

May 5, 2014

The Special Town Board meeting of the Town of Stony Creek was held on May 5, 2014.

Supervisor Frank Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with members present:

Councilman Nathan Thomas

Councilwoman Doreen Ryan

Councilman John Thomas

Councilman Carl Thomas

Absent: Attorney James Cooper (was not required to attend.)

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Towns Property and Casualty Insurance proposals, which renews on May 7, 2014.

Supervisor Thomas stated he had received proposals from Cool Insurance whose been the towns agent for a while, the carriers are Argonaut and Trident. He thinks the town has had them for three years. In 2013 we paid them \$26,417.00 and for this coming policy they increase it \$1228.00 or 4.6% for a total of \$27,645.00.

Supervisor Thomas talked with Lee Pollock from Rose and Kiernan, he obtained a quote from NYMIR (New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal) in the amount of \$23,629.11, it's about \$4000.00 cheaper, however the reciprocal has what they call a capitalization fee, which you have to pay for five years and that amount is \$369.29, which is added in this quote. It's payable in five years because of the reciprocal. So say two years from now we went with another agent we have to pay this money, minus what we possibly pay this year could be \$1477.00 balance due to them. The reciprocal is basically the municipalities all pool together across the State to form the insurance company. It started through the Association of Towns and Association of Counties. Councilwoman Ryan asked if he knew if allot of towns are accepting this. Supervisor Thomas stated yes they have been in business for about 21-22 years. They seem to be holding their own and doing a good job, They are A-Excellent Rated by AM Best Rating. The funds are financial size, they aren't real huge, its \$50 million to \$100 million, but they have been in business for 20 years. One thing they have done at the county, because the county is insured through them, the county at least two times in a year they have come back to the county with a \$3000.00 refund, so if they have a good year without a lot of claims they refund some of the money. Councilman John Thomas stated we have a pretty good record here as far as claims right? Supervisor Thomas stated fair. Councilman John Thomas stated we haven't had very many. Supervisor Thomas stated we had a few. Councilman John Thomas stated the town trucks would be included, the accidents in the claims. Supervisor Thomas stated yes, he reported he looked through the proposals and the limits are not that much different. The Blanket Building contents, the limit on the buildings is \$2,384,985.00. Cool was going to increase it by \$71,000.00. NYMIR is right at this number, what we currently have. Cool also wanted \$661.00 for earthquake and flood insurance and that's included with NYMIR's proposal. The limit is the same one million dollars on each one. The deductible is \$25,000.00 instead of \$50,000.00 with NYMIR. Miscellaneous tools instead of \$20,000.00 it's \$10,000.00 with NYMIR, scheduled equipment is actually \$10,000.00 more, which is like the chipper, sanders, case tractor, york rack, mowers, the grader is also under that and loaders. The vehicles are, the trucks and etc; are replacement cost for anything 10 years or newer. If its not over 10 years old they will replace it.

Councilwoman Ryan asked how many trucks do we have? Councilman John Thomas stated we have two that's more then 10 years that run on a continuous bases, the backup truck is 1989. Supervisor Thomas stated the International that's 2003, 1987 pickup, 1990 tandem truck, 1989 blazer and 1990 Dodge, the small dump truck.

The Public Officials Liability the annual arrogant with NYMIR is two million, Cool had it at three million, deductible for NYMIR is \$2500.00 Cool had it at \$1000.00. The Umbrella Policy, it covers everything, Cool had it at an annual limit of five million with one million under each category NYMIR is five million but it's ten million limit, so it's five million on any one claim but ten million per year. NYMIR also has \$50,000.00 for provisions for pollution, if we start digging in the back yard or in front and find contaminated soil they will cover that whereas Cool Insurance wouldn't. They also disclose how much they make on this policy. Rose and Keirnan will make \$2104.78. Councilman John Thomas stated NYMIR is still \$4000.00 less then Cool Insurance. Supervisor Thomas stated \$4016.00. Councilman John Thomas asked what the \$1400.00 payment was for. Supervisor Thomas stated that's the Capitalization fee for five years, its included in this year's NYMIR quote. Councilman John Thomas stated the \$1400.00 is broken up over the five years. Supervisor Thomas stated \$369.00 for the next four years and he suggests we should switch to NYMIR because it is cheaper. Councilwoman Ryan stated it seems it's really for the people more so then, it gives you a better more lead way. Councilman Carl Thomas stated they talked about that at the Association of Towns too, the more people that join into it the better. Supervisor Thomas stated it is a reciprocal so if allot of municipalities have claims that is going to effect the towns rates. Councilman John Thomas stated its a good deal for us this year. Councilwoman Ryan stated paying \$369.00 for five years isn't going to hurt to bad. Supervisor Thomas stated its not that much. Councilman Carl Thomas stated its less then your saving in one year.

076-14. A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman John Thomas to accept the Property and Casualty Insurance proposal from Rose and Kiernan, the carrier to be with NYMIR (New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal) in the amount of \$23,629.11. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Assessment:

Supervisor Thomas reported he received a letter from Mrs. John Studer. Her husband John Studer, due to health reasons has resigned his position on the Board of Assessment Review.

Supervisor Thomas stated this will make two vacancies on the Board of Assessment Review. This will be advertised and Letters of Interest will be accepted until both positions are filled.

Workers Comp.

Supervisor Thomas reported they had a meeting about workers compensation at the county, it hasn't been bought in front of the proper committee at the county yet. But the administrator of the self-insurance has worked a formula and if the board should approve it as she has it proposed it would be very beneficial to the town, it would almost cut it in half. It would go from \$36,496.00 this year down to \$19,339.00, which is over \$17,000.00. They talked about the fire dept. and her explanation and the insurance agent that was there stated this is the way they assess volunteer fire dept. and emergency squads, they treat them as separate even though they have the same number. There reasoning was that basically we're getting a good deal the way it is. If you went out and searched private insurance instead of what we're paying now it would be like \$12-14,000.00 a year. Currently this year we paid \$3313.00 for the ambulance, and its rated on the number of ambulances you have. The fire dept. was the same. Next year the emergency would decrease by \$395.00 and the fire dept will decrease by \$428.00, so it would be \$5802.00 proposed, right now its \$6626.00. There was an insurance agent there that said if you go out and seek the private insurance its going to cost you a lot more.

It has to go through the proper committee and then before the board. Hopefully it will stay the same, it will benefit us.

Supervisor Thomas reported the Memorial Day parade will be held on May 26th, 2014 at 1:00 PM.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Carl Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harrington
Town Clerk