

August 17, 2010

The regular town board meeting of the Town of Stony Creek was held on August 17, 2010.

Supervisor Thomas called the meeting to order with members present:

Councilman Dale Aldrich

Councilman Stanley Ross

Councilman William Liebl

Councilman Harry Paul Gill

Attorney James Cooper

July 20, 2010 minutes:

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

090-10. A resolution was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Liebl to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$10,959.65. Roll call vote, all in favor.

091-10. A resolution was made by Councilman Aldrich seconded by Councilman Gill to pay the Highway Fund bills in the amount of \$117,044.82.

Discussion: Councilman Aldrich stated that it should be noted that the expenses were so high because the paving was \$101,000.00 and the bridgework done on the VanAuken Rd. and Louis Waite Rd. drove the expenses up this month.

Roll call vote, all in favor.

Town Clerk report:

Conservation License	\$ 4.80
Certified Death Copy	20.00
Fax	<u>14.00</u>
Total Town Clerk fees	38.80
Dog licenses	<u>11.48</u>
Total town revenues to Supervisor	50.28
County Treasurer for dog licenses	3.52
NYS Environmental Conservation	<u>82.20</u>
Total disbursed	\$136.00

Correspondence:

Dog control Log-July 2010

Linda Fish-permission to use the town pavilion August 28th for a Birthday Party.

Todd Newton-permission to use the town pavilion August 21st for a Family and Friends function.

Stony Creek Youth Program- report for this summer and activities planned for next year.

Double H Ranch- approval to host a charity cycling event September 12th.

1000 Acres Ranch-request of bed tax funds in the amount of \$5000.00.

A motion was made by Councilman Gill seconded by Councilman Ross authorizing Todd Newton use of the town pavilion on August 21st for a family and friend function and Linda Fish use of the town pavilion August 28th for a Birthday Party. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

Purchase of a new highway tandem truck:

Supervisor Thomas stated last month they talked about it again and we were suppose to take a month and make a decision. It's time to make a decision. He did get some quotes from Glens Falls 1st National Bank and Trust. One-year Band in any dollar amount is 1.9%, two-year Statutory Installment Bond for \$50,000.00 is 2½ %, three-year Statutory Installment Bond for \$75,000.00 is 3¼ %, and a four-year Statutory Installment Bond for \$100,000.00 is 3¾%.

Supt. Bradley stated not depleting the whole fund balance but \$150,000.00 and there will be more going in next year. You can use some from CHIPS and he can spilt up between the funds also to pay for the whole thing in cash. We won't get billed for the truck until next year.

Supervisor Thomas stated we can't spend the whole fund balance. We have to make bills and payroll. Councilman Ross asked if there were going to be problems with paying for the truck. Supervisor Thomas stated cash, there would be a problem.

Supt. Bradley asked about the one-year band. Supervisor Thomas stated he figured the one-year band for \$75,000.00, the interest would be \$1425.00.

Supt. Bradley stated that is far less then a \$5-6,000.00 increase in emissions correct? Supervisor Thomas stated yes it's defiantly less. Supt. Bradley stated if you buy a truck you wouldn't have to buy another for six years. The next big purchase would be a loader, if you wait that's another year added on to that.

Supervisor Thomas stated one scenario he comes up with and whether we do it or not it's up to the Board. We have \$163,000.00 in fund balance, there is \$25,000.00 budgeted in .2 equipment, which is \$188,000.00, if you take the \$125,000.00 it will leave you \$ 63,000.00 in fund balance, do a one-year band for \$75,000.00 at 1.9% and then you'll have \$63,000.00 estimated, hopefully \$40,000.00 left, that would put it up to \$103,000.00, another \$25,000.00 budgeted for the equipment for next year, it puts it up to \$128,000.00 pay off the \$75,000.00 band and you still have \$53,000.00 and estimating another \$40,000.00 at the end of 2011. You would be back up to \$90,000.00, or he would think you could pay off \$50,000.00 of the band and re-band \$25,000.00. Supt. Bradley asked if you had to go through the State Comptroller or is it anything over \$100,000.00? Supervisor Thomas stated he's not sure. If you are going to do a bond he isn't sure about a band.

Councilman Ross asked if he has been replacing trucks every six years. Supt. Bradley stated he isn't sure it's been straggly. What he is getting at with this one is the next oldest truck is a 1997 so you don't have to buy another until 2017 you have other stuff you need to replace in between there too. You have to keep that in mind. There is money in the truck that can be sold.

Councilman Gill asked if it would replace the truck with the broken frame. Supt. Bradley stated we aren't replacing it but that is the one going in service and will be disburden.

