

October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The regular Town Board meeting of the Town of Stony Creek was held on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Supervisor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:01PM with members present:

Councilman Nathan Thomas  
Councilwoman Doreen Ryan  
Councilman John Thomas  
Councilman Carl Thomas  
Counsel to the Town-Matthew Fuller

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 minutes; Correction:

Page 202 change cleat to clear.

A motion was made by Councilman John Thomas seconded by Councilman Carl Thomas to accept the September 20, 2016 minutes with this correction. All in favor, motion carried.

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 minutes; corrections:

Page 216 Resolution 112 change Councilman Nathan Thomas to Councilman Carl Thomas.

Page 219 check White to WIC house.

Page 220 change typed to tied.

A motion was made by Councilman Carl Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to accept the October 4th, 2016 minutes with these corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

113-16. A resolution was made Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Nathan Thomas To pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$8,339.64. Roll call vote, all in favor.

114-16. A resolution was made by Councilman Carl Thomas seconded by Councilman John Thomas to pay the Highway Fund bills in the amount of \$21,813.47. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Town Clerk report:

Conservation licenses	\$44.06
Faxes	1.00
Copies	<u>.75</u>
Total Town Clerk fees	\$45.81
Dog licenses	<u>\$47.00</u>
Total Town Revenues to Supervisor	\$92.81
NYS Agriculture and Markets	\$ 9.00
NYS Environmental Conservation	<u>\$754.94</u>
Total disbursed	\$856.75

Correspondence:

Dog Control Log-September 2016

Thomas Persons-permission for the Stony Creek Community Church to use the town hall for free martial arts class on Thursday from 6:00-7:00 PM.

Sharon Kay-permission to use the park pavilion on October 15, 2016 for a Birthday Day Party.

Patrice Jarvis-Weber, Youth Planner- permission to use the town hall Saturday April 22, 2017 for a performance of Secret Garden.

Warren County Office of the Aging-permission to use the town hall November 18, 2016 from 10:30-11:00 AM for HEAP.

Supervisor Thomas reported that Sharon Kay did use the pavilion on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> for a Birthday Party. Her request was submitted in between board meetings.

Patrice Jarvis Weber, Youth Planner and HEAP is just for information.

Supervisor Thomas stated the request from Mr. Persons about a martial arts class on Thursdays. He doesn't believe Thursday is a problem for the most part. Councilman John Thomas stated they do have a lot of kids participate, more than they expected to have. Supervisor Thomas stated Mr. Persons indicated that they want to use the meeting room, which is fine. He thinks an additional insurance rider would be provided. If they have one, he doesn't see where that would be a problem. Councilman Carl Thomas stated it would be added protection. Supervisor Thomas stated as far as a donation he doesn't think that's necessary.

A motion was made by Supervisor Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan authorizing Mr. Persons to conduct martial art classes at the town hall on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 pm with the Stony Creek Community Church providing an additional insurance rider. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Supervisor Thomas stated that Beecher Baker School Superintendent and Stephanie Steinhart, Business Administration from HLCS has a presentation pertaining to their Capital Project. Mr. Baker stated this is a Capital Project. This is a special time for them because this is the biggest Capital Project they had in a while. The reason they are having it and Stephanie will get into the financial piece and how it's going to work later. They did a five-year plan. Every five-years you have to conduct a survey plan of your buildings and operations. The State makes that mandatory. That lets you know how the infrastructure looks. The architect takes a look and tells you how your infrastructure is holding up. With that they form a committee of parents, students, people on the faculty, Administrator, board members etc. They sit down and talk about the plan. They try to go over what's necessary. What they see as necessities and also go over some things they would like to see for their kids. Some changes that have taken place over time that they need to change and make better is in this plan they put forth. He likes the terminology that they are taking care of what they have. This is not about building a new building or putting a new footprint on the place.

