Town of Watertown
Town Board Regular Meeting
May 13, 2010

Members Present: Joel R. Bartlett, Supervisor
Paul V. Desormo
David D. Prosser
Edward R. Smith

Members Absent: Stephen L. Rich

Supervisor Bartlett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Legal Counsel Joseph W. Russell was present.

Motion #46

Supervisor Bartlett offered a motion to accept the minutes from the April 8, 2010 meeting, seconded by Councilman Smith.

Ayes All

Motion #47

Supervisor Bartlett offered a motion to accept the minutes from the April 29th, 2010 special meeting, seconded by Councilman Desormo.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett opened the public hearing for Local Law #1-2010, to amend the boundaries of the Watertown Empire Zone at 7:04 pm. Dave Zembiec, JCIDA spoke explaining the changes. This would expand Empire Zone benefits to a new company looking to locate at a former paper mill in the Brownville area. This company will create at least 50 new jobs to start and could add 25 more within 3 years. No other member of the public wished to speak; the public hearing was closed at 7:06 pm.

Supervisor Bartlett introduced proposed Local Law #2-2010 to authorize the Town of Watertown to make application to amend the boundaries of the City and Town of Watertown Empire Zone as described in Local Law #1 of 1994.

Motion # 48

A motion was offered by Supervisor Bartlett, seconded by Councilman Prosser, to hold a special meeting and public hearing May 24, 2010 at 7:00 pm, regarding Local Law #2-2010. Said meeting will be held at the Town Municipal Building, 22867 Co Rte 67, Watertown, NY.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett introduced proposed Local Law #3-2010 to establishing sign ordinances in the Town of Watertown.

Motion #49

A motion was offered by Supervisor Bartlett, seconded by Councilman Prosser, to hold a public hearing May 24, 2010 at 7:00 pm, regarding Local Law #3-2010. Said meeting will be held at the Town Municipal Building, 22867 Co Rte 67, Watertown, NY.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett opened the floor to the public. Dave Roof, President of the Town of Watertown Ambulance Board, reviewed the financial report with the board. He informed the board as of May 1, 2010 they have staffing 24 hours a day. They now have two fully equipped ambulances but not enough staffing to have them both available full time.

Supervisor Bartlett acknowledged receipt of the town ambulance report.

Tim Monaghan, 20181 Overlook Drive, asked the board if there was any new information concerning the search for water on Gary Smith's property on Co Rte 160.

Supervisor Bartlett responded the board has not had time to review the correspondence from the hydrologist. The issue will be discussed at the June 10, 2010 meeting.

No other member of the public wished to speak. The floor was closed.

The Town Clerks correspondences were as follows:

A letter from N & D Restaurant, Inc., applied for a NYS Liquor License for the Olive Garden Italian Restaurant #1823, 20988 Salmon Run Mall Loop Road W, Watertown, NY.

A letter from Jefferson County Board of Elections stating the polling site location for the Town of Watertown elections will be changed from the Municipal Building to the Town of Watertown Fire Station, 22825 Co Rte 67, Watertown, NY.

Supervisor Bartlett accepted the Town Clerk report.

The bids for the 1960 Walters Snow Plow and 1989 International Dump Truck were opened. All bids are file in the Town Clerk's Office for review.

Motion #50

A motion was offered by Councilman Prosser, seconded by Supervisor Bartlett to accept the highest bid from Gordon Dobbins for a 1960 Walters Snow Plow of $1,012.00.

Ayes All

Motion #51

A motion was offered by Councilman Prosser, seconded by Councilman Desormo to accept the highest bid from Terry Groff for a 1989 International Dump of $2,500.00.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett asked the Deputy Clerk to notify the successful bidders.

Resolutions

Motion #52

WHEREAS, the Thousand Island Tourism Council annually promotes area Tourism through destination marketing promotions that benefit the Thousand Island area and attracts tourists from outside the area and Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Thousand Island Tourism Council is offering a marketing plan to the City and Town of Watertown that specifically will focus on the Town and City to promote shopping in the Town and City by targeted marketing that will encourage Canadian shoppers to take advantage of the strong Canadian dollar and the increases in Canadian traffic coming to the Town and City to shop; and

WHEREAS, the Town and City have an opportunity to equally share in the cost of the destination marketing proposal (attached as Exhibit A), with the Town portion costing $14,000.00 of the $28,000.00 marketing cost.; and

WHEREAS, as the marketing plan specifically focuses on advertising retail shopping in the Town and City, benefits from tourism related revenues will be shared by the Town and the City of Watertown; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 2010 budget for appropriation for said purposes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, an appropriation of $14,000.00 which will represent the Towns 50% share of this promotion is hereby authorized conditioned upon the City of Watertown Councils approval of funding the remaining 50% of the total cost of the promotion.

