

November 15, 2016 Regular meeting

The regular Town Board meeting of the Town of Stony Creek was held on November 15, 2016.

Supervisor Frank Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. with members present:

Councilman Nathan Thomas

Councilwoman Doreen Ryan

Councilman John Thomas

Councilman Carl Thomas

Counsel to the Town: Mary-Ellen Stockwell

October 18th, 2016 minutes; corrections:

Page 227 take out provable insert, flexible enough, to break down also after The Wild Center but something more than just, take out something being, in Stony Creek, a regional thing that people will come to and will attract people in to the town.

Page 228 Supervisor Thomas reported he did state the price was \$159,600.00, however it is \$156,900.00, take out ungraduated insert, uneducated.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Carl Thomas to accept the October 18th, 2016 minutes with these corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

October 20th, 2016 minutes:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Carl Thomas to accept the October 20th, 2016 minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

November 9th, 2016 minutes; corrections:

Page 238 change \$5000.00 to \$500.00.

A motion was made by Councilman Nathan Thomas seconded by Councilman Carl Thomas to accept the November 9th, 2016 minutes with this corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

119-16. A resolution was made by Councilman Nathan Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$8,394.72. Roll call vote, all in favor.

120-16. A resolution was made by Councilman Carl Thomas seconded by Councilman John Thomas to pay the Highway Fund bills in the amount of \$18,514.45. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Town Clerk report:

Conservation license:	\$ 43.97
Cemetery Lots	<u>\$ 800.00</u>
Total Town Clerk fees	\$ 843.97
Dog Licenses	<u>\$ 105.00</u>
Total Town Revenues to Supervisor	\$ 948.97
NYS Agriculture and Markets	\$ 21.00
NYS Environmental Conservation	<u>\$ 754.03</u>
Total disbursed	\$1724.00

Correspondence:

Stony Creek Free Library-requesting Occupancy Tax money in the amount of \$275.00 for their Annual Festive Gathering December 10, 2016.

Karyn Calo-permission to use the town hall for a party December 10, 2016 from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM.

Stony Creek Free Library-permission to use the town hall for a Festive Gathering December 10, 2016 from 6:00 PM -9:00 PM.

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Authorizing the following:

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Old Business:

Lanfear Road Property:

Attorney Mary-Ellen reported that Mary Beth, Attorney for the Sellers told her the owners have executed the contract and it's supposed to be in the mail tomorrow and as soon as they get that they will let Supervisor Thomas know and send it to him.

Supervisor Thomas stated he assumes as soon as that's done they will be able to get in there and get an inspection. Attorney Mary-Ellen stated yes and move forward. Supervisor Thomas stated and start with an appraisal. Attorney Mary-Ellen stated yes. Councilman John Thomas stated you want to get the inspection done before the sale, right? because that changes. Attorney Mary-Ellen stated right, throughout the time period, there is an inspection contingency outlined in the contract. That was talked about getting an engineer in there, environmental and any inspections the town desires. As soon as the town executes the contract and enters into it, the inspection period is outlined and can do that in that timeframe.

Councilman Carl Thomas asked about the State approval for the loan and where that is going to fit in. Supervisor Thomas stated that will come in if the appraisal fits with the price and we get the inspection and there's not a problem. It will come right after that.

Councilman Carl Thomas stated there is no reason they would say no to it but are we spending money before we get their ok. Supervisor Thomas stated no he didn't think so. He is going to wait for the signed contract before doing too much.

Sue Brooks asked if this was the old Gill House, the yellow house. Supervisor Thomas stated yes, right across the bridge.

Eagle Scout Projects update:

Recreation field: Ryan Brooks is doing the basketball court.

Sue Brooks Scout Leader stated they couldn't get together with the Town of Hadley and Town of Corinth to get the paver up here to get it paved. She thinks it's too late in the season now.

Palette Stone is still willing to donate the blacktop. Mrs. Brooks asked what the town used for a paver. Supervisor Thomas stated they use Hadley's, they have used the counties but haven't been doing that in the last few years.