This is just like we would take care of our own home. We want to take care of the school. The school is much older now, it's aged. Especially the Main St. building on Lake Ave. That's a 1942 operation. The heating system, the boiler system is the original boiler system. You can't find parts for it anymore. It's amazing their custodian staff does the job that they do to ensure it operates smoothly. Again they have done a great job with it but situations like this, one classroom in January you have to open the windows to cool it down because you can't control the heat in the room. That's a tremendous waste of taxpayers' money. They can defiantly be more efficient. Two rooms down the hall kids have gloves and hats on because they are cold. It's been like that for some time but they have done the best they can with that situation but it's time for a new boiler system. Unfortunate a boiler system cost 2.3 million dollars to install for a building that size, which if you think about it you can understand why they are looking at in. On the pamphlet that was handed out, they try to give some of the major items that they are trying to work on. Again these are items that are antique. Their auditorium that is the original seating. Its' a great auditorium, it serves well. The public utilizes it has much as possible, but it's time for new seating, time for air conditioning. He would like to run Graduation in the auditorium like they use to have years ago. That's where Graduation use to be, not in the gym when its 95° and you can't see your kid graduate. They would like that back in the auditorium under better conditions, have more functions and have the community in the auditorium and have a better environment. Things like that are part of the project.

Installing an elevator in the Junior High wing. They have a Junior High wing they configured and there is no elevator for handicap students to go upstairs. They never had to add one because they were grandfathered into the scenario and the State said we didn't have to, but if you do a five-year plan and do a Capital Project you will have to add one. So they see that as a necessity. What they do now is they have a handicap student upstairs they move the classroom downstairs. That's what they do to accommodate that. He thinks it's necessary to try to make it more accessible for the students and parents.

Pole barn for the buses is another thing they are looking at. If you have been behind a school bus on a wintery day and the snow is flying off at you, you can see a need for things like that.

Among safety for the bus drivers getting in and out of buses and making a better operation for the school buses. These are some of the major pieces. They talked about kitchen appliances. The original kitchen appliances in the elementary school are since 1972. This is just a situation of just trying to get themselves up to date. To try to take care of what they have and take care of the infrastructure like any town would or any school should. That's what the project is really about. He knows that people realize some of the things they have in place, they have worked on it and they know they have done their best to keep it in great shape, but it's time for some improvements. The key point here is, we have to have the key improvements, we have to down it in a physically sound way and that's what Stephanie will talk about.

Stephanie stated that they would be able to do all these great things for their district, the cost not exceeding the \$8,976,606.00. That's the maximum for the project. They don't foresee it going up to that amount but that's the maximum this project could be. They are funding it through borrowing and through their surplus funds they have had in the past.

They have some debt that is coming off the books from some of their prior Capital Projects and what they will be doing is replacing that with the debt from this project. So it's keeping that debt service level, nice and stagnant in their budget. They will have no additional tax impact in this project. It's going to be tax neutral. The taxes will not go up for any of the taxpayers because of what they are doing with the surplus fund, you may wonder how they get those surplus funds. Of course every year they budget, some of the things are worst case scenarios and we may have a year like last year that was really warm and the fuel prices were really low. So they didn't spend a lot in those areas and they are able to have a surplus, which now they are going to use that money toward the project. So they don't have to increase the taxes for their taxpayers. They are happy about that. They do get money from the State for building projects. They are A-Rate which is 58%. So they are going to get 58¢ back for every dollar they spend of edible portions of the project. Right now they are looking at the project being 91% edible. So the majority of the project will be aided by the State. They are happy about that. She thinks overall they aren't looking to do anything crazy they are really just looking to maintain what they have. They have been doing a great job in the past with that and as Mr. Baker has said so many of these items on this project are over 50 years old and she thinks it's time to give the students some updates. Mr. Baker stated they also have a tax cap like the town. So certainly that's in effect and it's something they have to consider and the school district has always decided that they don't go above the tax cap. They always try to stay within that. They think these are the necessities and hope it will be a positive outcome. They want to make sure that people understand it and feel comfortable with it.

