REGULAR MEETING

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

OCTOBER 7, 2010

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 brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and called for a roll call of members present. All members were present. Legal Counsel Joseph W. Russell was present.

MOTION # 101

Supervisor Bartlett moved to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2010 Regular Meeting as presented. Councilman Desormo seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 102

Supervisor Bartlett moved to accept the minutes of the September 30, 2010 Special Meeting as presented. Councilman Prosser seconded.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett introduced Mr. Mike Lundy.

Mr. Lundy reviewed the plans for the property located on Washington St., known as Washington Summit. Mr. Lundy presented a map showing the existing medical buildings on the property, as well as the plans for additional construction. He reviewed the remaining proposed project which may include some residential construction. He intends to dedicate the roads in the project to the Town of Watertown.

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

David Roof, president of the Town of Watertown Ambulance, reviewed the monthly report, and informed the board members that he is available for questions either on the ambulance service or the proposed budget concerning the ambulance.

No one else chose to address the town board, therefore Supervisor Bartlett closed the floor to the public.

Town Clerk's report: A letter from Mr. Robert Fleming, informing the board that he is applying for a liquor license for the restaurant to be called the "ISSUE", formerly known as the Sportsman Club. He is

asking the town board for a waiver of the 30 day waiting period for application to the N.Y.S. Liquor Authority.

A letter received from the Dry Hill Ski Area informing the town that they are renewing their liquor license.

MOTION # 103

Supervisor Bartlett offered a motion authorizing a waiver of the 30 day requirement for Mr. Fleming. Councilman Rich seconded the motion.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett acknowledged receipt of the town clerk's report for the Month of September 2010. He also acknowledged receipt to the Town of Watertown Ambulance Report for the Month of September 2010.

WORK SESSION FOR THE 2011 PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET.

The Council reviewed and asked question on the proposed 2011 budget. Supervisor Bartlett reviewed some of the items presented and responded to questions from board members.

Supervisor Bartlett commented that sales tax revenues are very close this year and knowing that the county is sitting on a $30,000.00 fund balance, the town may be in a position not to pay down the county tax as has been done in the past. He proposed to let the county pay down their county tax to town residents from their fund balance, rather that the town subsidizing their rate. Board members were in agreement and advised that our representative be made aware of this, so that he may inform the county legislators of our intent, and that he may address the $30,000.00 fund balance the county is holding

MOTION # 104

Supervisor Bartlett moved to call for a special work session meeting for October 21, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Town of Watertown Offices 22867 Co. Rte. 67, Watertown, NY 13601. The purpose is to discuss the proposed budget for 2011. The board will also discuss the road dedication in the Washington Summit project and any other business that may come before the board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Prosser.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett asked counsel if the town fire department are required to submit a budget for the fiscal year. Presently they submit only the amount to be raised by taxes. Mr. Russell stated that he would investigate and respond to Supervisor Bartlett.

Supervisor Bartlett stated that he had been contacted by Mr. Kolberger informing the board that at the time the water was being sandblasted, his pool was filled with sand and he had to drain it and refill the pool. Mr. Kolberger asked if he could get a credit on his bill to cover the cost.

MOTION # 105

Supervisor Bartlett offered a motion authorizing a two (2) unit credit on his next billing. Councilman Smith seconded.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett resumed discussion on the bids for a used Gradall stating that Mr. Maguire has inspected the equipment that had been submitted at the last meeting. Mr. Maguire reported that the

bid for the 1990 G660 from Yacano Gradall Service for $29,000.00 was the best machine and was the lowest bid that met the specifications. He further stated that he had looked at another Gradall that had come in at a lower price of $22,000.00. However, the machine was extremely rusted and did not meet specifications.

MOTION # 106

Supervisor Bartlett moved to accept the bid from Yacano Gradall Service on one used 1990 G660 6x6 Gradall for the bid price of $29,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith.

