The catalogue is for emergency personnel and contains items such as stethoscopes, uniforms and other items pertaining to their job. The employee's who are paid, are being paid a wage above minimum wage. The billing is being done by NOCA who is being paid by the Watertown Ambulance Service. NOCA provides similar service to other ambulance services throughout the area. This service is contracted out because it is less expensive than hiring paid staff to perform this service in house.

MOTION # 108

Councilman Prosser moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM. Supervisor Bartlett seconded.

Ayes All

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Catherine M. Rich, Town Clerk