Councilwoman Ryan asked if they knew how long that project would take. Mr. Baker stated if it was successful in December it wouldn't start until summer of 2018. The day the kids walk out of the building in June and looking at the fall of 2019 for completion for everything. There is some asbestos removal and would probably start that prior to the summer of 2018. They don't want that as part of the construction pieces themselves. His goal is to make sure that gets done smoothly. A public Hearing will be held on this on Monday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:30 PM and the project vote will be voted on December 13, 2016.

Old Business:

Stony Creek Ranch:

Supervisor Thomas stated a couple days after the board meeting there was a DPW Committee meeting. He did express his concerns at that meeting. He tried to put Mr. Tennyson on the spot. He thinks it got his attention and he is willing to dig the bank back. He knows Mr. Tennyson was trying to make contact and playing phone tag with Mr. Mclean. Supervisor Thomas stated he thinks he is more amenable to do pedestrian signs with maybe LED lights on them.

Supervisor Thomas has seen some in Maine on crosswalks and they have pedestrian signs at the crosswalks. So you can see them both ways on each side of the road. They have LED lights all around the signs and they have like a little bar that when a person approaches the crosswalk they could initiate the flashing of the lights. That might be a possibility. That way it isn't flashing all the time only when it's needed. You can't really see any progress but thinks they're moving in the right directions.

Councilwoman Ryan stated there is a speed limit sign, 35 mph, there is a horse walk sign and a pedestrian sign that's back to back to back. She didn't really notice until this was bought up, but there is a sign there. Councilman John Thomas stated the speed sign is suggested.

Councilwoman Ryan stated it is suggested but it says 35. Councilman Nathen Thomas stated around the corner that's a yellow sign. Councilwoman Ryan stated there is three right in a row. Supervisor Thomas stated he would think a speed sign could be possible too. Councilman Carl Thomas stated coming from Warrensburg. He thinks instead of digging the bank out on the pasture side just put a culvert in there and come straight across there it simplifies it a whole lot more and the ranch has both sides. It straightens it out real nice in his opinion. Councilman Nathan Thomas asked if we are going to hope Warren County is going to work toward this or is it something we should send them in a letter form. Supervisor Thomas stated he does believe they will work towards it because if it gets pushed back again he will go back to the committee again. Councilman John Thomas stated where they are going to cut the bank back is it on the county right of way? Supervisor Thomas stated a little of it is. Councilman John Thomas stated the majority of it is ranch property.

#### Property on Lanfear Road

Supervisor Thomas stated at the budget meeting they discussed the purchase again. He doesn't know if he has the answer to all questions, possibly the attorney does. Supervisor Thomas stated he didn't contact or discuss this with him so he's not up to date as to what the board has discussed. Supervisor Thomas stated he did go before the Occupancy Tax Committee and did get the committee to authorize \$30,000.00 to the town toward the purchase of this property. That has to go through the full board on Friday. He doesn't anticipate any problems. The people who were at the committee were supportive of the project. They had good things to say about it and thought it was a good idea. That's \$30,000.00 that we didn't have last time. If the Board wants to move forward with it he thinks we can get the number down with town funds, occupancy funds and other funds to get it down to \$100,000.00. From there we would have to seek a Bond Anticipation Note. Supervisor Thomas stated he talked to Supervisor Geraghty from Warrensburg, they just got a BAN from Champlain Bank, its either West Port or Willsboro and they have a 1.25% interest rate. That's pretty close to free money. If we decide to move forward with it he will check with Champlain Bank, find where exactly it is and also Glens Falls National. He gets information every little while from the Bank of Greene County. They say that they understand the difficulties of small municipalities and they are providing very attractive interest rates and will save our municipality money. They talk about Bond Anticipation Notes, Serial Bonds, Installment Bonds and other needs. He will contact them and also NBT. Supervisor Thomas stated he thinks the project defiantly has potential. He thinks the town can purchase it, he doesn't see why we can't. There is another step to this, he also has to apply to the State Comptroller's Office for permission to borrow money. Seeing they own 52% of the land. They want to have their say on borrowing.

