TOWN OF WATERTOWN

REGULAR MEETING

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MAY 14, 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 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 present.

MOTION # 47

Supervisor Bartlett moved to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2009 Regular meeting. Councilman Smith seconded.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett introduced Mr. Mickey Lehman, Bernier Carr & Associates.

Mr. Lehman gave an update to the board on the water and sewer district projects presently underway in the Town.

The 250,000 gallon water tower erected last year behind the New Hope Baptist Church on Route 3 in the town will be in service sometime during the early fall. The contractor still has to install a vault at the base of the tower and the water inside the ball needs to be disinfected. The tower will increase water pressure to properties along the town's western fringe, including Route 3 and County Route 202.

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

Mr. David Sherman, a town resident and the General Manager of Guilfoyle Ambulance Service, expressed concerns that the town may award additional monies to the Watertown Ambulance Service. He further stated the Guilfoyle could provide support to the town for a reasonable fee, which would preclude residents from having to pay a copayment. Lengthy discussion took place by both the town board members and the public concerning this matter.

MOTION # 48

Supervisor Bartlett moved to call for a special meeting to discuss Sewer District # 2 Extension Project, and any other business that may come before the board. The meeting will be held Wednesday May 27, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Town Municipal Building, Watertown N.Y. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rich.

Ayes All

Mr. David Roof commented on the remarks regarding the town ambulance service. He stated that he agreed with most of the comments made, except for the remark that he had come back to the town for more money. He reminded the board that he had not asked for more money. He stated that he was asked by the board to report to them on the status of the ambulance service and their commitment to 24 hour service and what it would cost to provide that service.

Mr. Tim Monaghan of Overlook Drive asked the town board about the status of getting water to the residents on State St. and Overlook Drive. Supervisor Bartlett said that the town is waiting for the test drills to be completed. However, those tests are delayed until the ground is dry enough for the equipment to go on the property.

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

Town Clerk's correspondence: Texas Road House, Arsenal St. Road, sent a letter to the town notifying the town that they are adding a full room addition to their present location which will add 32 seats. The alteration application required by the Liquor Board is in process.

Supervisor Bartlett received a letter from Texas Road House asking the board to forgive the penalty assessed to them for water usage. The bill had been lost and not received by them.

MOTION # 49

Supervisor Bartlett moved to waive the penalties and request that the clerk send a new bill. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett acknowledged the receipt of the Town Clerk's report for the Month of April 2009.

Supervisor Bartlett read a letter from Immaculate Heart Central School Athletic Complex Committee. The letter requests that the Town allow annexation of the property where the complex is to be constructed in order to allow connection to water through the city system. A subsequent letter was received stating that annexation was not needed. A letter would be required stating that the town rejects any consideration of annexation of the property. The city has other examples of where they are providing water to areas outside the city.

A report from Councilman Prosser stated the town had entered into a contract with the City of Watertown to determine what type of residual organic compounds may exist at the end of the pipe. They will be doing a lot of sampling at the City water treatment plant and also at the end of the line where the water supply is provided to the town. The town will assist in collecting samples on the town side.

Supervisor Bartlett commented that the board members have received a draft proposal from the Town of Watertown Planning Board regarding proposed changes to the Town of Watertown Zoning Law. The changes will be reviewed at the Planning Board special meeting to be held on May 18, 2009. The town board has been asked to attend the meeting and provide input on the subject.

RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION # 50

WHEREAS, the current road leading from County Route 67 to the Dry Hill Ski Area within the Town of Watertown has been is use by the general public for a period in excess of ten (10) years and has been maintained by the Town of Watertown Highway Department as a public road of the Town of Watertown for a period in excess of ten (10) years, and

WHEREAS, such maintenance includes the regular grading and topping of the road surface as needed, the removal of snow and salting and sanding as necessary to make vehicle passage along said road safe during the winter months, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 189 of the Highway Law, the use of the road running from County Route 67 to the Dry Hill Ski Area and the maintenance thereof by the Highway Department for a period in excess of ten (10) years constitutes the subject road as a town highway and it is, therefore, necessary for the road to be properly named for 911 address purposes.

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

1. The foregoing recitations are incorporated herein and made a part of this resolution as if fully set forth hereafter.
2. The road running from County Route 67 to the Dry Hill ski Area has been used by the general public and has been maintained by the Town Highway Department as a Town road for the requisite period under the Highway Law for the same to be declared a Town Public Highway under the dominion and control of the Town of Watertown Highway Department.
3. Pursuant to Section 189 of the Highway Law, the Town Right of Way over the subject road shall be three (3) rods in width.
4. The road running from County Route 67 to the Dry Hill Ski Area shall bear the name Alpine Ridge Road and the Supervisor shall notify the County 911 Office of said name designation.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion to adopt the foregoing order was made by Supervisor Bartlett and seconded by Councilman Prosser.

Councilman Smith expressed concern for the adjoining property owner who may have concerns regarding the boundary line of the property. No other concerns or any changes were made to the resolution.

Ayes All

MOTION # 51

Supervisor Bartlett moved to pay the following abstracts as audited.

General Vouchers	#	122	to	123	Total	$ 8,212.81
Highway Voucher	#	100	to	100	Total	$11,794.56
Spec. Dist. Vouchers	#	31	to	31	Total	$ 152.85
General Vouchers	#	124	to	149	Total	$10,170.72
Highway Vouchers	#	101	to	116	Total	$15,281.45
Spec. Dist. Vouchers.	#	32	to	41	Total	$51,823.80

Councilman Rich seconded.

Ayes All

New Business:

Supervisor Bartlett informed the board that the Justice Court has requested that a position of Justice Court bailiff be established. Supervisor commented that the town had previously established the position, and that that person who served in that capacity previously is interested in continuing the job as a volunteer. He further added that if the board did not have any concerns, he would inform the Justices to proceed. There were no concerns as long as the individual did not carry any weapons as part of the position.

Councilman Prosser stated that he had recently attended a local government conference and one of the topics was the aspect of energy audits. National Grid has offered to municipalities, as a free service, to come in and review the circumstances and possibly make recommendations as to how we could reduce energy. Councilman Prosser suggested that the town have National Grid come in and get the audit started.

Councilman Prosser also stated that due to a recent accident concerning a missing stop sign, the town make certain that all stop signs are in place.

MOTION # 52

There being no further business before the board, Councilman Prosser moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM. Councilman Desormo seconded.

Ayes All

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Catherine M. Rich, Town Clerk