

January 19, 2016

The regular Town Board meeting of the Town of Stony Creek was held on January 19, 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
Attorney James Cooper

December 15, 2015 minutes; correction:

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A motion was made by Councilman Carl Thomas seconded by Councilman Nathan Thomas to accept the December 15, 2016 minutes with this correction. All in favor, motion carried.

January 2, 2016 minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Nathan Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to accept the January 2, 2016 minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

035-16. A resolution was made by Councilman John Thomas seconded by Councilman Nathan Thomas to pay the General Fund December Final bills in the amount of \$8,508.71. Roll call vote, all in favor

036-16. A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Carl Thomas to pay the Highway Fund December Final bills in the amount of \$6,053.03. Roll call vote, all in favor.

037-16. A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Nathan Thomas to pay the 2016 General Fund bills in the amount of \$9,166.40. Roll call vote, all in favor.

038-16. A resolution was made by Councilman John Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to pay the 2016 Highway Fund bills in the amount of \$60,227.84. Roll call vote, all in favor.

039-16. A resolution was made by Councilman Carl Thomas seconded by Supervisor Thomas to pay the 2016 Fire Fund bill in the amount of \$2,213.87. Roll call vote, all in favor with Councilman John Thomas, Councilman Nathan Thomas and Councilwoman Ryan voting yes and being members of the fire co.

Town Clerk report:	
Death Copy	\$ 10.00
Copies	<u>.75</u>
Total Town Clerk Fees	\$ 10.75
Dog Licenses	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
Total Town revenues to Supervisor	\$ 35.75
NYS Agriculture and Markets	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
Total Disbursed	\$ 40.75

Correspondence:

Stony Creek Free Library- requesting Occupancy Tax funds in the amount of \$550.00 to cover expenses for the photo show and contest. Live music (\$400.00), advertising (\$100.00), and a prize to the winner of the contest (\$50.00).

Karyn Calo-permission to use the town hall February 27, 2016 for her daughter's Birthday Party.

Stony Creek Chamber of Commerce-permission to use the town hall January 20, 2016 for a meeting.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Carl Thomas authorizing the following:

Karyn Calo-permission to use the town hall February 27, 2016 for her daughter's Birthday Party.

Stony Creek Chamber of Commerce-permission to use the town hall January 20, 2016 for a meeting.

All in favor, motion carried.

Old business:

Electronic Waste Bid:

Supervisor Thomas stated the electronic waste bid was received by Warren County on the town's behalf and other town's behalf. The bid that the county accepted was Evolution Recycling Inc. in Johnstown, NY. They will pay \$.55¢ per pound (\$110.00 per ton) rebate for all non-CRT electronics. They will charge \$.15¢ per pound for CRT's, monitors and televisions (funnel glass containing units). They will provide storage boxes to each transfer station. They will pick up on a scheduled basis to be determined once program is implemented.

Councilman John Thomas asked if the price per pound is more then what the town is getting paid for scrap metal. Supervisor Thomas stated yes. Councilman John Thomas stated he sees they accept large appliances and stuff maybe it would be better if we send it to them rather than putting them in the scrap metal. Supervisor Thomas stated yes because they are paying about 3¢. Supervisor Thomas stated evolution has a list of accepted materials and a list of what they don't accept. Supervisor Thomas stated if this is something the board is interested in, the town board can make a resolution then the county can draw up a contract on the town's behalf of the bidders. Councilman John Thomas stated he thinks it is a good way to go.

040-16. A resolution was made by Supervisor Thomas seconded by Councilman John Thomas to accept Evolution Recycling Services proposal. Roll call vote, all in favor

LARAC:

Supervisor Thomas stated we applied for a grant as we do every year and this year they awarded the town \$1000.00 toward the Summer Concerts.