We have done this quite a few times in the past and never had a problem, it does take a little bit of time. Supervisor Thomas stated he thinks everyone understands what the project entails. He thinks it's a big step forward for the town as a whole. It's going to take time, it's not going to happen overnight. He thinks over a five-year period it would make a difference especially being located where it is and a foot bridge across the creek to the town park. And being connected with the Historical and Dean Farm Trail System. Supervisor Thomas stated he has a sign-up sheet at the trail system and it's been up for two weeks and there have been two sheets filled up. He knows the purchase of the property is a commitment for the town and money for the town but thinks it's a good step for the town. He thinks once the town has title to it the library has a desire to locate the library into the house. He thinks the town could do a lease or license. They are looking to sell their current location or there's been discussion about that. So they will obtain funds from that sale. He knows they also intend to apply for SALS for grant funds in 2017 and the funds would be in 2018. He thinks in the future and if it's possible and legal he thinks we should find a way to make it happen. Supervisor Thomas stated the library desires to purchase the property and own the property. He thinks the town would be re-imbursed for its Bond Anticipation Note but thinks the town would want to retain some easements for parking of cars in specified areas, easements for the foot bridge and use of the foot bridge and continue the Dean Trail through the property with the right to explore and develop a sewer distribution field or leach field, if the town were to ever move to a septic system. He thinks the field has enough to accomplish that and also the water storage front project, underground tanks. Councilman John Thomas asked if this was still in the Hamlet. Supervisor Thomas stated no it's just across the creek.

Councilman Carl Thomas stated for further information on it, there are two parcels. The front parcel is 4.8 acres and the rear parcel is 3.5 acres. About one-third of the property would be in the flood zone and there are some wetlands on the back of it. But there is no APA regulations that you would be concerned with for municipal use. So you would be free to do what you want. You may have to raise up the wetlands and things like that but you could basically do what you wanted to do with it. So it's a total of 8.31 Acres for the whole thing. Supervisor Thomas stated the one thing the Supervisors that made comments, and he had copy of the map for the Dean Trails, they liked the idea of it connecting with the center of town.

Councilman John Thomas had a question for the lawyer on whether it was legal for the town to do this. It is legal for the town to do it and are we under any restrictions. We don't want to do anything that's going to get us in a pickle later on. Attorney Fuller stated he is writing down notes, he is not sure what you have. He needs some more information. It sounds like two parcels now. He thought it was one before. Councilman Carl Thomas stated yes, they are joining parcels, they could easily be converted into one. Attorney Fuller asked if the Board was planning to buy both. Supervisor Thomas stated yes, the same person owns them. Attorney Fuller asked if they were still planning on renting the house. Supervisor Thomas stated no he thinks they would license it or lease it to the library and let them locate there. Attorney Fuller stated they aren't going to turn around and do it as a single family. Supervisor Thomas stated no. Attorney Fuller stated they will in fact move the library there.

