

May 18, 2010

The regular Town Board meeting of the Town of Stony Creek was held on May 18, 2010.

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

Councilman Dale Aldrich

Councilman Stanley Ross

Councilman William Liebl

Councilman Harry Paul Gill

Attorney James Cooper

April 20, 2010 minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Gill to accept the April 20, 2010 minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

May 4, 2010 minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Aldrich to accept the May 4, 2010 minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

068-10. A resolution was made by Councilman Aldrich seconded by Councilman Gill to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$7,347.59. Roll call vote, all in favor.

069-10. A resolution was made by Councilman Liebl seconded by Councilman Ross to pay the Highway Fund bills in the amount of \$7599.00. Roll call vote, all in favor.

070-10. A resolution was made by Councilman Gill seconded by Councilman Aldrich to pay the Fire Protection Fund bills in the amount of \$16,339.52. Roll call vote, Councilman Aldrich-yes, Councilman Ross-abstained, Councilman Liebl-yes, Councilman Gill-yes, Supervisor Thomas-yes.

Town Clerk report:

Conservation licenses	\$14.99
Copies	2.00
Faxes	<u>1.00</u>
Total Town Clerk fees	<u>17.99</u>
Total Town Revenues to Supervisor	17.99
NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation	<u>257.01</u>
Total disbursed	\$275.00

Correspondence:

Dog Control Log for April

Cassandra Carlton-permission to use the town pavilion on May 22, 2010 for a Birthday Party.

Tammy Brooks-permission to use the town hall June 5, 2010 for a bridal shower.

A motion was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Gill giving permission for Cassandra Carlton to use the town pavilion on May 22, 2010 and Tammy Brooks to use the town hall on June 5, 2010. All in favor, motion carried.

Old business:

Purchase Orders: A workshop meeting will be held on May 27, 2010 at 4:00 PM at which time the State Comptroller will be here to discuss the purchase order situation.

Smart Growth/Business Park RFP's: Supervisor Thomas prepared an RFP and gave the Board copies to review.

071-10. A resolution was made by Councilman Aldrich seconded by Councilman Ross authorizing the Supervisor to send out the RFP for the Smart Growth/Business Park to various companies. Proposals will be received by June 15, 2010. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Committee Reports:

Supervisor Thomas stated that Supt. Bradley gave him and he reviewed the three proposals that were received for a new tandem truck. They all seem to be around \$200,000.00. Supervisor Thomas asked if the Board wanted to pursue this. Councilman Aldrich stated he is hesitant unless we can pay for it in its entirety, without bonding and without financing. Supt. Bradley stated if you know you are going to buy one next year. How much would it cost this year to buy it, if we could bond a portion of it, what would the State Comptroller allow without having them approve it and how much interest that would cost versus the price that will go up. It will be going up \$6-10,000.00 next year. How much interest would you pay and how much would you have to borrow. What would be the best why to go? So you're not falling behind in your schedule and putting back another piece of equipment in a couple years.

Basically how much would you want to borrow, how much would you want to keep in the account? How much interest would that cost you versus waiting another year and using that money in the escalation of the price of the truck. You can buy a cheaper truck. The proposals are what the town has been buying and it has to last twenty years. There are things on the proposals that can be cut to bring the price down two or three thousand if you want to start knocking things down. He figured before you got to that point that would be what it would cost. That is a start. Supervisor Thomas stated he thinks he would tend to lean toward doing it next year if you want to pay cash for it. But if we can use the CHIPS money, the only problem with that is what are we going to use to pave the highways. Supt. Bradley stated most towns have a hold on this money and asked if our town was in that. Supervisor Thomas stated until the state budget is passed. At the beginning of the budget process they were assuring the counties that the CHIP money was still there. That was six weeks ago. Supt. Bradley stated that is what he is asking is it cheaper to do it now and pay interest or next year when the price of the truck goes up. Is there anyway to look into that. Other than that it is up to the Board. The next emission jump, which will be huge is 2012. That will be a huge jump. Next year they don't foresee that, only the 3-5% increase. Unless steel jumps then it will be, which could happen. The same box from TnT from one year to the next is \$14,000.00 higher than last year. This is on the plow equipment. Councilman Ross stated he doesn't have a problem with waiting until we have the cash or he doesn't have a problem with having him look in to seeing, he thinks the interest rate would be high. Supervisor Thomas stated the last truck was \$118,000.00 in 2003, we ordered it in 2002. Supt. Bradley stated this truck has nothing different than the other truck has. Councilman Aldrich stated the red truck was about \$180,000.00. Supervisor Thomas stated it is going to cost more. Supervisor Thomas stated he could ask the bank about borrowing \$80,000.00 or \$100,000.00 and see what they offer. We are going to pay interest on it for four or five years.

