TOWN OF WATERTOWN

REGULAR MEETING

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

DECEMBER 9, 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 opened the meeting 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 #131

Supervisor Bartlett moved to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of November 4, 2010. Councilman Desormo seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 132

Supervisor Bartlett moved to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 18, 2010.

Councilman Rich seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 133

Supervisor Bartlett offered a motion to schedule a special meeting for 11:00 AM December 29, 2010 for the purpose of considering the contract between the Town of Watertown and the Town of Watertown Ambulance. Also for authorizing a fee for service agreement on the appraisal for the Lettiere Tract water system. The meeting will also address the year end close out of accounts, and any other business that may come before the board. Councilman Prosser seconded the motion.

Ayes All

Mr. Mickey Lehman, representing the engineering firm of Bernier Carr & Associates, presented to the board an update on the various construction projects on both water and sewer districts within the Town.

Supervisor Bartlett opened the floor for anyone wishing to address the Town Board. No one chose to speak and the Supervisor closed the floor.

Town Clerk's correspondence: The clerk stated that the Texas Road House and Olive Garden, both on Arsenal St. have applied for their liquor license.

Supervisor Bartlett acknowledged receipt of the Town Clerk's Report and the Town of Watertown Ambulance report for the Month of November 2010.

Supervisor Bartlett acknowledged receipt of a letter from Mr. Carl Malady objecting to the installation of two more crematories in Brookside cemetery.

RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION # 134

WHEREAS, the Town Public Works Superintendent has certified to this board that Town employee Timothy Wells meets all criteria established for a wage increase and promotion upon his work anniversary date and is entitled to a promotion from wage grade MEO-3 to MEO-2.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Timothy Wells is hereby promoted to wage grade MEO-2 and a new hourly rate of compensation for MEO-2 of $17.18 per hour is authorized commencing with the 24th pay period of 2010.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Rich seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 135

WHEREAS, the Town of Watertown has heretofore established certain special improvement districts within the town identified as Water Districts 1,3,4,5 and 6 to provide water service to properties located therein, and

WHEREAS, The Town Council serves as administrators and commissioners for the districts and provides governance thereto. And

WHEREAS, the districts purchase water from the City of Watertown for use by district property owners and have previously purchased said water supply services under a contract with the City of Watertown, and

WHEREAS, the Town and City are desirous of entering into a new contract to govern the purchase of water supply service and to provide for the payment of such services to the City of Watertown, and

WHEREAS, a water supply service contract in the form and substance as attached hereto has been negotiated with the City by the Supervisor, Town Attorney and the Town Engineer to provide for the sale of water to each respective district and establishes allocations and volumes thereof for each district; which agreement has been ratified by the Watertown City Council on November 29, 2010 and now has been presented for consideration by this Board.

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

1. The foregoing recitations are incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if fully set forth hereafter.
2. The Town Council hereby determines that the Water Supply Service Agreement in the form and substance as attached hereto fairly provides for the terms under which water services shall be purchased by the respective districts from the City of Watertown and fairly sets forth the volume allocations for Water Districts 1,3,4,5 and 6 and is otherwise in the best interest of the Districts property owners.
3. Based upon the foregoing, the Water Service Agreement in the form and substance as attached is hereby approved by the Town Council on behalf of the respective districts and the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the respective districts.
4. The adoption of this resolution to ratify and approve the Water Service Agreement with the City of Watertown is a type II action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated there under.

The foregoing resolution was made by Supervisor Bartlett and seconded by Councilman Smith. 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 # 136

WHEREAS, Assessor Roger Tibbetts has applied for the following Split & Correction to the 2011 tax roll for real property identified as:

SPLIT

83.20-1-16	Helen Keyes, Estate	Taxable value	$ 56,500.00
Split into			
83.20-1-16.1	Helen Keyes, Estate	Taxable value	$ 32,500.00
	c/o Betsy L. York, Exec		
	25746 Co. Rte. 160		
83.20-1-16.2	Justin Moser	Taxable value	$ 24,000.00

Split

90.00-6-25.1	Lawrence & Julia Puccia	Taxable value	$ 79,040.00
	18279 Co. Rte. 65		
Split into			
90.00-6-25.1	Lawrence & Julie Puccia	Taxable value	$ 12,600.00
	Co. Rte 65		
90.00-6-25.4	Davie & Marcia Harrington	Taxable value	$ 65,540.00
	18279 Co. Rte. 65		
90.00-6-25.5	Marco & Laura Valtorta	Taxable value	$ 900.00
	Co. Rte. 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 Rich seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 137

Supervisor Bartlett moved to pay the work performed on contract # 1 to North Country Contractors for payment #2 in the amount of $478,927.44. The work has been certified by the town engineers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Prosser.

Councilman Smith noted that they are $79,000.00 over budget in net change orders. Discussion took place on the change orders and it was noted that the contract came in under budget by approximately $500,000.00.

Ayes All - with the exception of Councilman Smith who voted no.

MOTION # 138

Supervisor Bartlett moved to pay the work performed as described on pay application #1, payable to 34 & Company Electrical, for contract #2 the electrical construction be authorized in the amount of $31,181.85. The motion was seconded by Councilman Prosser.

Ayes All

MOTION # 139

Supervisor Bartlett moved to pay the following vouchers as audited>

General Vouchers	#	310	to	311	Total	$	4,865.64
Spec. Dist. Vouchers.	#	106	to	107	Total	$	2,660.75
General Vouchers	#	312	to	333	Total	$	26,166.08
Highway Vouchers	#	241	to	263	Total	$	37,352.95
Spec. Dist. Vouchers.	#	108	to	120	Total	$	50,505.63

Councilman Desormo seconded the motion.

Ayes All

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Bartlett noted that an appraiser has been contacted and the board will be asked to act on the hiring at the meeting on December 29, 2010. The cost of the appraisal is not to exceed $5,000.00

MOTION # 140

Supervisor Bartlett moved to appoint Mr. Nathan Lazarchuck, Daniel Stern and Judith Curtis, residents of the Lettiere Tract and Mr. David Prosser from the Town Board to a committee. The purpose of the committee is to negotiate a price with Mr. Lettiere once an appraiser determines how much the water district is worth. Councilman Desormo seconded.

Ayes All

Councilman Desormo requested that Councilman Smith begin auditing the vouchers on a rotating basis as do the other councilmen. Councilman Smith agreed to do the audits.

MOTION # 141

Councilman Prosser moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM. Councilman Desormo seconded.

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Catherine M. Rich, Town Clerk