Councilman John Thomas stated in the future it's not something that will be in the next year. Councilman John Thomas asked what the library's plans are and what the timeline is so we have all the details. Ronda Thomas stated they need time to reorganize, maybe Spring or Summer next year. Councilman Carl Thomas thinks they were talking about a new building. Supervisor Thomas stated yes. Councilman Carl Thomas stated sometime down the road. Supervisor Thomas stated the ultimate goal is to construct a building there, obviously a library. Phase the building so you can use phase one to generate income to do phase two and use income from phase one and two to generate income and do phase three. He thinks to create a building that is useable by 500 to 1000 people for various things that's provable. To break down in small areas to hold workshops, weekend book signings, author talks, conferences for like Historians and genealogy, conferences, entertainment, music and plays, lecture series, research and study facilities, weekend arts and craft retreats and workshops, weddings, reunions, partnering with SUNY ESF and SUNY Adirondack for remote study space, having interns over here to take advantage of the property they own to do research projects, gardening, gardens in the field, greenhouses, ecology, things along the creek for the kids, Adirondack Studies Program. The hope is to bring people to the town to generate money for the library by renting out space for various activities. The ultimate thing is to create a designation, make Stony Creek, he doesn't know if you would call it The Wild Center but something more than just something in Stony Creek. A regional thing that people will come to and people will come into the town. You bring 200 people into town we can only go so far and create the opportunity, but the opportunity is there to feed those 200 people, to sell them crafts or whatever you can think of as far as the business. It would create opportunity for people to take advantage of. That's the ultimate goal. Generate traffic and bring people here. That's the vision. You can have encampments and reenactments. All the property together we can do something like that, also Forestry Demonstrations. He is sure there are other ideas. He thinks it works and will be a step forward and thinks we should take the plunge. Councilwoman Ryan stated she supports it. Councilman John Thomas stated he thinks it's a good idea as long as the town can legally do it and transfer what we need to make it work for the library and still have access. Councilwoman Ryan stated it would be for the library but also be for the town. Supervisor Thomas stated if worse comes to worse the town owns it and we'll lease the property to the library to do whatever they want. Attorney Fuller stated he doesn't have a problem with it. It's better than the library buying it and renting it out. Attorney Fuller stated so you want to get going on things like that. Supervisor Thomas stated yes and thinks if the Board wants to move forward we need a resolution to enter into a contract with the owner to put a hold on the property and then pursue the comptroller and banks. Attorney Fuller asked if they were going to do any sort of asbestos, environmental diligence at all or treat it like a purchase. Supervisor Thomas stated once we get a contract we will be able to have access to the building and look at it. Attorney Fuller will draw up a contract. Councilman Carl Thomas stated it's on the market now so we can actually see the building anytime now. Supervisor Thomas agreed. Councilman John Thomas stated you will want to have an inspection done, he doesn't know what's in there for a heating system. Attorney Fuller stated he would do more than a residential inspection.

If the town has an engineer he would get them in there. Councilman Carl Thomas stated that's an old building, Steinstacker's Egg Farm was there years ago and you don't know what you have for a foundation or what the timbers are underneath. Councilman Nathan Thomas stated its hot oil fire and hot water the last time he was in it. Supervisor Thomas stated he knows they did a lot of work on it the last five to ten years.

Councilman Nathan Thomas stated the sidewall timbers a lot of them were rotted out so they steeped the outside of the building three or four feet and he knows it was treated in those sections. Attorney Fuller stated with the environmental stuff you always have to keep in mind there are things a private resident can do in dealing with asbestos and things, but the minute you own it you can't just have a volunteer go in there and clean it. Once a town or municipality owns it you have to comply with the labor laws, not to sway you but to make sure long term project wise you realize what you're getting into with the library.

Attorney Fuller stated the town cannot legally pay more than the appraised value. We have to get it appraised and they may not like the appraisal. Councilman Carl Thomas asked if the appraisal came from the bank or financial institution. Attorney Fuller stated they are independent. Councilman John Thomas stated the bank will probably do their own at some point. Attorney Fuller stated they will not. Believe it or not you do not get a mortgage as a municipality. You cannot mortgage municipal owned property its full faith credit of the town that is pledged. So they don't necessarily care. If you pay more than the appraise value it's an illegal gift. If it's not appraised for that, you can't pay that price. Supervisor Thomas stated they want \$159,600.00, for an ungraduated guess he thinks it would appraise for that.

115-16. A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Supervisor Thomas to enter into a contract acceptable with the Counsel to the Town with the owners Peter and Susan DeCoster, to hold the property at 13 Lanfear Road for the forthcoming property purchase not to exceed \$10,000.00. Roll call vote, all in favor.

#### Committee reports:

Stony Creek Fire Co.: Councilwoman Ryan reported that they will be holding a Halloween Party Monday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 4:00 -9:00 PM.

Up Yonda Farms: Supervisor Thomas reported that they will be holding a Truck and Treat Saturday October 22, 2016 from 6:00-8:00 PM.

