

December 20, 2011

The regular Town Board meeting of the Town of Stony Creek was held on December 20, 2011. Supervisor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM with members present:

Councilman Dale Aldrich

Councilman Stanley Ross

Councilman Harry Paul Gill

Attorney James Cooper

Absent: Councilman William Liebl

November 15, 2011 Pubic Hearing on the 2012 Town Budget and also the regular Town Board meeting minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Gill seconded by Councilman Ross to accept the November 15, 2011 minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

120-11. A resolution was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Aldrich to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$13,209.04.

Discussion:

Councilman Aldrich asked about the following bills:

Commonwealth Electrical Inspection bill in the amount of \$195.00 for inspection of 100 amp.

Supervisor Thomas stated this is for the pole on the four-corners. They are waiting for National Grid to re-connect it.

Councilman Aldrich stated this is for both the General and Highway fund. There were batteries for the landfill. Supervisor Thomas stated that's right, there were two batteries for the compactor at the landfill. They were having trouble getting it started. Ronda Thomas stated Supt Bradley put it on one sheet and it had to be separated. Batteries for the landfill went on the General Fund. Roll call vote, all in favor.

121-11. A resolution was made by Councilman Gill seconded by Councilman Aldrich to pay the Highway Fund bills in the amount of \$5,475.58. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Town Clerk Report:

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| Conservation licenses | \$ 20.76 |
| Death Copy | 10.00 |
| Fax | <u>1.00</u> |
| Total Town Clerk fees | \$ 31.76 |
| Dog Licenses | <u>37.00</u> |
| Total Town Revenues to Supervisor | \$ 68.76 |
| NYS Ag & Markets | 7.00 |
| NYS Environmental Conservation | <u>468.24</u> |
| Total disbursed | \$544.00 |

Correspondence:

Stony Creek Chamber of Commerce-asking for Occupancy Tax Funds in the amount of \$1950.00 in support of 750 2012 Community Calendar for free distribution to the community and tourist venues.

Old Business:

GIS Data Sharing Co-operative Agreement:

Supervisor Thomas reported Attorney Cooper did review the contract for us and wrote a letter back and basically said that we shouldn't enter into it.

Attorney Cooper stated that Supervisor Thomas had a contact person he could speak to.

Supervisor Thomas gave him Mr. Boris's name and phone number.

Attorney Cooper stated if we can get the experience of other communities that have signed on as to what specific information you have to furnish and so forth maybe the way the contract is implemented would give more comfort under the ambiguous provisions he had found. He will call Mr. Boris and any other towns he refers him to and discuss it.

Recycling and Garbage:

Supervisor Thomas reported that Warren County accepted the Waste Management bids and waiting for the Intermunicipal Agreement with Warren County. The Town of Warrensburg has been notified and their services are still available if needed.

Tires:

Councilman Aldrich asked if there was anything that can be done with the tires down there.

Supervisor Thomas stated he called the trash plant and we can take them to the trash plant, they want \$85.00 a ton. That's a few more dollars then we are paying now. We are paying \$69.00 currently and it will be \$58.00 at the first of the year.

Laberge: Hamlet Plan

Supervisor Thomas reported there was a meeting on December 7th basically a vision type meeting, focus group meeting. He thought it went well.

The next step, there will probably be another meeting in January. This last meeting was geared more for business owners and the next one will be for the general public and will do like a swat analysis, which is the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. There will be a couple more meetings.

Councilman Aldrich stated it was well attended and well organized. He thought it was a good meeting.

Committee Reports:

FEMA:

Supervisor Thomas reported that Supt. Bradley met with Gary Bresee a Specialist from FEMA. They toured the damage. Supt. Bradley got guidance on how to set up the projects. Each item is like a project and he is in the process of putting together paperwork and today Mr. Greasier has been replaced by Blaise Kim and she was looking for some documentation. She wants to help us get it going in the loop so we can collect some money.

Councilman Aldrich asked if it looked positive.

Supervisor Thomas stated yes. Supt. Bradley told him he had broken it into 9-10 projects. If you keep it under a certain dollar amount it doesn't turn into a large project. You show documentation and after everyone looks at it you get the money.

Councilman Aldrich asked if that is what the \$63,000.00 window is, so it's paperwork.

Supervisor Thomas stated yes, paperwork, equipment, labor, materials, insurance, fringe benefits, and union contract.

Supervisor Thomas stated he thinks they came up with an estimate of about \$250,000.00 to \$300,000.00.