041-16. A resolution was made by Councilman Carl Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan Authorizing the Supervisor to sign the LARAC contract in the amount of \$1000.00 for the Summer Concerts. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Cedarwood Engineering Services:

Supervisor Thomas stated they have sent a 2016 Contract. Their fees have increased from 2015.

	Price 2015	Proposing in 2016
Labor Section Personal Category Principal	\$95.00-\$115.00 per hour	\$105.00-\$125.00
Project Engineer (has gone up \$10.00)	\$90.00-\$110.00	\$100.00-\$120.00
Project Manager	\$90.00-\$105.00	\$95.00-\$115.00
Mechanical, Electrical & Instrumental	\$85.00-\$110.00	\$100.00-\$115.00
Construction Resident has increased \$10.00	\$85.00	\$95.00
Construction Inspector	\$85.00	\$70.00
Staff Design and Engineer	\$75.00-\$95.00	\$95.00
Technical Operator	\$70.00-\$85.00	\$85.00
Clerical	\$40.00	\$50.00
Drawings		\$.03¢ per page 8X11
Large Drawings	24x36 \$3.50	\$.44¢ per sq. foot

The rest are the same prices.

Supervisor Thomas stated it has gone up a little. We don't use them allot. Attorney Cooper asked if they monitored the wells. Supervisor Thomas stated they do and they draft the report. Supt. Bradley asked if they said why it went up so much, \$15.00-\$20.00 an hour. Supervisor Thomas stated they all went up about \$10.00. Councilman Carl Thomas stated it looks like a minimum of 10%, Clerical is \$20%. It seems like quite an increase to him, all around. Most are a little better then 10%. Attorney Cooper asked if we use them every year. Supervisor Thomas stated this is only the second year we have had them on call basically. His opinion is they have always been fair with the town in anything they have done. Councilman Carl Thomas stated maybe you ought to see if they want to reconsider. He can say that's 10% minimum and better in most of them. You don't expect to make a jump the first year, second year. The economy isn't picking up that fast. Supervisor Thomas stated he isn't sure what this number is. We would have to know how much we spent with them. Councilman John Thomas stated to see what the actual increase is what they use per category. Councilwoman Ryan stated because there is a gap between what we want. Supervisor Thomas stated right and he isn't sure what that number is, he doesn't think it's over \$2-3000.00, he could be wrong. Councilman John Thomas asked what other projects we used them on besides the landfill.

Supervisor Thomas stated we used them on the Dean Trails with the proposed bathroom and they drew some of the bridge crossings. Supt. Bradley stated they did the Gill Road Bridge and the tanks out back. Supervisor Thomas agreed. Supt. Bradley stated they are really good. Supervisor Thomas stated they did the ground contamination.

042-16. A resolution was made by Supervisor Thomas seconded by Councilman Nathan Thomas to renew and enter into an agreement with Cedarwood Engineer Services for the year 2016. Discussion: Councilman Carl Thomas stated not before asking if that's their price, he knows that's their proposal. Supervisor Thomas stated he is sure it's worth asking. Roll call vote, Councilman Carl Thomas –No, Councilman John Thomas –yes, Councilman Nathan Thomas, Councilwoman Ryan-yes, Supervisor Thomas-Yes.

Councilman Carl Thomas asked about the mailing addresses on the lower end on Hadley Road. He asked if Supervisor Thomas has contacted the Congresswoman. Supervisor Thomas stated no not yet, he hasn't gotten to it but he is going to.

Committee Reports:

Supervisor Thomas reported he left the Town Board on the same committees as last year.

Library:

Supervisor Thomas gave the Town Board a copy of the Stony Creek Library 2015 Financial report.

Dean Farm reimbursement:

Supervisor Thomas reported he has received reimbursement from Warren County on behalf of the State for the Dean Farm Trails in the amount of \$16,222.51. He hasn't contacted Warren County Planning to find out if this was all the money the town had coming back on everything that was sent in or part of it.