#### EMS:

Supervisor Thomas stated the EMS Advisory Board did meet on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the county. It was the first one he has ever been to. Councilmen John and Nathan Thomas were there along with Peter LaGrasse, who is on the Advisory Board. There really wasn't any action taken. There was a lot of discussion about the EMS situation in the county. There really hasn't been any action since then. He thinks the Supervisors that were there are kicking around the idea of a study. Whether we do the study with outside people, hiring somebody, or try to do it in house with the help of the Advisory Board people.

Currently there is no money in the 2017 Warren County Budget, so without that component they aren't going to go too far. Councilman John Thomas stated it's not a dire situation now, calls aren't going to go unanswered. We do have Empire for backup. They aren't going to let someone lay there while they look for someone to get to them because that's not what's going to happen. Supervisor Thomas stated he made the comment a couple times to the county of what they should do, it's just Empire and another company. The towns now are paying too much. The more you add the more it's going to cost. Councilman Nathan Thomas stated the hard part is it's a fee for service world and everybody relies on the volunteer EMS. It's Non-for-profit so if you don't pay it they just file it away. That's everybody's biggest opposition. Empire is a private corporation and it's just like your hospital bills, it goes to collections. The biggest problem is and we don't see it up here as much, but Warrensburg's biggest thing is Warrensburg Health Center, Luzerne has three ESO homes, West Glens Falls, Bay Ridge and North Queensbury has all the various nursing homes. So anytime anything like that is added in the area it creates a bigger burden on the system. The next problem is training. You're looking at one-year in Cobleskill, two-years at Hudson Valley and once you get done with that a lot of the guys are headed for the Carolina's because it's \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 sign on bonus and its government jobs. New York State has gone to the National Registry Standards, which is great because it allows them to practice anywhere but also allows them to branch out of this area. Mountain Lake does EMS courses and Edinberg is getting ready to sponsor one. It's a \$900.00 course but they are giving it out free to their residents.

Supervisor Thomas asked what happened to SUNY. Councilman Nathan Thomas stated it was a Mt. Lakes issue. He believes attendance policies weren't held to. They tried to commit to the college level he's not sure what exactly happened with it but there is an EMT course going on right now, it's being taught by Micki Guy and they had one meeting and now they don't have another course for three weeks because she is away at a hunting camp. So it's the instructors, they are volunteer instructors. They are being paid but still they work alongside the rest of them. It's a credited course and the State approves it and the State approves how they teach it. It's not a constant learning issue. Supervisor Thomas stated they are all fixable things. Councilman Nathan Thomas stated yes. It's just trying to meet with Mountain Lakes Regional EMS and figure it out. The first course he took was at Luzerne-Hadley Fire before they went to paid staff, to get there firemen into it. There was probably 30 in the class and 20 made it through and they do CME's (Continued Medical Education). You go to different courses once you get it. The State bought on new mandates even for the firemen. The firemen are CPR and First Aid Certified and there is talk that they are going to require volunteer firefighters to be EMT's to help reduce the burden on the EMS system. Then you have the firemen who have no dream to be an EMT so it's a new national standard that they are going to push over on to people. Supervisor Thomas stated now they want to destroy the fire co.'s. Councilman Nathan Thomas stated yes. When they first started out it was First Aid Card and ambulance, now we are up to EMT as a middle of staffing standard and if we let them push hard enough they will have it down to paramedic.

Councilman John Thomas stated he found a study done by a city. They were having basically the same trouble. They were talking 50-60,000 calls. They had a company from outside to come look at what was happening. 90% of the calls were not EMS calls. They were stomach aches, small things that should have never required an EMS or ALS Techs. It should have never required transport by the ambulance service. That's what their study found. Ten years ago it would not require transport by ambulance. Councilman Carl Thomas stated the problem now is the health care system. If you drive over you, sit in the waiting area for three hours before someone sees you. You have to go by ambulance to get in. Councilman John Thomas stated if it's not an emergency your insurance probably won't cover it. It's part of the system. Councilman Nathan Thomas stated they did a report for a non-traumatic stomach ache for three days and when you get there they have you transfer them from the stretcher to a wheelchair and put them in triage, so that's not always the answer.