Mrs. Brooks stated that Andy Gilbert said the Town of Corinth has a smaller one because Hadley's is too big. Supervisor Thomas stated that they should wait until Spring. Mrs. Brooks will call Palette to make sure the offer will still be good and if its something the town still wants to do, if not, they will fill in the cracks. She knows the cracks are getting bigger and the hoops are getting in worst shape. Councilman John Thomas stated that Springtime would be better as long as it doesn't interfere with the Eagles having a time line to get it done. Mrs. Brooks stated she didn't think so, there isn't no expiration date until the scouts turn 18 years old. Mrs. Brooks stated what Ryan would like to do now is to repaint the existing backboard that's there. He wanted to get flexiglass backboards because it would look cool but her husband and Supervisor Thomas thought that would be too much temptation for BB guns and whatever else, so he is going to repaint the backboards. He will be replacing the rims and nets with new ones and he will put in new pads on the two upright poles. There will be four pads altogether. He will repaint the poles with silver, the same color and is hoping to get that done this weekend or over Thanksgiving break. If this is ok she will go ahead and order the rims and pads and have them put up in the spring. Councilman John Thomas stated there's no since putting them up in the Winter. Supervisor Thomas agreed and stated the same with the pads because Harold Hastings, Maintenance man will be taking them off. Mrs. Brooks stated he has raised enough for the pads, basketball hoops and paint. Mrs. Brooks stated around the court they talked about putting topsoil down and then hydro-seeding it. Supervisor Thomas stated that it defiantly needs topsoil around it. Mrs. Brooks stated she could order it now and have it placed by the bathrooms. She will get 3-4 yards because she wants to use it for the baseball diamond also.

Bill Mitcham: Baseball backstop:

Mrs. Brooks reported that Bill Mitcham has raised enough money to pay for the topsoil. There is a guy in Hudson Falls that has donated to BOCES, so he is willing to bring nice stuff, it's all screened and its good stuff. Supervisor Thomas stated that he doesn't know if 3-4 yards is going to be enough if you're going to do all round the basketball court and part of the baseball infield. Mrs. Brooks stated her husband is going to figure it out and she suggested putting it in the base paths or put clay in it, which would be expensive. Mrs. Brooks will order the topsoil.

Mrs. Brooks also stated that Mr. Mitcham is doing the backstop. There are two ways to go. He could use stuff that's at the landfill and AFSCO Fence said they could look over there leftover pile and piece something together. They also could buy an already assembled one. The panelized ones, it might look a little better. It's 10X10X10 with a canopy for approx. \$1400.00, without the canopy its approx. \$1100.00.

Do we need the canopy with the trees and everything behind it, probably not nobody plays behind there if the ball goes up and over it will go in the creek. Knowing now that the town is buying, what she calls the Gill Property, if there would be any future using the other side of the creek for any educational purposes we could add a canopy.

Councilman Nathan Thomas stated you could buy it in the future if we need it. Mrs. Brook stated as long as there is nothing behind it she wouldn't personally worry about the canopy. We can buy it in the future. Mrs. Brooks stated that's all he would need, everything comes in a kit and its free delivery. They just need cement for the poles. They personally have some of that and she will give them the cement. They will provide the labor and they will trim the trees behind it. The will also layout the bases.

Mrs. Brooks stated that Supervisor Thomas mentioned there was money that was donated. Supervisor Thomas stated yes, there is \$1571.00 that was donated by the Stony Creek Restoration Association about 10 years ago. Councilman John Thomas thinks that would be good use for it. Cleanup that corner and make it look better. Mrs. Brooks stated you defiantly need something especially buying the property now across the creek.

Supervisor Thomas stated its 10X10X10. Mrs. Brooks stated yes, its 10X10X10 high U shaped, which is enough. Supervisor Thomas stated its \$1150.00. Mrs. Brooks stated yes about \$1150.00 without the canopy and \$1423.00 with the canopy, which they can buy afterwards. They can even put a net up. Councilman John Thomas stated you want to get it from the same company or it won't match up.

Attorney Mary-Ellen stated the Eagle Scouts are preforming the volunteer project on town property. Supervisor Thomas stated correct. Attorney Mary-Ellen stated do the Eagle Scouts have any type of Agreement or Wavier with the town to hold harmless or anything like that. People are going to be on ladders and painting. Mrs. Brooks stated that each Boy Scout Troop is insured through the Boy Scouts of America. Attorney Mary-Ellen suggested that they provide the town with a Certificate of Insurance.

Mrs. Brooks stated through the Boy Scouts? Attorney Mary-Ellen stated yes. She is sure the Boy Scouts of America have some sort of insurance and will provide it to the town before performing the work.

Mrs. Brooks stated they will put the paving on hold, call Palette and tell them maybe next year. Supervisor Thomas stated yes, you never know what you're going to get this time of year, plus they will be shutting down pretty soon. Mrs. Brooks stated it's just if the town wants to do it she would hate to lose the opportunity but she doesn't know how much the renting would be.