Councilman Ross stated it's time to replace it. Frank came up with a couple of nice scenario and it wouldn't be a big burden on anybody by the sounds of it.

Supervisor Thomas stated you are going to pay some interest. He thinks it is \$1425.00 he would have to check with the bank.

Councilman Aldrich asked if that was on a years note, and asked if this truck was speced out.

Supt. Bradley stated there are numbers that can be knocked off it. If you do approve it he can knock some down off of that. There are a couple things on there that we don't need.

There are a couple things on the Western Star, that is a preliminary thing that can be taken off, a couple thousand bucks easy. He personally likes the Mack. They are both pretty close.

Supervisor Thomas stated he doesn't think we need to decide on the truck, the board needs to decide if we want to pursue this and if we do, Councilman Aldrich stated we go on to the next step. Supervisor Thomas stated yes. We would probably have to do a resolution authorizing him to get financing if that is how you want to proceed. Councilman Ross stated to try and pay cash it is going to cut you short. Supervisor Thomas stated he thinks so yeah.

Supt. Bradley asked if there was an early payoff penalty. Supervisor Thomas stated he wasn't sure. If you wait until next year the price will defiantly be over the \$1400.00 mark. There is no way it's going to go down. It jumped \$14000.00 on the box alone last year. It is a different box we're specing out this year, that is the difference there. Then you have 2011 emissions coming up once they hit it will be another \$7,000.00 Or \$10,000.00, they are getting really bad on that. Supervisor Thomas stated it has gone up \$25,000.00 since 2008. Supt. Bradley stated we got the last of the emissions that they were letting slide by on the last truck we brought. Your getting limited on the vehicles you can get. Supervisor Thomas asked if all the trucks are on State Contract. Supt. Bradley stated yes the Western Star is State Contract but have to bid the box out, The Mack is totally under State Contract. It isn't a big deal to buy the truck and spec the box separate. The Western Star might be a little cheaper once you start knocking some stuff off. Supervisor Thomas asked what CHIPS money he was talking about, next years? Supt. Bradley stated yes. He isn't talking about a lot of it, just a portion. He can take a portion from machinery as long as it stays the same as it is. He isn't saying he doesn't need the money every year, he has to have some left over but we can cut to do it, it is totally legal.

Councilman Aldrich stated he was in favor but would like to pay for it without borrowing money. Supt. Bradley stated you understand if you wait until next year you will pay more then \$1400.00 in interest. Councilman Aldrich stated he understands that. He would rather pay for it up front then borrow the money to do it. If there is a way we can cut it. Not cut the value of the truck but the way we are going through the process, if there is a way to do it.

Supervisor Thomas stated we could order it this year and pay for it next year. January, February or March. Supt. Bradley stated that is what he is talking about. They won't have that truck done for six months. You'll be well in to next year before it is even done. There will be no money this year whatsoever. Supervisor Thomas stated but again you don't get the CHIPS money until like November. You think it's going to be there in February, it's not there in February. Supt. Bradley stated if you send in your sheet, he doesn't know if he can do this in sections or not, You get a sheet at the beginning of the year when you start spending your CHIPS and then you get reimbursed. He never turns his in because they never get the paving done until the end of the year. He has never done it this way where your actually spending money ahead of time, at the beginning of the year and you get it. He isn't sure if you can split your CHIPS money up, your asking for \$10,000.00 this month, he thinks you can. Then you do your second portion at the end of the year when you get your paving. You have to actually spend your money before you can turn it in. he thinks you can because they send them out quarterly. He doesn't see how that would be a problem. Supervisor Thomas stated we could get close to pay cash.

If you draw the Fund Balance down to \$53,000.00 then if you have budgeted \$25,000.00 again in .2 Equipment. Councilman Aldrich stated that's what was budgeted last year.

Supervisor Thomas stated right and stated that's \$135,000.00 and will put you up to \$160,000.00. Then we're again at \$53,000.00 Fund Balance. He estimated you might have \$40,000.00 left over. He doesn't know if you will have that much or not. Supt. Bradley stated he can jockey that around so we can wait until the following year. The two biggest projects were the two bridges, you never know what is going to come up. Supervisor Thomas stated he wouldn't want to go below \$50,000.00 or \$53,000.00. Like you say you never know what may come up. Then we would be borrowing money to run the things. Councilman Aldrich stated we cut it pretty close when we bought the last truck also on this similar situation, until the first of the year and things like that. Now we have two or three months your playing with, before we were playing with the first of January, and this time we are playing with February maybe into March before the truck would be ready.