Dean Farm Trails;

Supervisor Thomas reported they obtained three components for three dog waste stations. They have signs, bag deposits and three six-gallon cans with lids. They have the posts and Harold will paint the cans and assemble them. Supervisor Thomas thinks we can get out of it for around \$8.00.

Buildings; boilers:

Supervisor Thomas reported there was a bill in the General Fund. This was for the boilers. The one in the highway garage, they have been at him for a few years and they won't give him a certificate so they aren't supposed to operate it, but they have. It had a valve in it and the valve was put in the wrong place when it was put together. They did have a certificate to run it at one time, then the insurance guy came and said you can't have that valve there. Supervisor Thomas asked about taking it off and he said no and he asked if they could cut the stem off and he said no, but they cut the stem off and grinded it down flat. The guy from the Labor Dept., who comes behind the insurance inspector didn't have a problem with cutting the stem and grinding it down. Anyhow they got the valve removed.

The boiler in the basement they had to change the pressure relief valve and had to put a little sheetrock above the boiler on the ceiling. He has the inspector coming back to inspect and hopefully we will get a certificate to operate the boilers. Councilman John Thomas asked if this was done every year. Supervisor Thomas stated every two years.

Dean Trails; Kiosk:

Supervisor Thomas stated the kiosk that was put at the town park by the county was supposed to go to the parking lot at the Dean Trails. So they decided that Stony Creek would get two kiosks. The county brought the material. Supervisor Thomas had Sandy Payne, Cathy Percy and Bill Sanzone construct it. It is just about finished and he is fully intent that the county will pay for their time.

Dean Trail; Grant:

Supervisor Thomas stated the grant was extended for the construction of the trails and there is money that wasn't spent and Mr. LaMothe doesn't want to give the money back to the State. He has convinced them that they can replace the roof on the Historical Building. So NYS has brought the shingles and materials for the roof. He asked Sandy and Cathy if they were interested in doing some roofing work. They thought about it for a couple weeks and are up to the challenge. So they are going to install the new roof. The Historic Preservation got involved. The building is not on the Historic Preservation Register but it's possible it could be there. They were going to put a green shingled roof on but it has to be gray. Someone in Albany looked at a picture and said it was gray so it has to be gray. Councilman John Thomas asked what the original color was. Supervisor Thomas stated green. The State will pay for at least 50% and either the county or the Historical Association will reimburse the town for everything else. Supervisor Thomas stated he told Mr. LaMothe that the town was not going to pay for the roof.

Murray Road

Supervisor Thomas reported that the Highway Supt. and he was deposed at the county building re: Bernansky and the Murry Road. The lawyer from the insurance co. was there and represented them.

Glassbrook Cemetery:

Supervisor Thomas stated that people have been driving wherever they feel like driving. The gate isn't locked so people go in there and do pretty much what they please. Someone went up with a dual wheel truck and put ruts in it and it upset him so he had Harold flag out the driveways yesterday. He talked to Supt. Bradley about it and there is some excavating. A little hill will have to be dug out and actually another part on the Harrisburg Road side that needs fill. He is going to get the highway dept. to haul some rubble and put in some item 4. Put like a 6 in base and establish the roads, get some rules make a sign and put the sign up. He thought one rule that needs to be put up is nothing is to happen in there except for visiting the gravesite. You don't do anything unless you contact the town and contact the maintenance attendance and he is there with you. It's getting ridiculous. It's at the point where they can keep it under control. The upper sections, they have never been laid out so he is going to buy 250 markers, which are 2 in. diameter aluminum markers, they are \$2.49 apiece, and will lay out the upper section. It's kind of set up with the power line. So that's the way it's arranged. So they will set up two more sections up there and get it laid out before it gets totally out of control. Councilman John Thomas asked if there is a gate just for pedestrian's entrance. A separate gate that would eliminate it that way. You can lock the main gate and just have pedestrian access to it to eliminate your traffic.