New Business:

Deputy Superintendent of Highways:

043-16 A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman John Thomas to establish the position of Deputy Superintendent of Highways. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Bed Tax Funds:

044-16. A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Carl Thomas authorizing the expenditures of Occupancy Bed Tax funds in the amount of \$550.00 to the Stony Creek Library to cover expenses for the Photo Show and Contest. Live music (\$400.00), advertising (\$100.00), and a prize to the winner of (\$50.00). Roll call vote, all in favor.

Recreation:

Councilman John Thomas asked about putting a skating rink on the driveway at the Recreation Field. Supervisor Thomas stated he was ok with it. Councilman John Thomas stated 4x6's and a big sheet of plastic and there are members of the fire co. that will work on it and maintain it to keep it smooth. He thought it would be worth trying this year. Attorney Cooper stated it will have to be put on by layers or it will buckle. Councilman John Thomas agreed. The town's liability insurance will cover this.

Budget Transfers; 2015

045-16. A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman John Thomas authorizing the following budget transfers:

Debit A1620.4 Buildings in the amount of \$244.76

Credit A6310.4 Community Action in the amount of \$104.72

Credit A7110.4 Parks Contractual in the amount of \$140.04. Roll call vote, all in favor.

046-16. A resolution was made by Councilman Nathan Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit a6410.4 Occupancy Tax in the amount of \$415.53

Credit A7180.4 Special Recreation personal services in the amount of \$294.00

Credit a7180.4 Special Recreation Contractual in the amount of \$121.53. Roll call vote, all in favor.

047-16. A resolution was made by Councilman Carl Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit DA5110.4 General Repairs in the amount of \$4728.53

Credit DA5130.4 Machinery in the amount of \$4728.53. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Budget Transfer; 2016:

048-16. A resolution was made by Councilman Nathan Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit A9010.8 State Retirement in the amount of \$10,021.70.

Credit Prepaid Expense in the amount of \$10,021.70. Roll call vote, all in favor.

049-16. A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman John Thomas authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit DA9010.8 State Retirement in the amount of \$15,032.55

Credit Prepaid Expense in the amount of \$15,032.55. Roll call vote, all in favor.

050-16. A resolution was made by Councilman Carl Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit Fund Balance in the amount of \$29,532.44.

Credit A6410.4 Occupancy Tax \$29,532.44. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Stony Creek Fire Co. Service Award:

Supervisor Thomas stated he received the Stony Creek Fire Co Service Award paperwork. He gave this to the Town Board to review and sign.

Supervisor Thomas asked if there were changes that was supposed to be changed on this.

Councilman John Thomas stated when the comptroller came in to audit, some of the way they counted their points. The comptroller said they were supposed to get changes. It was unclear whether it was supposed to be sent to them or the town. The changes have been made and have been made in the By-Laws, everything has been brought up to date. They changed two last year that were defective a very minor amount of points. It's the way you count the points for drills and meetings and more on the percentage then per call bases. Supervisor Thomas stated the town should get a copy of that because the town is responsible for it. Councilman John Thomas will get a copy to Supervisor Thomas. He doesn't know how it was established, it probably came through the town board. Carol LaGrasse stated it did. Councilman John Thomas stated he isn't sure when the change was made as far as how you count them but the comptroller said it was alright as long as they made the change.

From the floor:

Peter LaGrasse 911 coordinator;

Mr. LaGrasse stated he heard the Board was talking about the 911 address system and he looked into this. First of all he wondered if the Board noticed the "Answering the Call" article in the Post Star January 9th. In essence the county has gotten grant money to upgrade the system and the article only pertains to the dispatcher part of it. But there is also money to upgrade the rest of the system pertaining to the 911 address system and what that incident is. He looked through the system that he has been developing through the years from the year 2000 and he knows that everything he has been doing had been communicated to the county at that time. That it was done satisfactory to them. All they wanted at that time, and the sheriff deputy was doing it, is the ranges, how far, what is the number system on this road, and what number system on the main road does this new private road go off into. He is talking about the private roads.

