

November 17, 2015

The regular Town Board meeting of the Town of Stony Creek was held on November 17, 2015.

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
Attorney James Cooper

October 20, 2015 Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Carl Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to accept the October 20, 2015 minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

November 4th, 2015 Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman John Thomas to accept the November 4th, 2015 Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

111-15 A resolution was made by Councilman Nathan Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$5,709.16.

Discussion: Councilman John Thomas stated the Cedarwood Engineering bill voucher #226 says Stony Creek Church. It may need to be changed to verify it's for the Library or if it's still listed as a church. Supervisor Thomas stated it should have library on it its part of the Grant the town was awarded on behalf of the library. He will get Cedarwood Engineering to change this.

Councilman Carl Thomas stated Sandra Payne's mileage bill voucher #274, she had several trips to Home Depot, and one was to Amsterdam and Glens Falls the same day. He supposed she had to go pick something up. Supervisor Thomas stated she picked up parts for the dock they put in the pond and had to go there to pick them up. Roll call vote, all in favor.

112-15. A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Carl Thomas to pay the Highway Fund bills in the amount of \$10,660.91. Roll call vote, all in favor.

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Town Clerk report:

Conservation licenses	\$ 55.49
Death copies	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
Total Town Clerk fees	\$ 75.49
Dog licenses	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
Total Town Revenues to Supervisor	\$ 85.49
NYS Agriculture and Markets	\$ 2.00
NYS Department of EnCon	<u>\$ 951.51</u>
Total disbursed	\$1039.00

Correspondence:

Dog Control Log-September 2015

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2016 Winter Concert dates: January 8, 2016, February 5, 2016, March 11, 2016.

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Old Business:

Warren County Bids for Waste and Recycling:

Supervisor Thomas reported that Warren County put together the Solid Waste and Recycling Bid and put this out on behalf of all the towns that want to participate. The electronic bids he believes will be rejected on Friday because the company that said they could take them for free and pay additional backed out. They couldn't fulfill what they said so the Committee decided to reject all the bids and after Friday's meeting they will be rebid. Currently we have Regional Computer Recycling and Recovery. Councilman John Thomas asked if they are charging just for CRT's or everything. Supervisor Thomas stated CRT's 25¢ a pound.

Supervisor Thomas stated the way they do this is everything is based on 8.6 tons of material. You divide the 8.6 into the first number amount and that's gets the cost per ton. He doesn't know why they don't show the cost per ton on the sheet. Waste Management hauls to the trash plant which is Wheelabrator. Waste Management is willing to haul to Hiram Hollow for less money. The difference in the cost of hauling makes it \$6.92 cheaper even though the cost per ton is \$1.00 more. Wheelabrator is \$55.00 and Hiram Hollow is \$56.00. He doesn't know how Hiram Hollow can be cheaper than the trash plant for services.

Processible Waste, Non-processible Waste and C&D is hauled by Waste Management to Hiram Hollow cost is \$56.00 per ton plus \$124.24 for hauling. The town still has NH Kelman for hauling the bulk metal.

When we first signed up with them they were paying 10½¢ per pound which figured out to be \$210.00 per ton. The last one he got figured 3½¢, that's because of the market. Warren County is showing \$817.00, that's \$95.00 a ton but they aren't going to pay more than they are going to get. He feels the town should stay with NH Kelman. The tires are \$85.00 per ton plus \$139.76 to the trash plant. Perkins Recycling is willing to pay \$75.00 per ton for Newspaper, \$40.00 per ton for Magazines and \$80.00 for cardboard. The metal cans Waste Management is willing to pay \$60.00 per ton and the same for plastics and Waste management is taking that to Fort Edward. Glass is being taken to the county pit, which is located in Lake George just out of Warrensburg below the entrance to about ¼ mile to the Northway. Supervisor Thomas suggested that maybe they should take the glass to Hiram Hollow.

This contract runs out this year and it's a three-year contract.

Councilman Carl Thomas asked if Casella was a hauler. Supervisor Thomas stated yes, Casella was another company that bid on it, their tonnage fees weren't bad but the hauling fees are a lot more and County Waste's hauling fees are even more higher.

113-15. A resolution was made by Supervisor Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to accept the following lowest bid Solid Waste and Recycling bids with Warren County.

