

October 20, 2015

The regular Town Board meeting of the Town of Stony Creek was held on October 20, 2015.

Supervisor Frank Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with members present:

Councilman Nathan Thomas

Councilwoman Doreen Ryan

Councilman John Thomas

Councilman Carl Thomas

Attorney James Cooper

September 15, 2015 minutes; corrections:

Page 75 take out pretty and insert really quickly.

Page 76 change physiological to psychology.

A motion was made by Councilman Nathan Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to accept the September 15, 2015 minutes with these corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

October 7, 2015 minutes; corrections:

Page 84 change, change to charge.

Page 85 change conversation to compensation. Change there to their.

A motion was made by Councilman Carl Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to accept the October 7, 2015 with these corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

104-15. A resolution was made by Councilman Nathan Thomas seconded by Councilman John Thomas to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$17,812.47. Roll call vote, all in favor.

105-15. A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Carl Thomas to pay the Highway Fund bills in the amount of \$18,309.33. Roll call vote, all in favor.

106-15. A resolution was made by Councilman Carl Thomas seconded by Supervisor Thomas to pay the Fire Fund bill in the amount of \$2750.00. Roll call vote, all in favor, with Councilman Nathan Thomas Councilwoman Ryan and Councilman John Thomas being members of the Fire Co.

Town Clerk report:

Conservation licenses	\$ 33.42
Faxes	\$ 3.00
Copies	<u>\$ 1.00</u>
Total Town Clerk fees	\$ 37.42
Dog Licenses	<u>\$ 45.00</u>
Total Town Revenues to Supervisor	\$ 82.42
NYS Agriculture and Markets	\$ 9.00
NYS EnCon	<u>\$572.58</u>
Total Disbursed	\$664.00

Correspondence:

Stony Creek Free Library-requesting \$300.00 of Occupancy Tax funds to cover advertising costs for the Party Pa-Luzza Fundraiser on November 14, 2015 also requesting \$2900.00 of Occupancy Tax funds to be used toward the Winter Concert Series for the bands and advertising cost. One concert will be held on each of the first four months of 2016.

Old Business:

Parks; Pavilion Reservation form:

Councilwoman Ryan suggested hi-lighting and placing the “suggested donation for use of pavilion \$50.00” and insert thank you after “reservations are secured only when form received”.

107-15. A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman John Thomas to start using the Park Pavilion Reservation Form with the hi-lighted suggested donation for use of pavilion \$50.00 and insert thank you after reservations are secured only when form received. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Landfill; Electronic waste:

Supervisor Thomas reported last month Councilman John Thomas told him about a company called All Green. They did call him back, a young lady named Kelsey, and she said they would pick up every couple of months or every month or two. She did say the pickup charge for Stony Creek would be a \$1.00 a pound for electronics and the CRT's they want \$25.00 each. That kind of ended the conversation. Supervisor Thomas stated he did go on their website and it did say they will pick it up for nothing. So he was shocked when she said \$1.00 per pound. Councilman John Thomas stated they should adjust their website. Supervisor Thomas agreed and stated also last month he indicated that the County was going out to bid with electronics, garbage and recyclables. They did receive some bids back on October 13<sup>th</sup> and there is one company Evolution Recycling Inc. in Johnstown, NY They are saying they will pay \$110.00 per ton for all non-CRT's, electronics and they also say they will take CRT's, monitors, televisions at no cost for municipalities. They will provide storage boxes to each transfer station and will pick up on a scheduled bases to be determined. He doesn't know how they can do that, all the rest of them are charging for all this stuff. Councilman John Thomas stated it depends on how they recycle because all of that is recyclable under plastic.

Supervisor Thomas stated there are five companies that responded. It still has to go in front of the DPW Committee and probably the Board of Supervisors to be accepted. It will probably be within another month and will probably award the bid to Evolution Recycling. It looks like a good thing if they want to pay \$110.00 a ton. The County did bid out the rest of the stuff but he doesn't know how they did it. They are going to have to explain how they did it. It doesn't make sense to him.

Attorney Cooper stated he wonders if the railroad would consider hauling the electronic waste down to be picked up in Saratoga because that's on the way to Johnstown and it's an hour's drive to Johnstown pretty much. It might wash multiple hands. The waste haulers may pay a minimal fee to take it down there. Supervisor Thomas stated it may be worth asking and inquiring about.

#### Youth:

Councilwoman Ryan stated the fire co. will be having a Halloween Party at the firehouse on Saturday October 31, 2015 at 2:00 PM.

#### Tax Freeze Plan:

Supervisor Thomas stated he received an e-mail from the NYS Dept. of Budget. It says they accepted the towns Tax Freeze Government Efficiency Plan and they would be forwarding it to the NYS Taxation and Finance Dept. The only thing they didn't accept was the part that he put in about the Town Contract for the Fire Protection with the Stony Creek Volunteer Fire Co. The Town pays for Workers Compensation for the fire dept. obtained through the County Self-Insurance. The recalculation of the formula has resulted in a savings and they didn't like that part, but we are still above the target of \$7639.00.

#### New Business:

108-15. A resolution was made by Councilman John Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan Authorizing the Supervisor to apply for a grant for the year 2016 from NYS Council on the Arts Decentralization Program administered by LARAC. Roll call vote, all in favor.

109-15. A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Carl Thomas Authorizing the expenditure of Occupancy Bed Tax Funds to the Stony Creek Free Library in the amount of \$2900.00 to be used toward the Winter Series Concerts for the bands and advertising cost. One concert will be held on each of the first four months of 2016 and also the expenditure of Occupancy Bed Tax Funds in the amount of \$300.00 to be used to cover advertising costs for the Party Pa-Luzza Fundraiser on November 14, 2015. Roll call vote, all in favor.