Dean Farm Trails Project: Moses Corliss is still working on the bat and bird houses:

121-16. A resolution was made by Supervisor Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to purchase the baseball backstop not to exceed \$1200.00. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Committee reports:

Highway equipment: 97 Ford Tandem

Councilwoman Ryan reported she talked with Supt. Bradley on a couple of issues. On the 97 Ford, Supt. Bradley had an offer on the Cummins N-14 Engine but he said it was too cheap. Howard Cook offered \$1500.00 for it and we had a resolution to sell it at \$3500.00. Supt. Bradley suggested bringing it down to \$2000.00 at the minimum. Also the two rear-ends on the 97 Ford, we had a resolution for \$2500.00 and the offer was \$1000.00. Again Supt. Bradley said it was too low and he suggest that it be \$1500.00 minimum. Supt. Bradley also stated nothing that we have we can't use any of the parts for and said it was up to you to take the offers, reoffer the lower amount. Supt. Bradley stated right now they are just sitting there and can't use them.

Councilwoman Ryan reported the new truck should be ready by the first week in December. It should have been ready by the end of this month but it was back ordered.

Councilwoman Ryan reported the Stony Creek Ranch is having a Christmas Toy Drive on December 10th from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM. They toys are to range from \$10.00-\$15.00 for ages up to 15 years old. There will be complimentary horderves, DJ Scott Johnson, raffles and a cash bar. Some of the toys from the parties, half will go to Thurman and half to Stony Creek Fire Co. and you can contact Mike at the Ranch, 696-2444 for any information.

Supervisor Thomas asked if the Board wanted to take any action on the remaining parts of the 97 Ford Tandem. Councilman John Thomas stated there haven't been many offers on it.

Supervisor Thomas agreed. Councilman John Thomas stated its not getting any better sitting down there. Supervisor Thomas agreed. Councilwoman Ryan stated Supt. Bradley just suggested upping it a little bit. He can contact the interested parties and if they go for it, they go for it. If they don't want to pay more, than we can negotiate it from there. Councilwoman Ryan stated they are still have worth one part was brought last year.

Supervisor Thomas stated so we should lower our \$3500.00 down to \$2000.00. Councilwoman Ryan stated yes. Supt. Bradley said it would be a good start. The offered price was way too low and also the pair of rear-end parts.

Councilman John Thomas stated so you going from \$3500.00 to \$2000.00 and the other one.

Supervisor Thomas stated \$2500.00 down to \$1500.00.

Councilwoman Ryan stated Supt. Bradley also said we could wait until Spring and auction it off.

Supervisor Thomas stated yes that works, try to get a little more on them. Councilman Nathan Thomas agreed.

New Business:

Occupancy Bed Tax request:

122-16. A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Carl Thomas authorizing the expenditure of Occupancy Bed Tax Funds in the amount of \$275.00. This will be used for the Festive Gathering, advertising expense and snacks. Roll call vote, all in favor.

123-16. A resolution was made by Councilman John Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Agreement between the Town of Stony Creek and the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board and authorized an appropriation in the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) in support of the work of the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board in representing the interests of the local governments of the Adirondacks. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Budget Transfers:

124-16. A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Carl Thomas authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit Fund Balance in the amount of \$17,222.51.

Credit A7180.1 Special Recreation Personal Services in the amount of \$14,000.00

Credit A7180.4 Special Recreation Contractual in the amount of \$1500.00.

Credit A6989.4 Other Economic (Creek Center) in the amount of \$1722.51.

Roll call vote, all in favor.

125-16. A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Nathan Thomas authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit Fund Balance in the amount of \$1200.00.

Credit A7110.4 Parks Contractual in the amount of \$1200.00. Roll call vote, all in favor.

From the floor:

Councilman John Thomas stated he would like to say the county did a nice job on the Warrensburg Road. Supervisor Thomas stated that is under review and he thinks they will be doing something there. Councilman John Thomas stated they need to do something, the bumps are worse now.

Councilwoman Ryan stated the firehouse Christmas Party, the ranch is doing theirs on the 10th and she was thinking about doing the firehouse on Saturday the 17th.

Supervisor Thomas reported that the county finished the corner of Lanfear and Murray Road and was doing the shoulders today and they raised it up approx. two feet.

A motion was made by Councilman John Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harrington, RMC
Town Clerk