Waste Management hauling to Hiram Hollow for the Processible Waste, Non-Processible Waste and C & D \$56.00 a ton each with Hauling fees of \$124.24.

Waste Management to Wheelabrator for the Tires (auto and truck) \$85.00 per ton with hauling fees of \$139.76.

Waste Management to Perkins for the Newspapers \$75.00 per ton, Magazines \$40.00 per ton and Cardboard \$80.00 per ton with hauling fees of \$132.00 each.

Waste Management to Fort Edward for the Metal Cans and Plastics \$60.00 per ton each with hauling fees of \$147.53 each. The town will stay with NH Kelman for the Bulk metal. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Standard medical testing:

114-15. A resolution was made by Councilman John Thomas seconded by Councilman Nathan Thomas, this agreement is made between Standard Medical Testing Services/Mountain Medical Services with the Town of Stony Creek, PO Box 96 Stony Creek, NY 12878.

This agreement shall be in effect from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

The responsibilities and obligations and liabilities shall survive the term of this agreement.

This agreement may be cancelled by either party after thirty days of written notification.

Both parties to this agreement are independent contractors, and nothing contained herein shall be construed to place the parties in the relationship of partners, joint venture, principal-agent or employer-employee and neither party shall have the power to obligate or bind the other whatsoever beyond the terms of this agreement.

Standard Medical Testing Services/Mountain Medical Services will be compensated for its services as follows:

Yearly consortium fee: 10 or more employees	\$100.00
(one-time fee) 9 or less employees	\$50.00
Urine drug screens	\$48.00

Alcohol breath testing	\$25.00
Non-DOT	\$85.00
DOT/CDL physicals	\$100.00

In addition, should there be after hours, post-accident testing; there shall be a flat fee of \$120.00 per hour with a minimum two hour charge. Also there will be a mileage charge of 56.5 cents per mile applied. The fee for split specimen retesting of positive specimens (including shipping, lab fees and chain of custody) shall be the actual cost of said testing.

Payment of invoices is expected within 30 days of receipt of invoice payable to Standard Medical Testing Services PO Box 2424 Glens Falls, NY 12801. A late fee/interest of 2% monthly will be allied to outstanding invoices over 30 days.

Standard Medical Testing Services/Mountain Medical Services attest that it will keep all information obtained from Town of Stony Creek for the purpose of testing confidential unless otherwise required to disclose said information by applicable law, regulation, or subsequent agreement. The provisions of the agreement shall be construed, interpreted and governed by the substantive laws of the State of New York, including all matters of construction, validity and performance. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Committee Reports:

Highway: Councilwoman Ryan stated that Supt. Bradley will be looking to replace a 10-year old truck. Councilwoman Ryan did tell him not this year.

Property Tax Relief Plan:

Supervisor Thomas reported that Peter LaGrasse, Assessor gave him info on the Property Tax Relief Credit. This is a proposed rebate plan from what he understands. The rebates that we may obtain from the State of New York, we are in compliance with the 2% Property Tax Cap and also the Tax Freeze Plan was approved. So it shouldn't be a problem getting a rebate. Warren County is also under the Tax Cap. Attorney Cooper asked if he was misreading this. In order to get these credits you will have to take your Income Taxes in to the Assessors to prove your income? Supervisor Thomas stated that it is what it looks like. Attorney Cooper stated he thinks allot of people are going to be uncomfortable with that. Councilman Carl Thomas stated basically for your Star Exemption you have to prove your income. Supervisor Thomas stated yes, for your Enhanced you defiantly do. Councilman Carl Thomas stated that's not entirely new.

Warren County 2016 Budget:

Supervisor Thomas stated the 2016 Budget has been presented to the Board of Supervisors and will hold a Public Hearing on Friday. If the Budget is approved and stays the way it stand our tax rate will decrease by 5.37%, which equates to \$20.98 per \$1000.00. Supervisor Thomas thinks it's mainly due to the equalization rate increasing. That is welcome news because usually Stony Creek is going up higher than anyone else's. Unless something changes, which is possible the Board may change something, it will be about \$370.00 a \$1000.00 instead of \$390.00 a \$1000.00.

Councilman Carl Thomas stated he read somewhere where we lost. Our town value dropped a little bit and it offsets this a little bit too.