Councilman Aldrich stated for all of it? Supervisor Thomas stated yes for the August 28th damage.

New Business:

122-11. A Resolution was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Aldrich authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Snow and Ice Removal Contract with Warren County for the fiscal year 2012 in the amount of \$135,081.00. Roll call vote, all in favor.

123-11. A resolution was made by Supervisor Thomas seconded by Councilman Aldrich authorizing the Supervisor to sign the 2012 Senior Transportation Agreement between the Town of Stony Creek and the Warren-Hamilton Counties Community Action Agency in the amount of \$4440.00 Roll call vote, all in favor.

124-11. A resolution was made by Councilman Aldrich seconded by Councilman Ross authorizing the expenditure of Occupancy Tax funds in the amount of \$1950.00 to the Stony Creek Chamber of Commerce to be used for the production and duplication cost of 750 2012 Community Calendar for free distribution to the community and tourist venues. Roll call vote, all in favor.

125-11. A resolution was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Gill authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit Appropriated Fund Balance in the amount of \$3884.35.

Debit DA5110.1 General repairs in the amount of \$1591.23.

Credit DA5112.2 Capital Improvements in the amount of \$700.86

Credit DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual in the amount of \$1652.02

Credit DA5110.4 General Repairs in the amount of \$3112.70.

Roll call vote, all in favor.

126-11. A resolution was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Aldrich authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit Appropriated Fund Balance in the amount of \$3094.00

Debit A1990.4 Contingent in the amount of \$487.00

Credit A8160.4 Refuse and Garbage in the amount of \$487.00

Credit A8020.4 Planning in the amount of \$3094.00.

Roll call vote, all in favor.

Councilman Ross stated this is his last meeting as a Town Board Member. He would like to thank the Members of the Board and everyone for the support he has in the last four years and he would like to wish Doreen and Nate the best of luck in the future.

From the Floor:

Nathan Thomas stated VanAuken Road was discussed in the minutes as far as the turn around at the end of it. He was up there the other day and someone brought it to his attention we have been putting stone dust down in beyond the gate, he is just wondering why it is we are maintaining beyond the gate for a road that we are no longer allowed to use. Supervisor Thomas stated we put stone dust recently? Nathan stated yes, in talking to the homeowner in his understanding he made arrangements to give the town guys a combination or key to the gate. He wants to know the liability the town is going to face driving up opening the gate. He guesses the town will be plowing up to the red building turn around utilize his driveway as a turn around and come back out.

1. it seems to be a real pain for the truck driver especially if they are pushing any kind of snow and have to get out climb over a snow bank to open and close the gate every time they plow the road, plus he is curious why we are maintaining a private driveway.

Supervisor Thomas stated it wasn't his understanding that once the gate was up we were going to turn around.

Nathan stated he hasn't had the chance to talk to Supt. Bradley, he talked to the homeowner and a couple town guys and that's what has been explained to them that they are going to plow up to the red building and turn around and plow back out opening and closing the gate every time.

Councilman Aldrich stated he talked with the landowner Mike and he said he had a watchman there that was going to be there and the gate would be opened. They wouldn't have to get out and unlock it or whatever, they (town guys) could go in turn around and come back out, as far as the stone dust goes he doesn't know but will find out. He questioned the same thing about opening and closing the gate and was told that wouldn't be an issue.

Nathan said because of the liability to the town you open it and they go to Harrisburg and come back and want to hit it one more time and something comes up missing, we opened the gate so.

Supervisor Thomas stated if there is a gate he doesn't know if we should be plowing it anyways.

Nathan stated there is a sign on it that says no unauthorized vehicles. Supervisor Thomas stated it has to be one way or another either private or.

Councilman Ross stated he understood they weren't going beyond the gate. Supervisor Thomas stated that was his understanding. Nathan stated that was his understanding he got from reading the minutes is that they weren't going beyond the gate but he has pictures of town equipment in there spreading stone dust, dumping 1-2 loads and the dates are on the photos as well, they were given to him by a landowner on VanAuken Road that was wondering why the town was maintaining the roads.

Councilman Ross stated he wondered who that could be he couldn't remember his name.

Supervisor Thomas stated Mr. Copake. Councilman Ross stated yes.

Supervisor Thomas stated the 2012 Organizational Meeting will be held on Tuesday January 3rd at 6:30 PM.

A motion was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Gill to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harrington
Town Clerk