

April 12, 2016

The Special Town Board meeting of the Town of Stony Creek was held on April 12, 2016. Supervisor Frank Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM with members present:
Councilwoman Doreen Ryan
Councilman John Thomas
Councilman Carl Thomas
Attorney James Cooper
Absent: Councilman Nathan Thomas

Supervisor Thomas reported there were a few purposes of the Special Meeting. The first one is the Stony Creek Operating Co. or Stony Creek Ranch Resort has requested for a 30-day waiver for a liquor license. They are trying to get a temporary 90 day license and then apply for their own liquor license. Mrs. Carol Mclean-Wright stated the guest arrive on April 20th. She was allowed in the building Monday April 11th. They closed on Friday April 8th.

063-16. A resolution was made by Councilman John Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan To Waive 30 day Notice for Liquor License
Applicant: STONY CREEK OPERATING CO. LLC
465 WARRENSBURG ROAD
STONY CREEK, NY 12878

Date: April 12, 2016

WHEREAS, Stony Creek Operating Co., LLC 465 Warrensburg Road Stony Creek, NY 12878, in the Town of Stony Creek intends to file for a New York State Liquor License; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Alcohol Beverage Control Law §64 (2A), an applicant must give the municipality thirty (30) days notice of the pending liquor license application unless the municipality consents to waive the thirty (30) day requirement;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Stony Creek hereby waives the thirty (30) day notice period in regard to the Stony Creek Operating Co., LLC 465 Warrensburg Road Stony Creek, NY 12878 allowing an earlier submission of the liquor license application. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Mrs. Mclean-Wright introduced herself. She is a new bride, she just got married five months ago to one of the Governments Top Scientist. He was the UN Weapons Inspector for Biological Weapons over in Iraqi and he has a PHD in Rare and Tropical Diseases and also Public Health with a specialty in mosquitos. She is a Science Teacher of 35 years. She is a Golden Apple Finalist and she is certified by NASA to get the moon rocks. She can bring the moon rocks here to our schools and she has gone around and done presentations for years with the lunar rocks. Her father was one of the Founding Fathers of the Man Space Program. She has worked with Jim Lovell from Apollo 13, Neil Armstrong, Mike Collins, Al Warden, and Frank Borman. She has all the memorabilia from the astronauts, she likes sharing with the senior groups, schools and civic groups. Her husband is getting donations from the community as well as a commercial entity and they thanked the town board for their assistance with the paperwork.

It's been five months to try and close the sale. She was up against a Chinese buyer who then sent for her and had her go to California to see if he could buy it from her for more and some profit. She was just looking for a camp for her son to run, he is a Pennsylvania Senator, he is an Executive Legislative Director in the Penn State Senate and appointed to head up the Committee of New Penn. He will be leaving government in the November Election when his contract is up and he will be coming up to run it and she will be stepping back. The good part is they will be providing all the full time people with insurance and there minimum wage is \$10.00 an hour, they plan on giving them perks and taking good care of their people. They plan on donating heavily to the community as far as any of the Veterans, they are always welcome. They are working with "Make a Wish" and opening there resort to children and families especially of the Wounded Warriors who need to get away and need a place, they will provide that for free. They want to be part of this town, part of its legacy. They are going to keep the ranch the way was. One of the mentors, she has people mentoring her, one is and she would assume you know who he is Peter Ueberroth, 1984 Olympic Organizer Chairman Committee for the Los Angeles Olympics, who is a very dear friend and head of Coca-Cola and he was baseball commissioner, so he donates signed baseballs from the last World Series to give away for fund raisers and he will be here within the next few weeks to walk the property with her. He has some concerts in mind and brings concerts and more tourist and more tax dollars for the town. The President of LEGO's Education Foundation is part of their project also. They would like to buy a second property for a camp for Children for Science. So they are trying to integrate all that. Her husband has a very large telescope and has star parties, they bring the kids and neighbors out. He is a fisherman, he just brought a sailboat and is heavy into talking fish and sailboats. She invited the Town Board to their property to be their guests and appreciates so much the support and in return what she plans to do is keep the resort the way it is as back in the 50's. They are going to expand the western services. Michelle Prybylski if the Director of Sales and Marketing and will be bring in people who appreciate the horse experience and Jim Prybylski is the General Manager. They are remodeling the kitchen, floors and getting it up to code, tennis courts and they will be supporting the fire dept., police dept. and supporting their town in any way they can. They would like to consider themselves part of the family here and hope the Town Board maybe have one of the Town Board Meeting over there and they can show what they have done to the place. They will let them know when the ribbon cutting is. Attorney Cooper stated the town has finished a delightful little park at the Dean Farm, it might intergrade into their plans somehow and have someone show it to you and the first of August they have a logging contest that brings in a lot of people and its great fun to watch. Mrs. McLean-Wright stated that was wonderful and they are getting the chuck wagon and can roll it down here with the horses. Supervisor Thomas welcomed them and the Town Board wished her the Best of Luck.