Ayes All

RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION # 107

WHEREAS, the Town of Watertown has undertaken certain steps in connection with installation of 4,200 lineal feet of force main within the property of Salmon Run Mall to divert sewage flow from Sewer District No. 2 on Arsenal Street to Sewer District No. 3 on Coffeen Street, and

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of this Board held on September 9, 2010, Part 1 of a long form Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") was duly accepted for filing by this Board as prepared by the Town Engineer, a Resolution was duly adopted by which this Board declared itself lead agency, and directing the Town Attorney to circulate Part 1 of the EAF to the involved agencies identified in Part 1 of the EAF and attached to this Resolution, and

WHEREAS, by letters dated September 10, 2010, the Town Attorney forwarded a copy of Part 1 of EAF to the involved agencies as identified by this Board, and

WHEREAS, this Board has received the consent of such other identified involved agencies that this Board act as the lead agency for this project, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617. This Board has reviewed Part 11 of 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 with: 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 a Type 1 action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 and this Board has previously determined that a coordinated review is appropriate.
   b. This Board has received the concurrence from the other involved agency as identified on the EAF that this Board act as lead agency for this project, this Board has received and considered the comments, if any, submitted by the other involved agency.
   c. 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.
   d. There will be no substantial adverse change in existing air or water quality.
   e. There will be no hazard created to human health.
   f. There will be no substantial change in the use or the intensity of the use on the land.
   g. There will not be created a material conflict with the community =s current plans or goals as officially adopted.
   h. 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 Negative Declaration attached to this Resolution is hereby adopted by the Board and the Town Clerk is hereby directed to file the same in a file readily accessible to the public.
3. The Clerk is directed to mail, by return receipt requested a copy of the determination of significance to each of the involved agencies.
4. The Clerk is directed to publish the determination of significance in the Environmental Notice Bulletin
5. All subsequent notices concerning this project shall note that this Board has issued a negative declaration.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and it was seconded by Councilman Rich.

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 # 108

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 2019-A of the Uniform Justice Court Act, Towns and Villages are required to annually review Justice Court records and conduct an examination of said records and facts and findings of such examination be entered into the minutes of the Town Councils proceedings, and

WHEREAS, the C.P.A. Firm of Sovie and Bowie certified public accountants of Watertown, N.Y. was commissioned to conduct said review and examination wherein no exceptions were noted in the review (Attached as Exhibit A).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Council acknowledges the required examination of the Town of Watertown Justice Court was conducted pursuant to the provisions of Section 2019-A of the Uniform Justice Court Act.
2. The Town Council has reviewed the findings of the Town of Watertown Justice Court and acknowledges the findings of the review as noted.
3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of Internal Audit, N.Y.S. Office of Court Administration, 98 Niver Street, Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Desormo seconded.

Supervisor Bartlett	Aye
Councilman Rich	Aye
Councilman Desormo	Aye
Councilman Prosser	Aye
Councilman Smith	Aye

MOTION # 109

WHEREAS, the N.Y.S. Office of Justice Court Administration provides grant assistance to Municipalities through the Justice Court Assistance Grant Program which provides funding for justice courts with large volumes of case loads, and

WHEREAS, an application for a grant to fund the purchases of Town Justice Court office equipment and for other improvements will be submitted with authorization from this board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Watertown Council hereby authorizes an application to the Court Assistance Program for funding the requested purchases and improvements for the Town of Watertown Justice Court.

Supervisor Bartlett offered the foregoing resolution and Councilman Smith seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 110

Supervisor Bartlett moved to pay the following vouchers as audited.

General Vouchers	#	251	to	253	Total	$ 8,335.87
Highway. Voucher	#	204	to	204	Total	$ 13,302.94
Spec. Dist. Vouchers.	#	91	to	98	Total	$ 861.71
General Vouchers	#	254	to	276	Total	$ 16,199.38
Highway. Vouchers	#	205	TO	219	Total	$ 7,002.30
Spec. Dist. Vouchers.	#	91	to	98	Total	$115,067.81

Councilman Prosser seconded the motion.

Councilman Smith objected to voucher # 265.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett initiated discussion on an upcoming vacancy within the highway department. He further offered that the Highway Superintendent, John Maguire, has a listed of possible candidates. Councilman Desormo stated that if highway positions are to be filled, that any applicant who lives within the town should have priority over non residents. Councilman Prosser commented that the position should be advertised.

The board held a discussion as to what to do with the old voting machines. It was decided that the highway department dispose of them either as they are or dismantle them and sell the metal.

MOTION # 111

Councilman Prosser moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM. Supervisor Bartlett seconded.

Ayes All

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Catherine M. Rich, Town Clerk