Supervisor Thomas stated you can walk around the gate and there is plenty of room around the sides. Councilman John Thomas stated you can lock the gate that would keep the vehicles out. Supervisor Thomas stated the fence is along Harrisburg Road and the rest are trees to keep cars and trucks out. Councilman John Thomas stated he would lock the gate before someone does do real damage in there.

Supervisor Thomas stated it looked like they were putting a footing in for a head stone but it's a wheel barrel full of cement and you have to back up a dually. Councilman John Thomas stated if they want to go in they would have to stop in at the town hall and get permission to get it unlocked, then you would know who was in there. Supervisor Thomas stated he hopes to get some done before snow flies, at least get the roads established.

Councilman John Thomas did a little research on cemeteries and when the town sells a plot do they set a percentage aside for maintenance and whatever? Supervisor Thomas stated no, he doesn't think we do. We have sold several plots this year. Councilman John Thomas stated you might want to check into that, from what he can tell it's a requirement. A percentage of each sale has to be set aside for maintenance and something else. This law pertains to municipalities that sells plots.

Supervisor Thomas stated that's another whole new issue on cemeteries and he's not sure and he thinks there is some legal research. We are required to maintain all the cemeteries. A lot of them, if it wasn't for the town, nothing would happen there. But every once in a while someone gets buried somewhere and he is not sure if we have control over any of this stuff. If people can just go bury people somewhere then that is an issue that probably needs a little looking into, if for clarification as to what the town can do and can't do as far as private property cemeteries. They aren't town cemeteries, people go and bury people there. Councilman John Thomas stated a lot of them started out as being private, family or associations. So that makes a big difference on what the town can do at that point depending on how originally they were set up or maintained at this point. Councilman Carl Thomas stated you can be buried on your own property if you want to. Councilman Carl Thomas stated laying the cemetery plots out, have you got a layout of the plots, what size, walkways and things like that? Supervisor Thomas stated they weren't laid out that way and that's something that needs to be addressed also.

Communication towers:

Supervisor Thomas stated the county has received notification through Senator Little that they will get \$500,000.00 through the Dormitory Authority for construction of the communication towers. The county has already done two so they will be able to do two more and one is here behind the town hall. Councilman John Thomas asked if they would be able to make it a little stronger. Supervisor Thomas stated he hasn't had that discussion yet. He's hoping to convince them that it needs to happen, that way we can get cell service. Councilman John Thomas stated it seems like its common sense to him. Supervisor Thomas agreed.

New business:

Budget transfer:

116-.16 a resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Carl Thomas authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit A1990 Contingent in the amount of \$2000.00.

Credit A8810.4 Cemeteries in the amount of \$2000.00. Roll call vote, all in favor.

From the floor:

Lisa Bartow Librarian, would like to use the town hall for Zumba classes for 6 weeks on Fridays starting November 1, 2016 and to use the basement on Tuesdays from 5:30 -7:00 pm. This will be used as back up in the event the library can't accommodate the people who sign up.

A motion was made by Supervisor Thomas seconded by Councilman Nathan Thomas authorizing Lisa Bartow Librarian, to us the town hall on Fridays and the town hall basement on Tuesdays for a six week Zumba class starting November 1, 2016. All in favor motion carried.

A workshop meeting will be held on Thursday October 20, 2016 at 6:30 PM to discuss the Creek Center Project. Supervisor Thomas stated it's not an official town board meeting but if there are three board members it will be considered that, but it won't be treated as such. There won't be decisions made. Councilman John Thomas and Councilwoman Ryan will be there. Supervisor Thomas stated we will kick it around, see what we got and see if we can get the project kind of finalized and suitable for everybody, get the final design papers together and in the Spring start doing something. He doesn't think it's controversial. Supervisor Thomas has invited Kathy and Marshall Garrow, Dot Bartell, Phil Collette and Mr. Loyola from CLA Site.

A public hearing will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM on the 2017 Town Budget along with the 2017 Contracts.

A motion was made by Councilman Nathan Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harrington, RMC  
Town Clerk