A motion to adopt the forgoing resolution was offered by Supervisor Bartlett, and seconded by Councilman Desormo.

Ayes All

Motion #53

WHEREAS, Local Law #1 of the Year 2010, a Local Law to authorize the City of Watertown to make application for redesignation of certain area within the City and Town of Watertown Empire Zone, was introduced at a regular meeting of the Town Board held on April 8, 2010, and a public hearing was scheduled thereon for May 13, 2010 at 7:00 pm, and

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of this Board held on May 13, 2010, a short from Environmental Assessment Form("EAF") was duly accepted for filing by this Board as prepared by the Town Attorney, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, this Board has reviewed the EAF to determine whether the project will have a significant effect on the environment, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VIII of the Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation, to wit: 6 NYCRR Part 617, this Board has determined that the action will not have a significant affect on the environment, and will not cause a significant impact on the environment, and therefore, the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Board of the Town of Watertown as follows:

1. Based upon the examination of the EAF and the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Board makes the following findings.

    A. The proposed action constitutes and unlisted action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 and therefore a coordinated review is not required.

    B. No potentially significant adverse impacts on the environment are noted on the EAF, none are identified by any of the involved agencies, and none are known to this Board.

    C. There will be no substantial adverse change in existing air or water quality.

    D. There will be no hazard created to human health.

    E. There will be no substantial change in the use or the intensity of the use on the land.

F. There will not be created a material conflict with the community's current plans or goals as officially adopted.

G. None of the criteria listed in 6 NYCRR Section 617.11 will be present in the proposed project and no similar criteria will be present which will adversely impact on the environment.

2. The Town Clerk for the Town of Watertown is hereby directed to file in the Town Clerk's Office in a file readily accessible to the public, a negative declaration, substantially in the form and substantially to the affect of this Resolution, and the Town Clerk may use this Resolution therefore.

3. All subsequent notices concerning this project shall note that this Board has issued a negative declaration.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion to adopt the forgoing resolution was offered by Supervisor Bartlett, and seconded by Councilman Prosser.

Ayes All

Motion #54

WHEREAS, Local Law #1 of the Year 2010, a Local Law to authorize the City of Watertown to make application for redesignation of certain area with the City and Town of Watertown as an Empire Zone, was duly introduced by a member of the Town Board at a regular meeting thereof held on April 8, 2010, and a resolution was duly adopted scheduling a public hearing thereon for May 13, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the Watertown Empire Zone (formerly Economic Development Zone) was designated as such on July 27, 1994, by the New York State Department of Economic Development, and

WHEREAS, a request has been received by the Town of Watertown from Florelle Tissue, Corporation to have the boundaries of said Zone altered to include the property located at 1 Bridge Street, Brownville, New York, and designated at Town of Hounsfield tax parcel 73.18-1-2.3, and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the citizens of the Town to alter the boundaries of the Empire Zone, and

WHEREAS, a local law must be adopted by the Town of Watertown to review the boundaries.

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

1. Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2010 amends Local Law No. 1 of 1994, to revise the boundaries of the Watertown Empire Zone.

2. Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2010 is hereby deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Watertown.

3. Based upon the foregoing, Local Law No. 1of the Year 2010 is hereby adopted and approved, the Clerk is directed to file a copy thereof in the office of the Town Clerk and with the Secretary of State as required by Municipal Home Rule Law, and forward a copy thereof for codification.

A motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was made by Supervisor Bartlett, and seconded by Councilman Desormo.

Ayes All

The Town Board members have received the water systems improvement contractor bid qualifications and reference package for Water District #4, as presented by Bernier, Carr & Associates. Bids were opened May 11, 2010 at 3:00 pm at the Town Municipal Building.

Motion #55

Motion was offered by Supervisor Bartlett, seconded by Councilman Prosser to accept the low bid received by Amstar of WNY, Inc. for base bid of $265,000.00, for improvements to Water District #4.

Ayes All

Motion #56

Motion by Supervisor Bartlett, seconded by Councilman Smith to pay the follow vouchers:

General Voucher	#118	to	#119	Total	$ 7,974.21
Highway Voucher	#86	to	#86	Total	$12,952.28
Special District	#42	to	#43	Total	$76,458.99
General Voucher	#120	to	#144	Total	$13,556.90
Highway Voucher	#87	to	#113	Total	$17,563.28
Special District	#45	to	#52	Total	$46,019.24

Ayes All

There was no other business before the board.

Motion #57

Motion by Councilman Prosser, seconded by Supervisor Bartlett to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm.

Ayes All

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Pamela Desormo, Acting Secretary