Board of Assessment Review:

Supervisor Thomas reported he received two Letters of Interest from Sandra Payne and Cathy Percy to fill the vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review.

064-16. A resolution was made by Supervisor Thomas seconded by Councilman Carl Thomas to appoint Sandy Payne and Cathy Percy of 241 States Road Stony Creek, NY 12878. 518-696-4153 on the Board of Assessment Review. Their term will expire September 30, 2020. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Highway: Harrisburg Road

Supervisor Thomas stated that DEC has been after him for a couple weeks about the Harrisburg Road. They were inquiring if the town had a right of way or easement from Moosewood for the road and where the end of the road is. Supt. Bradley told him where he maintains it, he just needs to know what the town wants to do claim it as a town road all the way to the town line or we don't. Councilman Carl Thomas stated it gets some use and he would hate to see the town give it up. Supervisor Thomas and Councilman John Thomas agreed.

It was decided the town road would be pass the ford approximately 150-300 feet pass Moosewood to the first culvert.

Fire Co. Penflex

Supervisor Thomas reported that Penflex has done its calculations and they said we should get the money into them as soon as possible. The minimum contribution this year is \$11,204.83. Next year 2017, it's going up to \$18,514.95. They sent a letter explaining why. Part of it is they have been calculating their investment return each year to 6% and it's not panning out for them so they lowered it to 5½% and that's causing the contribution side to go up. They're saying it's because of the low interest rate, environment and credible advice from respected experts. Supervisor Thomas talked with Tony Hill with Penflex and the way they are thinking its going to stay up there awhile. Attorney Cooper asked what the maximum monthly benefit is under the Service Award Program. Supervisor Thomas stated \$400.00 a month. Councilman Carl Thomas asked if we had anybody at that. Supervisor Thomas stated \$400.00? No. He thinks there is one at \$300.00. Councilman Carl Thomas stated its \$10.00 per month for each year of service. Councilman John Thomas stated they discovered that Peter LaGrasse and Ashley Black, as long as they are active in the fire company their years continue to account for it. They thought they would be done drawing but that's not the case. Supervisor Thomas asked Tony if they contributed more this year if it would lower next years. Basically he said no. He said it doesn't work that way because it's an actual calculation. He said if you were to contribute \$5000.00 more this year, you can only lower next year by \$500.00 but it would be forever, long term it would be a good thing but short term it wouldn't. Tony suggested paying \$15,000.00 this year and \$15,000.00 next year and let them know that's what you are doing. Supervisor Thomas stated there is \$19,000.00 budgeted and \$14,000.00 in Fund Balance. We can probably go a few years anyway.

Attorney Cooper stated just make sure the extra you pay this year be allocated toward next years, rather than bury into their thank you very much and next year you still owe them \$18,000.00. Supervisor Thomas agreed and stated that Tony told him to let them know that's what we wanted to do with it that way they wouldn't try to tell us we owe them. If you add it its \$29,755.00.

065-16. A resolution was made by Supervisor Thomas seconded by Councilman Carl Thomas to pay Penflex, the Stony Creek Fire Cos. Service Award Program \$15,000.00 this year and the balance next year. Roll call vote, Councilwoman Ryan (being a member of the Fire co.) -Yes, Councilman John Thomas (being a member of the Fire co.) –Yes, Councilman Carl Thomas-Yes, Supervisor Thomas-Yes.

Town Park Use:

Danielle Martin who lives in the apartments across the road and is a Warren County Health Nurse asked to use the pavilion on April 9th and he let her do it.

Supervisor Thomas reported that Warren County DPW will be holding a Free “Warren County Residents Only” Household Hazardous Waste Collection days. Saturday May 21, 2016 at the Warren County DPW in Warrensburg and Saturday June 18, 2016 at the Town of Queensbury Highway Garage from 9AM-2PM. They are requesting people to register beforehand. Applications are in the Supervisor and Town Clerk’s Office, it can be done online at Warrencountyny.gov and in person.

Town Park; Kiddie playground:

Councilwoman Ryan reported that Dominic has repaired the fence and installed it at the park and is working on the train.

Supervisor Thomas reported he had Supt. Bradley pick up some mulch for the playground area. This is playground certified.

Dean Farm Trails:

Attorney Cooper asked when the outhouse would be delivered. Supervisor Thomas reported in a couple weeks.

Postal District on Hadley Road:

Supervisor Thomas reported he talked with Matt Scollin from Elise Stefanik’s Office regarding changing the postal district on Hadley Road. Mr. Scollin said they have gotten a lot of complaints about that and said the best thing the town could do is have a person file a complaint with their office and maybe have the town file a complaint also. They had other complaints maybe they figure if they get more they can do something about it, he isn’t sure.

A motion was made by Councilman Carl Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 PM. all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harrington, RMC
Town Clerk