Supt. Bradley stated yes, easily six months no matter what. He would say the end of March. Supervisor Thomas stated he thinks in his mind you will need to commit some of the CHIPS money if you get a truck at least a portion of it. Supt. Bradley stated we are not to bad we have Lanfear Rd, the biggest road they have to do. Then there is Roaring Branch Rd. so we're not real bad. Supervisor Thomas stated you don't have to do all of it, he not saying all of it, even if it's \$20-\$25,000.00 it will probably get us to where. Councilman Aldrich stated if we get in a pickle you can cut back on the paving a little bit. Supt. Bradley stated that is what he is saying. Councilman Aldrich asked what the next step is. Supervisor Thomas stated is it the consensus to move forward. If we aren't going to borrowing we don't need a resolution other then if we are going to buy a specific truck, and he isn't sure if we are at the point either. Councilman Aldrich stated we would have to bid it in by State Contract. Supt. Bradley stated to accept the higher bid and then Councilman Aldrich, Supervisor Thomas and himself can go through that and wheedle it down

Supt. Bradley asked what the numbers were. The Western Star is only going to be the cab and then you have to add. Supervisor Thomas stated the Mack is \$201,645.00. Supt. Bradley stated the Western Star ended up being \$198,000.00

Supervisor Thomas stated the Western Star is \$132,762.00 plus \$66,000.00, so \$198,000.00 Volvo is \$196,025.00. Supt. Bradley stated that one is no near what the other trucks were. Councilman Aldrich stated mechanically there not. As far as you get down to where the trucks go the Mack would be the one to get because it's a better truck but they've also gone with the new emissions with the old motors. The other trucks are throwing out the Caterpillar and the Detroit and the other motors. Supt. Bradley stated the Cummins are still good but that is in the Western Star. Mack has their own engine. Supervisor Thomas asked how much could be peeled off. Supt. Bradley stated about \$5000.00 at the most. The passenger power window, the passenger seat can be cheaped up. They are not taking the plate, cover plate chain and the lights, the highway guys will be doing that. They wheedle all that down to the bare minimum. They save \$6-7,000.00 by doing it themselves.

Supervisor Thomas stated that would bring it down to \$196,645.00. Supt. Bradley stated the biggest problem with the Mack is it has dual pumps in the front and back of the motor. It's not like the rest of them because they have room for the radiator that is a \$3000.00 option but you have to have it to run the plow there is a whole lot to that. So when you see the \$3000.00 extra that's the pump.

Councilman Aldrich asked how he wanted to proceed with it. Supervisor Thomas stated we should probably move something at least that we are going to do it or we aren't otherwise he is still in limbo and so is everybody else. He doesn't know the specific truck, if we want to review that we should add it to get it ordered. Supt. Bradley asked if they could have a special meeting in a week and then we can go over this again. Councilman Aldrich stated a Highway Committee or board meeting. Supervisor Thomas stated probably a board meeting and the committee should decide on what they want.

092-10. A resolution was made by Councilman Liebl seconded by Councilman Gill to move ahead with the purchase of a truck and to have a Town Board Special Meeting August 24th at 6:30 PM to decide which truck, and the cost. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Garbage pickup:

Supervisor Thomas stated for a few months Councilman Gill has been getting quotes from various garbage haulers, for garbage pickup throughout the town and thought this would be a good time to talk about. He knows there is another guy from Ace Hauling, who thinks we are out to bid for this, which we are not. We didn't go out to bid, we just got quotes from different ones to see how much it is. He thinks if we decide to move in this direction then obviously we would officially go out to bid with this. He stated he thinks Councilman Gill was looking at 300 houses plus 100 summer residents. Councilman Gill stated Mr. Sessleman from Sessleman Sanitation was present.

Supervisor Thomas stated he took the numbers on the sheet and figured just the 300 houses and came up with the following:

Sessleman \$72,000.00 a year.

Springer \$61,000.00 with containers add \$5000.00.

Upstate \$56,700.00 a year.

He then took the last couple years:

2009 we budgeted \$58,000.00 and our total expenses were \$58,912.62.

The revenue for 2009 was \$18,469.00.

2008 expenses were \$55,255.94 revenue was \$17998.00.

You take the expenses subtract the revenue you take and it figures out to:

2008-\$37,258.00.

2009-\$40,443.00.