#### Cemetery:

Supervisor Thomas stated we had an inquiry about a family plot discount for the Glassbrook Cemetery. The party was purchasing five plots and they felt that maybe they would get a discount because they were purchasing five plots. He said he would bring it before the Board. Councilman Carl Thomas asked how much it cost now. Supervisor Thomas stated \$400.00 each. Councilman John Thomas stated a lot of maintenance goes into that, year round, summer mainly. Councilwoman Ryan asked how many plots are available. Supervisor Thomas stated there is a lot of space. Councilwoman Ryan stated she thinks the price is descent regardless of how many you buy. Councilman John Thomas stated they're not set up as family type plots, they are set up as separate. Supervisor Thomas stated yes, separate plots. Councilman Carl Thomas stated if they buy early they can get their choice of plots. Supervisor Thomas stated he told them he would asked.

#### Dean Farm Trails:

Attorney Cooper asked if the work was done at the Dean Trails. Supervisor Thomas stated they are getting pretty close. They are going to rent the mini bobcat and spread some more stone, they are finishing a little dock on one end of the pond and going to do a little digging on one of the trails. Councilwoman Ryan stated they are doing a nice job on the trails.

Attorney Cooper asked how often does the Highway Dept. plan on mowing the fields.

Supervisor Thomas stated once a year.

Attorney Cooper stated that maybe we could have some kind of Grand Opening next Spring.

Supervisor Thomas stated yes we do need to. Attorney Cooper stated and get some publicity from the Glens Falls region anyway. The people he bought over Cross-country skiing love it.

Councilwoman Ryan stated the signage looks nice up there too.

Councilman John Thomas asked if we advertised cross-country skiing on the website yet.

Supervisor Thomas stated not yet, but we should. Councilman John Thomas stated we have a few more trails then we had last year.

Supervisor Thomas stated the mowing is actually part of the agreement with ESF College because they use to pay people to mow the place.

Four-Corners Mini Park:

Supervisor Thomas stated there was a bill in there from CLA Site for the four-corners. CLA Representative did come up with a picture. Supervisor Thomas stated he hasn't met with the little committee, there will be a public meeting also. Supervisor Thomas passed the picture for the Board Members to look at.

Councilman John Thomas stated he is trying to get hydrants elsewhere so not have this one in the middle, it's not working out as planned but still working on it. Supervisor Thomas asked how far you could draft water. Councilman John Thomas stated 22 feet is the max. for filling tankers 1000 gallons per minute. He has measured the one by the Tavern that's 22 feet from the top of the water to where they would be coming up. He thinks they are going to give it a shot he came across a heavy piece of conduit that they may try to swing down there and do a test pump on it and see what they can pull from it and get the other hydrants in. It will give us three more then we have. Councilman John Thomas asked Supervisor Thomas has talked to Soil and Water about the hydrant at the rec. field. Supervisor Thomas stated they talked about putting in like a retaining wall to stop the beach from getting bigger. He did speak to Supt. Bradley about taking the hydrant out and fixing it because there was a problem with the height and thinks the end was backwards.

Councilman John Thomas stated they have a new one out where they have a baffle on the end. So we let water back through and flushes back out. The issue with that that one is it fills up with dirt and stones and gets stuff in it. If we are going to re-do it we could put a different end on it. Supervisor Thomas stated he will speak with Supt. Bradley again because at the time he didn't have a problem doing it, he will need a backhoe to pick it up and change it over.

(Mini-Park) Councilman Carl Thomas asked about getting more parking on there. He asked if you had like more diagonal parking then parallel parking. He knows your close in there you have 4-5 cars it doesn't leave a whole lot and there's no alternative area really. Supervisor Thomas stated not really. Councilman Carl Thomas stated he knows it looks narrow. Supervisor Thomas stated he talked to Dot Bartell about it and she didn't want any parking over there. She felt that it would be better if there wasn't any, then on the other hand if somebody just wanted to go to the park they wouldn't have no place to park. Councilman Carl Thomas stated except the Post Office, that's the only parking around really. Supervisor Thomas stated the CLA Rep. wants to hear from us so it will probably be awhile. The County won't let the town move the railing, CLA Rep. asked about it and it's incorporated in the drawing.

The little committee will get together and see what they want to change or leave it like it is then he has to give an estimate on the cost and go from there. Supervisor Thomas thinks it would be a nice improvement to the center of town.

Attorney Cooper asked what they would do with the lean-to, is that incorporated in there?

Supervisor Thomas stated he has like a pavilion but doesn't think it's a lean-to. Councilman John Thomas suggested moving it over to the trails. Attorney Cooper stated it might be nice to have a shelter so you can sit down in it. Councilman John Thomas stated it could also be used to sign in. Supervisor Thomas stated the lean-to belongs to the Chamber of Commerce actually.

Attorney Cooper stated they would probably like to see it moved rather than torn down.

Supervisor Thomas agreed and stated he will get the pictures made so they will have it to look at.

Councilman John Thomas asked if this is planned for springtime next year. Supervisor Thomas stated yes he hopes so depending on what the cost might be. Councilman John Thomas asked if we are going to try to do the work ourselves. Supervisor Thomas stated he talked with Supt. Bradley about putting in sidewalks he seemed to be willing to try it. Mainly it's the plantings and changing the fence, putting a more decorative fence. The other big thing would be the patio thing.

Supervisor Thomas reported that HEAP will be at the town hall on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 10:00 AM -11:00 AM.

The public hearing on the 2016 Budget will be held on November 4th, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

A motion was made by Councilman Nathan Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harrington, RMC  
Town Clerk