TOWN OF WATERTOWN
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
FEBRUARY 12, 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 asked for a roll call of all members present. All members were present as well as Legal Counsel Joseph W. Russell.

MOTION # 17
Supervisor Bartlett offered a motion to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2009 regular meeting as presented. Councilman Desormo seconded.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett opened the floor for anyone wishing to address the town board members. No one spoke and Supervisor Bartlett closed the open portion of the meeting.

Town Clerk's correspondence: a letter received from Route 12 Triple B giving notice they are applying for their liquor license. The license is being applied for by the S&T Enterprises, which consists of Charlie Britton and William Houston.

Supervisor Bartlett acknowledged receipt of the Town Clerk's report for the month of January 2009.

RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION # 18
WHEREAS, the town is in possession of a copy machine that is no longer needed for town purposes and is considered surplus equipment, and
WHEREAS, the appraised value of said equipment is $100.00 based upon the appraisal submitted by Northern Copy Products, and
WHEREAS, the Town of Watertown Ambulance Service has submitted a request to purchase said equipment for $100.00, the amount equal to the appraised value.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council hereby authorizes the sale of said copier equipment in as is condition to the Town of Watertown Ambulance Service for the sale price of $
00.00.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Prosser seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 19
WHEREAS, the City of Watertown operates a waste water treatment facility and provides sewage treatment for Town of Watertown Sewer Districts 2,3,4,5 and 6, and
WHEREAS, a new contract between the City of Watertown and the Town of Watertown for providing sewage treatment for Sewer District No. 6 has been negotiated with the City of Watertown that establishes the terms and conditions by which Sewer District No. 6 will be allowed to utilize the City sanitary sewer services for a term of five years commencing February 12, 2009.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council of the Town of Watertown does hereby approve the contract as annexed hereto with the City of Watertown for providing sewage treatment for Sewer District No. 6 for a period of five years, commencing February 12, 2009 and it is further Resolved, that the Supervisor of the Town of Watertown is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents with the City of Watertown to implement such agreement.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Rich seconded.. 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 # 20

WHEREAS, the town water districts have certain backflow check valves in service located throughout the districts infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, it is mandated by the N.Y.S.D.O.H. that all backflow devices be tested and certified under the guidance of a backflow certified testing program on an annual basis, and

WHEREAS, Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors are the only certified contractors in the area who can provide the testing services and have submitted a proposal to provide said testing services for the Town Districts, said proposal attached as Exhibit A.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the service proposal submitted by Hide-Stone Mechanical Contractors is hereby approved under the terms and conditions contained within the agreement. And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the supervisor is authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Town of Watertown Water Districts.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Desormo seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 21

WHEREAS, Jefferson County is in need of manpower, machinery and equipment in connection with the removal of snow and ice from county roads and bridges, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Watertown has the available manpower, machinery and equipment to meet the county’s requirements and desires to provide such services for Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, a contractual agreement attached as Exhibit A, has been negotiated between the Town of Watertown and Jefferson County containing the terms and conditions for the payment to the Town for providing said snow removal services for a period of one year commencing January 1, 2009 and expiring December 31, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the promises and covenants herein contained in the agreement, the Town Council of the Town of Watertown hereby approves the contractual agreement and authorizes the Supervisor to execute said agreement on behalf of the Town of Watertown.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Smith 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 #22

WHEREAS, the Watertown Brookside Cemetery Association, a not for profit corporation, owns property within the boundary of Water District3, Water District 4 and Sewer District 4 and has previously been apportioned and billed an advalorem tax to pay for existing debt service within the districts, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by motion #37 adopted in 2008 that the value of the property was incorrectly billed by including the value of land in addition to the buildings assessed value, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to refund the portion of tax levied relating to land value as a portion of the assessment formula for the properties.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Supervisor is authorized to issue a refund of advalorum taxes received from the Watertown Cemetery Association in the amounts as follows:

DISTRICT	AMOUNT
Water District 3	$ 8.31
Water District 4	$ 62.06
Sewer District 4	$ 34.43
Total refund due	$104.80

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Desormo seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 23

WHEREAS, Assessor Roger Tibbetts has applied for the following split & corrections to the 2009 tax roll for real property identified as:

Split:		Amount	Acres
91.07-1-24	Cold Brook Development LLC	$2,712.15	107.31
split into			
91.07-1-24.1	Cold Brook Development LLC	$ 409.59	103.81
91.07-1-24.2	Seth & Joslyn Mejias	$2,302.56	3.5
Split			
83.19-1-34.4	Robert & Cathy Gallagher	$ 852.39	1.70
Split into			
83.19-1-34.41	Robert & Cathy Gallagher	$ 27.68	150 x 217
83.19-1-34.42	Stewart & Janet Snowdon	$ 824.71	150 x 201
Split			
91.13-1-38	Ridgeview Properties Co. Rte 155	$ 282.29	65.73
Split into			
91.13-1-38	Boulder Ridge Dev. Inc.	$ 116.24	61.40
91.09-1-37	Jacob Navarra	$ 55.35	1.20
91.09-1-38	Mary Beth Ramsey	$ 55.35	1.36
91.09-1-39	John Cheney	$ 55.35	1.77

Correction:

83.15-1-87 Paul Grinwold, 20515 Weaver Road, new owner not entitled to former owners veterans exemptions. Tax amount with exemption $681.59, corrected tax amount to be billed, $1,051.65

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 owners of said parcel.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Prosser seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 24

Supervisor Bartlett moved to pay the following abstracts as audited.

General Vouchers	#	26	to	28	Total	$ 11,122.39
Highway Voucher	#	20	to	20	Total	$ 10,316.88
Spec. Dist Vouchers.	#	8	to	9	Total	$ 325.59
General Vouchers	#	29	to	67	Total	$ 36,544.87
Highway Vouchers	#	21	to	50	Total	$ 68,418.75
Spec. Dist. Vouchers.	#	10	to	18	Total	$213,987.73

Councilman Prosser seconded the motion.

Ayes All

Old Business:

Councilman Prosser asked for an update on the issue of snow removal from the highway bridge on Arsenal St. Discussion took place regarding the topic. Legal Counsel recited the section of the highway law which governs the topic. He further pointed out that at the time the agreement as adopted with New York State, the town opted out of removing snow from the bridge sidewalk.

Additional discussion took place on the purchase of a new truck to be used by the town Highway Department in the water department. It was agreed that to possibly speed up the delivery of the truck, it did not have to be painted to conform with the colors of existing town vehicles.

MOTION # 25

There being no further business to be addressed, 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