Supervisor Thomas stated our full value dropped some so the percentage of the county tax that we pay has dropped. We pay 1.24% and we were paying a little over 1.33% last year. So our full value went down almost 10 million dollars, which is good on the county tax rate but not so good on the sales tax.

Councilman John Thomas asked what the explanation for the drop is. Supervisor Thomas stated the only thing he can figure is the equalization rate lowered the value of the town and it raised the county tax. Supervisor Thomas stated if it stays the same we'll pay \$516,000.00. \$516.00 per \$1000.00.

New Business: Occupancy Bed tax request:

Supervisor Thomas reported he has a request from the Stony Creek Library. They will be holding a Festive Gathering. They are requesting \$150.00 of Occupancy Bed Tax Funds for advertising and for the performers of the Wild Irish Dancers to be held on December 12, 2015.

115-15. A resolution was made by Councilman Carl Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan authorizing the expenditure of Occupancy Bed Tax Funds to the Stony Creek Free Library in the amount \$150.00 for a Festive Gathering to be used for advertising and for the performers of the Wild Irish Dancers to be held on December 12, 2015. Roll call vote, all in favor.

116-15. A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Nathan Thomas authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Snow and Ice Removal Contract with Warren County for the fiscal year 2016 in the amount of \$192,209.49. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Budget transfer:

117-15. A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Nathan Thomas authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit A2705 Gifts and Donations in the amount of \$550.49

Credit A6310.4 Community Action in the amount of \$550.49. Roll call vote, all in favor.

From the floor:

Tom McGinty asked the town if they had an emergency preparedness plan. Supervisor Thomas stated with the county yes, somewhat. Mr. McGinty asked if he needed help on it. Supervisor Thomas stated it probably needs updating. Mr. McGinty stated he is a representative of Oath Keepers, many people don't know about them. They can be classified as preppers, they are offering the towns their assistance if the conditions warranted. There are 1600 of them in New York depending on the emergency. They would be able to respond with food, medical engineering, and transportation. They are pretty well organized in town, not only is he the head of Warren County but he is the zone, he is responsible for 10 counties of Upstate New York. They are working with other towns. You would have to analyze your needs and again depending on the emergency within any given town.

In Hadley their concerns are if the dam let go, it would be catastrophic in Hadley. They are willing to work with them. Mr. McGinty stated he doesn't know what plans the town made but if the power goes out they have some means to generate power through some of their Chapters whether they get here in time or if they get here depending on the emergency. Supervisor Thomas stated the town has a generator at the town hall and also at the firehouse. Mr. McGinty stated they have means for additional lighting and actually transport in some cases for people and personal, they have food storage also. Mr. McGinty is just putting it out there.

Supervisor Thomas stated they don't have allot of food, but we do have a food pantry.

Mr. McGinty stated it depends on how the circumstances go down. They do have military and security, they have security professionals, actual bodyguards, most of them are x-military and law enforcement. They met with Sheriff Zurlo, they ran a rally in Saratoga for Blue Lives Matter in a drug free zone, that was on Channel 10 News and it was written up by the Saratogian. They will be approaching all the towns where members are involved, they want to let them know if something goes down they can contact him. There is a website, www.oathkeepers.org Stewart Rhodes is their leader. There is mixed reviews about them because some of the members are no longer with them, they don't tolerate any radicle, they are anti-government, they are actually constitutionalist and they have a good report with the sheriff's. He met with the undersheriff. There are a lot of sheriff's and troopers who are members but they keep it confidential. In today's environment it can be anything, weather related, fire, earthquake and flood. They are not anticipating a terrorist attack, they will respond to mall shootings. If you look at your emergency awareness and there is something lacking they have people in other towns that are willing to share information or training. They have members trained in CPR and EMT's. He did talk with Councilman John Thomas.

Supervisor Thomas stated the plan with the town lists assets the town has, trucks, equipment, contacts with the county and phone numbers.

Mr. McGinty asked if he was willing to utilizing the town hall as a prepping area. Supervisor Thomas stated yes and there is paperwork on what to do in an emergency. He is sure the awareness does need improving.

A motion was made by Councilman Nathan Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM. all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harrington, RMC
Town Clerk