Supt. Bradley stated he is curious about what the other option is.

Councilman Aldrich stated lets put some figures together see how it materializes as far as interest rates. What would be the minimal amount we would have to borrow in order to purchase the truck? Supt. Bradley added and not bury ourselves. Supervisor Thomas stated he thinks we finance them over a period of five years, but we borrowed the full amount. Supt. Bradley stated to keep in mind the next truck would be seven years away. The biggest item would be the loader. Supervisor Thomas asked how long the prices of the truck are good for. Supt. Bradley stated he doesn't know but would think they would be good until the end of the year. But doesn't know for sure. He will look into it. Supervisor Thomas stated you do that and he will look into getting a fix on the term and interest rate and figure out how much you want to spare from CHIPS and see what that will do.

Supt. Bradley stated the other option is, if you want to play it right so we don't have it until next year you can get the price locked in until next year when you know you have more money. We could have done that last year when they had leftovers and would have saved \$15,000.00 on basically the same truck. We would've had to buy it after the first of the year. Supervisor Thomas stated maybe we can do that this year. Supt. Bradley stated exactly so you're getting timed in at the beginning of next year.

New business:

Lifeguard: Supervisor Thomas would like to advertise for a lifeguard with a pay wage of \$9.50 an hour Monday-Saturday 9AM-5PM. Supervisor Thomas stated he has received one from a girl in Warrensburg but feels we should probably advertise and maybe there is someone here in town that would like to do it. Councilman Aldrich agreed if there is somebody local that would be better. He asked if one year the Board offered to pay for schooling. Supervisor Thomas stated we did for certification Waterfront and CPR. Councilman Ross stated we didn't have one last year. Supervisor Thomas stated no but we do have someone that is interested but should offer it to someone here in town.

072-10. A resolution was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Aldrich authorizing the Supervisor to advertise for lifeguard at \$9.50 an hour.

Roll call vote, all in favor.

Councilman Aldrich stated if you get to the point and you have to jump it up a little use your own decision. He doesn't think he has to come to the Board for 50¢. It would be nice if someone local would do it.

Supervisor Thomas stated he has a request from the Adirondack Park Local Review Board. The State has cut their funding and the Counties have cut back on their funding and they are asking towns to help with their budget and they are requesting \$250.00. Councilman Ross asked if they are going to get rid of the APA for us. Supervisor Thomas stated they would if they could. They are our voice. The Local Government Review Board is the voice for the Municipalities at the APA. Councilman Ross asked if they are like a watchdog. Supervisor Thomas stated yes. They keep an eye on what the Adirondack Park Agency is up to and review it and challenge it. Sometimes they have success sometimes they don't. Councilman Aldrich stated at least they have their foot in the door. Supervisor Thomas stated between the Review Board and the AATV they have brought some needed attention to some of the concerns and issues with the APA and State.

073-10. A resolution was made by Councilman Aldrich seconded by Councilman Liebl authorizing the payment of \$250.00 to the Adirondack Park Local Review Board to help with their budget and be the voice for the Town of Stony Creek. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Occupancy Tax Request:

The Chamber of Commerce is requesting \$9750.00 of Bed Tax monies for the 2010 Mountain Festival.