To backtrack a little this whole business started with Aija Gogan asking him to help her give addresses out because there was no systematic address system in town. So this is how far back this is going. He did this on all the main roads and at that time a cluster of houses off the road was given addresses on the main road. Later that was corrected because more detailed information came from the sheriff's saying we have to create private roads. What he has done on January 7th he gave the Warren County Planning Dept., that's who is working on all the rest of the towns, he gave them seven maps of the private roads but he upgraded those maps for the most part so that the lot numbers were clearly identified and the number address for each lot was identified. They did not have that information before, so now they have that information and they are going to incorporate that. Coupled with that he knew there was a problem on Hadley Road, which he did not number because it was not in the Stony Creek Post Office, its mail delivered through the Hadley Post Office. So he made a map from all the way to Grist Mill from the town line and he put all the addresses on the map. The reason he did this was because the way the county does this they have layers of information.

They have the lot numbers, lots and aerial photos and they layer one on top of the other and they are off over 200 feet in the vicinity of the lower part of Hadley Road. As an example the Dean Cemetery shown on one of his maps, shows it to be where John Thomas parks the motor homes or campers and goes half way to the barn. Grossly wrong, it's so far wrong. It amounts to 210 foot error. Because of that he wanted to make clear to the Planning Dept. what numbers belong to which lot so he created a map with that information on it and they are using that. That's one aspect of the things that's being done.

The other aspect, he is cleaning loose ends, that's never needed to be addressed, but he addressed it in the year 2000, Rainbow Valley Ranch, (which is owned by John Thomas now). There are three houses on that road and we have to have a private road for that. So that is something he will be working on with John Thomas about. There is another place down the road, there are two houses on the road and it's just one number so he is cleaning those things up. How far he is going to clean them up is a question. The reason for that is if he just does, as an example he puts on Rainbow Road for one road, that's not what he done before. In the year 2000 he had named every road there. If you look at that situation it comes to allot of signs. When he stated studying the signs on these roads, he thinks John O'Neill said leave it alone because he had gone so far as putting a sign on the loop. Mr. LaGrasse showed the Town Board a map of what was planned for that with all the signs on it and stated they can't keep signs on Seth Mt. Road. Councilman Carl Thomas stated no, there is a nice one there now, hope you have a spare.

Mr. LaGrasse stated there is work to be done and he realizes there's work to be done and there's work that has to be done with the property owner involved and this is all voluntary. It's voluntary for the property owner. He isn't forcing anybody to do anything or is there anyone else forcing. The county does say you have to name all those roads and it goes crazy. He has to go to Down the Hill Campground and name the roads there. Councilwoman Ryan stated the fire co. is asking for numbers so they would have something to look for when looking for someone's place.

Mr. LaGrasse stated that's the important thing. Once these roads are named or even the main roads themselves there's going to be better communication with people who haven't put up their numbers on their mailboxes and sometimes their numbers are on the back on the mailboxes. You go one way and the numbers are on the other side and can't see it or the flag is down and you can't see the numbers. The future is every fire co. is going to have like a tablet with these maps on it. What they're not going to have is the name of the owner. The County won't put names of the owner because they change. When you're talking county-wide you will be constantly updating and they will go crazy. So they don't want to put the names of the owners, which is so much logical to put the name of the owner down that clarifies everything. What they are going to have is the house and number and the next house and number and it won't look like a tax map. That's where they are at. Councilman Ryan stated the reason it was bought up was because of the fact that they passed people's houses and had to turn around because they couldn't find them. Mr. LaGrasse agreed and stated we want a decent system. We want a system that everyone can see. He has raced down Stony Creek Road in Hadley searching for numbers with an ambulance and not finding them because they're not clear. Councilman John Thomas stated the county is getting very reluctant on giving the person's name. They (fire Co.) know a lot of the names. Allot of the times they don't get names they get numbers.

