TOWN OF WATERTOWN
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MAY 12, 2011

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 # 51
Supervisor Bartlett moved to adopt the minutes of the April 14, 2011 Regular Meeting, Councilman Prosser seconded.

Ayes All

Mr. Charles Dillon responded to questions from the Town Board on the proposed backstop to be erected on the Fire Department's property. The cost of a 16' high backstop is $5,650.00. Supervisor Bartlett stated that the town agreed to support the project for an amount up to $4,000.00.
Mr. Dillon also gave a follow up on the hydrant management program. He reviewed some of the options that the fire department has researched.

Supervisor Bartlett opened the floor for any public comments.

Veranne Johnson, presented the Town Board with a petition and spoke on behalf of the residents on Shepard St. She informed the board about the water drainage and sewer problems in that area. She asked when the new proposed water line would be completed. There have been several water main breaks in their system and they would like to resolve these issues.
Kathy Souva asked if they would have to connect to the new district.
Lisa Wackernagel, also spoke about her concerns in the same area.

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

Supervisor Bartlett acknowledged receipt of the town clerk's report and the monthly report from the Town of Watertown Ambulance for the Month of April 2011.

RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION # 52
Supervisor Bartlett introduced Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2011, a local law to amend Chapter 107 of the Code of the Town of Watertown Zoning. A local law to establish three (3) alternate member positions for the Town of Watertown Planning Board, and the Town of Watertown Zoning Board of Appeals
He called for a public hearing on Local Law #1 2011 to be held at 7:00PM June 9, 2011 at the Town of Watertown Municipal Building, 22867 Co. Rte. 67, Watertown, NY 13601.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Prosser seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 53

Supervisor Bartlett moved to accept Part I of the Long Form of the EAF relevant to the proposed Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2011, a local law to establish alternate Planning Board and Zoning Board members. Councilman Prosser seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 54

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Agricultural Society annually sponsors the Jefferson County Fair which is the longest running County Fair in the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Society has requested a grant of $5,000.00 to underwrite promotional costs and provide funds to replace the funding that was reduced in the State Budget for this fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Watertown has in prior years appropriated funds to support the county fair and has funds available for appropriation in the Fiscal Year 2011 budget from the Community and Economic Development Appropriation Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Watertown Council hereby authorizes a grant of $5,000.00 in support of the Jefferson County Agricultural Society and the Jefferson County Fair.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Rich seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 55

WHEREAS, it is necessary from time to time to amend the adopted Town Personnel Policy for all non bargaining unit employees (as amended on November 7, 2002, and

WHEREAS, as the polling site for all elections has been moved to the Town of Watertown Fire Station No. 1 on Brookside Drive, it is no longer necessary to close the Town Municipal Offices on Election Day and provide Election Day as a holiday or paid day off for Town Employees.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Personnel Policy adopted November 7, 2002 is hereby amended to exclude Election Day as a holiday for Town Employees.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Prosser seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 56

WHEREAS, the town purchases a health insurance policy through the Teamsters Council Health Fund for all full time bargaining unit and non bargaining unit employees, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the adopted Town Personnel Policy for all non bargaining unit employees to equalize or standardize probationary employment period for employee eligibility to receive health insurance coverage, and

WHEREAS, all permanent full time non bargaining unit employees are currently eligible for health insurance coverage through the Teamsters Council Health Fund after a probationary employment period of 90 days, and

WHEREAS, bargaining unit full time employees are eligible for health insurance coverage following completion of a probationary 120 days following appointment to a permanent full time position.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Personnel Policy is hereby amended to establish a probationary employment period of 120 days for all full time non bargaining unit employees, the same as established for all bargaining unit employees before eligibility for health insurance coverage.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Rich seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 57

WHEREAS, the Disabled Persons Action Organization has submitted a request for a grant of Town Bed Tax Revenues for the purpose of underwriting the organizations advertising and promotional expenses associated with promoting the 2011 Summer Concert Series, a series of concerts that draws thousands of tourists to the area, and

WHEREAS, the D.P.A.O. annually provides the Town Council with documentation as to how the grant funds are appropriated by the organization to promote tourism activity for the area, and

WHEREAS, the organizations request for 2011 is in the amount of $27,000.00, and

WHEREAS, these funds are available for appropriation in the Towns Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, as adopted on November 4, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the organizations executive director agrees to execute this resolution on behalf of the D.P.A.O. and agrees to appropriate these grant funds for the purpose of advertising and promoting expenses associated with the 2011 Summer Concert Series.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Watertown Council hereby authorizes a grant of Town Occupancy Tax Revenues to the D.P.A.O. in the amount of $27,000.00 for the stated use and purposes associated with promoting the 2011 Summer Concert Series. And

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

Ayes All

MOTION # 58

WHEREAS, the town engineers have submitted pay request No. 3 on behalf of N.C.C. Contractors for work completed on Contract No. 1 Sewer Diversion Project, Sewer District No. 2, and

WHEREAS, the engineer certifies to this board that the work has been satisfactorily completed according to the terms and conditions noted in Contract No. 1, sewer flow diversion project for Sewer District Nol. 2.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that payment to North Country Contractors in the amount of $99,375.34 is hereby authorized.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Prosser seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 59

Supervisor Bartlett moved to pay the following vouchers as audited.

General Voucher	#	103	to	103	Total	$ 638.37
Spec. Dist. Vouchers:	#	30	to	30	Total	$ 2,799.62
General Vouchers	#	104	to	127	Total	$ 25,822.61
Highway Vouchers	#	81	to	98	Total	$ 21,981.08
Spec. Dist. Vouchers:	#	31	to	38	Total	$103,060.32

Councilman Desormo seconded.

Ayes All

Old Business:

Councilman Prosser asked the status of the Lettiere Tract Water appraisal. Supervisor Bartlett stated that the appraisal has been completed and the report should be available this week. At that time a meeting can be scheduled with Councilman Prosser and Mr. Lettiere to discuss a sale price.

Supervisor Bartlett said that once the Lettiere appraisal is complete, the appraiser will begin on the Alpine Ridge appraisal.

Supervisor Commented that he had received a number of calls from water haulers wanting to use the water tower supply, however the cost was too high.

Supervisor Bartlett offered the following motion.

MOTION # 60

A motion to reduce the fee for the water distribution system from $250.00 to $25.00. Councilman Smith seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 61

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