074-10. A resolution was made by Councilman Toss seconded by Councilman Aldrich authorizing the expenditure of Bed Tax money in the amount of \$9750.00 to the Chamber of Commerce to be used for the 2010 Mountain Festival. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Supervisor Thomas stated Councilman Gill received two quotes for trash pickup and is expecting a couple more. This will be tabled until all quotes are received so they all can be reviewed.

Lori Meehan was present to discuss the Chamber of Commerce's plan to hold a town wide business open house on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 4:00 PM. This will be to promote business for the town businesses in town. They are requesting \$1300.00 of Bed Tax monies to purchase soda, water and for advertising. Radio advertising will be \$900.00.

075-10. A resolution was made by Supervisor Thomas seconded by Councilman Aldrich authorizing the expenditure of Bed Tax money in the amount of \$1300.00 to hold the town wide business open house and promote the town businesses. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Supervisor Thomas reported the Memorial Day parade will be held on May 31, 2010 at 11:30 AM. with refreshments held at the town hall following the parade.

From the floor:

Sue Catana was concerned about the decision at the last Special Meeting regarding the ATM machine owned by the Chamber and would like to understand those questions that the Board had about that and concerned that the decision was made without significant information and would like to invite any questions that the Board may have had about the Chambers request to place the ATM in a companion building by the lean-to. The chamber was quite shocked at the Boards decision. So they are just looking for what the Boards rationale was and is here to answer any question the Board may have about that.

Councilman Ross stated our rationale was vandalism and location, it's not a good location. He understands the Chamber is looking for a good location and it's tough to find one. He is not depriving them of that but doesn't think that is the place for it. Ms. Catana stated she understands the vandalism concern and one of the things they did at the lean-to to prevent that potential was they engaged the local youth in building and constructing and staining it. The lean-to has not been vandalized or disturbed because they engaged the youth in creating it.

The attempt was to request from Lincoln Logs to have a companion matching building that's the same lean-to style the same size and engage the youth again in constructing it.

They carry there own insurance, they are bonded so there is no town liability whatsoever, if there was vandalism that would be on the Chamber. Councilman Ross stated you also wanted power to that. Ms. Catana stated yes and what they were requesting was that they have metered outlet.

There is no cost, as she understands to install a meter, and have it metered so the town wouldn't have any kind of liability whatsoever. Councilman Ross stated one other thing, he understood that it has to be heated. Ms. Catana stated that's correct it has to be maintained at 50° and again that's the Chamber's to maintain their own property they own the machine while it was in the Mercantile it was actually paying back to the Chamber for the phone line so it was meeting expenses and paying the Chamber for the loan of the ATM machine. It was paying for itself until the Mercantile closed. They talked to various businesses about placing it in the businesses and for various reasons were turned down and she thinks one of the reason is people were concerned about is vandalism the potential of someone breaking in. It is the property of the Chamber and the Chamber carries insurance. They are bonded for the money so there is absolutely no liability in terms of the machine itself. She was concerned about the decision that was made they have identified an alternate location and it was town property so the town has a legitimate right to refuse the Chamber's location there. She isn't seeking a review of the decision to put it back on the agenda she just was trying to figure out why on earth you as the Town Council make a determination that you didn't want the machine there and if you had an alternate location of where it might be more appropriate. Councilman Ross stated that he wished he did have but he doesn't.

Attorney Cooper stated Mrs. Fausner passed away and asked if the Board would consider it appropriate to send a letter from the town to her husband recognizing the fact she came to virtually all of the meetings and to recognize the fact that she was interested in the community. He doesn't know what offices she served in. Somebody who goes to the trouble to come to all our meetings care more then the average person, that is just a suggestion on his part. She was also the Republican Inspection at the elections.

A motion was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Gill to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harrington  
Town Clerk