Councilman Nathan Thomas stated if you ask for a name they ask you to landline (call) and that's impossible. Councilman John Thomas agreed and stated they don't want to put it over the air so that's a change. They are going by numbers if you don't have a name to go with it.

Councilman Nathan Thomas stated that's the HIPPA Privacy Law. Councilman John Thomas stated that's why it's important to get numbers out where you can see them not just for Stony Creek but for other agencies coming in. If there's a structure fire and they are headed in the wrong direction they won't be much help or if someone's having a heart attack and they go by the road. There is a lawsuit in NYC with their new system. That sent them to the completely wrong address and they are getting sued big time for that.

Attorney Cooper stated the President changed HIPPA in regards to his proposal for firearms sales, so perhaps congresswoman Stefanik could pursue a waiver for HIPPA in this situation and it seems to be more logical and compliable.

Mr. LaGrasse stated when you see how clear it is when he wrote the name of everybody on there and it's in your neighborhood, now visualize it without the name. Councilman John Thomas stated everything is just a number and that's what they are going to have. That's what they have right now. They don't get a name they get a number and crossroads, which is sometimes confusing. Councilman Nathan Thomas stated they had a call in Harrisburg at the White resident and they had two address for her, they are registered to the same phone number. Mr. LaGrasse stated that's another thing he is working with, he is putting double numbers down where there is two residents on one lot. The county will presumably put two dots down for two houses and you'er still clueless because you don't have a name. Councilman John Thomas stated they are not going to give you the name. Mr. LaGrasse stated renters also, they aren't going to give the names. He is working on this and cleaning up the loose ends.

Councilman John Thomas stated he talked with Brian LaFlure about the grant. He isn't sure how many tablets each department is going to get whether it's one per department or one for each vehicle. They weren't sure about the cost each department is going to get. They may end up with one or might end up with four, they aren't sure yet.

Supervisor Thomas asked if most of the people have numbers on their houses. Councilman John Thomas stated he doesn't think 50% of the people have them on their house and if they do they are so small you have to walk to the door to see what the number is.

Mr. LaGrasse stated if it's a long driveway, if it's over 1000-1500 feet it should have its own name and if it's under that it should have a sign with a number of the house and an arrow going on that road to make it clear.

Councilman John Thomas stated if they get a call on Ledge Brook Road and they don't get out and Warrensburg takes this they aren't going to know there is a house in there because it looks like a log road. Mr. LaGrasse stated that's a situation where possibly he should tell them to use the right number and that's a number the county will have on their console. Councilman John Thomas stated it would be nice if the county, before they hand out the tablets, to send the program so they can check to see, and notify people ahead of time before this comes out, that this is what we're working with and this is what you need to upgrade to. If there is changes we can change it before it gets in place. Mr. LaGrasse stated they are supposed to notify the phone company of their address or change of address. He also stated that this is a big project.

He is having a problem in doing all of this. He has people that don't want to use the address and they are using a road he can't designate. He asked the owner of the lot where the road goes through, if he could put up a sign and he didn't get an answer from him. Leon Lembersky won't tell him if he can put up a sign. That road is though his lot. Councilman John Thomas stated he is waiting to see what they get from the county. He is wondering about the legality ways, once the county establishes and hands all these departments the tablets with numbers and directions and if somethings wrong, who is legally responsible for catching the mistake. They get a call and they go to the wrong place and someone dies or whatever. Who is legally responsible, the county or them for not checking it? They won't know until they get the tablets and see what's on it and see what's, what, and once they get the tablets they will have a lot of work to do. The fire co. in conected with Mr. LaGrasse to get corrections made. Mr. LaGrasse agreed.

Councilman Nathan Thomas and Peter LaGrasse will be attending the NYS Association of Towns Annual Meeting in NY City.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman John Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harrington, RMC
Town Clerk