The revenue for 2010 is about on track with 2009, he didn't really check the expenses but would say they are on track. We are toward the end of August and all the expenses for 2010 are at \$31,716.00 that he knows about but there are bills in here that are a couple thousand and he figured \$33,600.00 is about where we are. Supt. Bradley asked if that included Tom's wages too. Supervisor Thomas stated yes, that's everything. Councilman Gill stated if you decide to go this route you could cut back on being opened as much. You can still get the bottles and that type of stuff you get money on. You can stay open two days a week instead of five if you wanted to.

Supervisor Thomas stated he didn't figured on what that would cost as far as pay, benefits, insurance buyout or whatever the case maybe and try to estimate what you get in revenue. If you take last years number around \$40,000.00 to operate it we are looking at a minimum of \$16 or \$17,000.00 more and then you are going to have to make up more at the minimum if you keep it open there is going to be cost to that too.

Councilman Liebl stated if we go to the garbage pickup are we still going to keep the landfill open to keep the recyclables? Supervisor Thomas stated yeah he would think we would keep it open a couple days a week anyways.

Councilman Aldrich stated with the garbage pickup and the landfill open for the couple days it is going to be more expensive. He thinks we are not where she should be as far as price goes.

Councilman Gill stated the other option that people have mentioned is that maybe talk with Thurman and go in with their truck. Luzerne has their own truck too.

Supervisor Thomas stated that is a possibility. Maybe they would be willing to rent their truck to us and pick it up ourselves. He hasn't figured that cost either. He thinks before we jump we should really look at this and make sure that we know what we are doing. It might not be perfect now it's operating and probably maybe not at the minimum but it is pretty close to it. A lot of people do have to take their garbage down there.

Councilman Aldrich stated the way it looks right now it's not feasible to proceed with the garbage pickup. Supervisor Thomas stated not doing it this way no. Councilman Aldrich stated he can't see that it is. Supervisor Thomas stated we can actually do an account of houses and get an actual number. Councilman Gill stated he talked to the postmaster that's where he got the numbers. She gave him the rough estimate. Car delivery and year round. Supervisor Thomas asked how he calculated the 100 summer. Councilman Gill stated though the post office. Supervisor Thomas asked how he would calculate that into the price. Would it be just for those months that those people put out garbage that would be an extra of what the garbage would be? That's what you would have to do it. Councilman Gill stated we could make an offer to the ones doing the bid. Supervisor Thomas stated it warrants more investigation. He also stated the County has hired someone to put together a solid waste plan for the County, which is required by DEC, whether that will have an effect on the town or not, probably not, but there is a possibility that it could become a county wide district where one or two haulers that pick up the whole county. That hasn't been decided. He thinks the chances of affecting our town are probably slim but that possibility is out there. Next year in November the county is out of the trash plant business.

Supervisor Thomas asked Councilman Gill about the guy that was interested in actually operating our transfer station. Councilman Gill stated Mr. Sessleman, who was present. Mr. Sessleman stated possibly. Supervisor Thomas asked how that would work? Mr. Sessleman stated he wasn't sure at this time, Councilman Gill was saying that possibly you were going to shut it down if there was a hauler in the town to take everything out. Supervisor Thomas stated he isn't sure we could close it completely, we would have to leave it open at least a day or two during the week because he doesn't know if everyone would have a pickup. He would be interested in a proposal, maybe we could lease our transfer station. Mr. Sessleman stated he will have to do some work on that. Supervisor Thomas stated if its durable for the taxpayer's maybe we would be interested. Mr. Sessleman stated the price could change drastically if the transfer station was involved. He would have to run some numbers and see for hauling it out of here along with whatever the extras come to the town as we would leave it open for a couple days also for people to bring in large items or just to go down and make a showing. Supervisor Thomas stated he thinks we are into whatever is cheapest and provides a better serve. He thinks we should keep looking at it, if there is some way we can do it he thinks it could be a good thing if we can do it.

Committee Reports:

Buildings:

Supt Bradley asked when they are going to start the lights. Supervisor Thomas stated he didn't know and stated they did deliver them. Supt. Bradley stated yes. He was wondering if that was going to be enough. They said it was going to be the same amount of light. Supervisor Thomas stated yes, that's what the guy said, same luminous. The fixtures can be set aside they are not going to be disabled. If we want them we can have them. They will be closer to the ceiling, it's a fixed cost of \$3425.74 it maybe less but it won't be more. On July 26th they were 5-7 weeks out. The contractor will call directly, we will pay for it after the job is done, it will be in the power bill and it will be two or three billing cycles after the job is done. He said by obtaining a lump sum there is 15% off and will lower the payback like two months. So instead of thirty-three months it will be thirty-one. Supt. Bradley stated it will be a different type of light and will be shutting them off more because they will come back on, right now if you shut them off they take 10-15 minutes to come back on. It will be more of a savings there. Supervisor Thomas stated he thinks that will be where part of the savings will be.

Youth Program:

Supervisor Thomas reported on the youth program.

Marcy's Fall and Winter program has been put together.

Highway/Public Safety:

Councilman Liebl reported he has had two complaints on speeding on Grist Mill Road.

Mrs. Leemans from the campground she said if you get the sheriff's dept. to come over here they could park in her entrance of her campground and catch them going both ways. Lynn and Jane Day complained also that they are tearing down there. Supervisor Thomas stated they tear right pass here all the time too. Councilman Liebl stated what if we could get a sheriff here.

Supt. Bradley stated they have. Supervisor Thomas stated he has asked the sheriff to come over, they have been here a couple of times. Councilman Liebl asked if they are stopping anybody?

Supt. Bradley stated he has seen them stop, periodically. Councilman Liebl stated on his way down to the board meeting, someone in a blue car pulled out in back of him at the recreation field and was on his bumper, he turned into the post office the guy went out off the road and tore out of town. We don't need this someone is going to get killed. Supervisor Thomas will speak to him (the sheriff) again.

New Business:

Occupancy Tax requests:

1000 Acres Ranch request for bed tax funds:

Jack Arehart, owner of 1000 Acres Ranch was present. He would like to change the request from the first letter, which was for the regular rodeos. He would like to request the bed tax funds for the Labor Day Rodeo. The performance starts on Thursday Night and runs thru Sunday. This is a huge rodeo and needs that money to get the good contestant here and as many as they can. This is a great deal.

093-10. A resolution was made by Councilman Aldrich seconded by Councilman Liebl authorizing the expenditure of bed tax funds to 1000 Acres Ranch in the amount of \$5000.00 to be used for the Labor Day Rodeo. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Supervisor Thomas reported there is another Occupancy Tax request from the Stony Creek Fire Co. for \$5600.00 to replace the old sign and provide a new state of the art sign for use by anyone having attractions.

Eric Santell stated the price could probably be knocked down, the lettering on the panel could be made smaller. There is a form made available for anyone in town to fill out and give to the fire co. and get it on the sign. It's a LED message board and scrolls, they will be able to do one big line, two smaller lines or three small lines red in color.

Councilman Liebl would like to see the emergency squad be placed along with the fire co. on the sign.

Councilman Aldrich stated his only gray part of this is the bed tax money is for drawing tourist. Would this somehow be under that? Mr. Santell stated they have a monthly dinner, the library runs all kind of programs, they are more then welcome to contact them, they will advertise for them, the museum, they will advertise for the chamber. We are the main drag and if someone wanted to advertise they could put it on the fire co. sign. Supervisor Thomas stated if your advertising events he thinks you can construe it to promoting. Mr. Santell stated they have a website and the form will also be on that to download. Councilman Aldrich stated he is certainly not against it he just is throwing that out. If the board does make the decision it would come back on the town board not the individual.

094-10. A resolution was made by Councilman Gill seconded by Councilman Liebl authorizing the expenditure of bed tax monies up to \$5600.00 for the sign, and to include the Emergency Squad along with the Stony Creek Fire Co. be placed on the sign. Roll call vote, Councilman Aldrich-Yes, Councilman Ross-Abstained, Councilman Liebl-Yes, Councilman Gill-Yes, Supervisor Thomas-Yes.

Double H Ranch:

Supervisor Thomas stated the Double H Ranch would like to hold a Camp Challenge Ride. It is a fund-raiser for the programs that support the children and families that stay at the ranch in Luzerne. They enclosed the route they will be taking, a form that needs to be signed by the Supervisor and a certificate of insurance naming the Town of Stony Creek. This is for one day. September 12th, 2010.

095-10. A resolution was made by Supervisor Thomas seconded by Councilman Aldrich authorizing the Double H Ranch to host a cycling event that will pass through roads in the Town of Stony Creek Sunday September 12, 2010. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Councilman Liebl asked when the bridge on Warrensburg Road by Tannery Lane would be completed. Supervisor Thomas reported the end of October. Councilman Ross stated they have poured the concrete and have to wait 30 days to cure.

096-10. A resolution was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Aldrich authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit A2705 Donations in the amount of \$800.00

Credit A7270.4 Concerts in the amount of \$800.00.

Roll call vote, all in favor.

From the floor:

A motion was made by Councilman Aldrich seconded by Councilman Ross to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. All in favor, motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harrington
Town Clerk