

January 18, 2011

The regular Town Board meeting of the Town of Stony Creek was held on January 18, 2011.

Supervisor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM with members present:

Councilman Dale Aldrich

Councilman Stanley Ross

Councilman William Liebl

Councilman Harry Paul Gill

Attorney James Cooper

December 21, 2010 minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Gill to accept the December 21, 2010 minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

December 30, 2010 minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Gill to accept the December 30, 2010 minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

January 4, 2011 minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Gill seconded by Councilman Ross to accept the January 4, 2011 minutes. Councilman Liebl and Councilman Ross were sick and apologized for not being here. All in favor, motion carried.

036-11. A resolution was made by Councilman Liebl seconded by Councilman Aldrich to pay the 2010 General Fund December Final bills in the amount of \$ 2174.32. Roll call vote, all in favor.

037-11. A resolution was made by Councilman Liebl seconded by Councilman Gill to pay the 2010 Highway Fund December Final bills in the amount of \$795.17. Roll call vote, all in favor.

038-11. A resolution was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Aldrich to pay the 2011 General Fund bills in the amount of \$13,847.95.

Discussion: Councilman Aldrich asked if this was part of the Workers Compensation bill, the \$23,000.00 for Highway and General. Supervisor Thomas stated together, that's 50% of what it could be. At the County they have a reserved fund and they took 50% out of the reserved fund to pay ½ of everybody's workers compensation. The normal fee would be like \$47,000.00.

Councilman Aldrich stated in the letter there was a paragraph that said next year don't expect it. Supervisor Thomas stated this is the second year the county done this. They probably won't do it again next year. Roll call vote, all in favor.

039-11. A resolution was made by Councilman Liebl seconded by Councilman Aldrich to pay the 2011 Highway Fund bills in the amount of \$25,297.25.

Discussion: Councilman Aldrich asked if this included the retirement. Supervisor Thomas stated no, workers compensation and salt was the big one. Councilman Aldrich stated the Napa bill is AWOL, Ronda stated she hasn't seen it.

Councilman Aldrich inquired about it and it hasn't been sent or hasn't been whatever. Supervisor Thomas stated he hasn't seen it. Councilman Aldrich stated neither has Neil he hasn't seen it either. Ronda stated she knows they did some changes in their billing cycle or something. Councilman Aldrich stated he asked him because that is one of the things he looks at. He didn't see it so he asked him and he didn't get it. If that is the case then next month it will probably be twice as much. Roll call vote, all in favor.

040-11. A resolution was made by Councilman Aldrich seconded by Councilman Gill to pay the 2011 Fire Fund bill in the amount of \$2,205.36.

Discussion: Supervisor Thomas stated this is also the workers compensation for the emergency and fire dept. Roll call vote, Councilman Aldrich-Yes, Councilman Ross-Abstained, Councilman Liebl-Yes, Councilman Gill-Yes, Supervisor Thomas-Yes

Town Clerk report:

Marriage copy	\$10.00
Fax	<u>1.00</u>
Total Town Clerk fees	11.00
2 dog licenses	<u>10.00</u>
Total revenues to Supervisor	\$21.00

Correspondence:

Stony Creek Free Library permission to use the town hall Friday January 21, February 18th, April 15th for the winter concert series.

Thomas Creek Campground-requesting bed tax monies in the amount of \$1000.00 to be used for the design and getting the website up and running.

A motion was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Gill giving permission for the Stony Creek Free library to use of the town hall on January 21st, February 18th, and April 15th for the winter concert series. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Thomas had a request from Robert Hastings for permission to use the town hall March 26th, 2011 for a Social Event.

A motion was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Gill authorizing Robert Hastings to use the town hall March 26th, 2011 from 12-2:00 PM for a Social Event. Councilman Aldrich-Yes, Councilman Ross-Yes, Councilman Liebl-Yes, Councilman Gill-Yes, Supervisor Thomas- Abstained.

Old Business:

There were no bids received for the 1986 Ford L9000 single axle tandem truck. This will be advertised in the Want Ad Digest along with other locations. Councilman Ross will check with someone that asked about a plow truck for sale.

Investment and Procurement Policies Review

041-11. A resolution was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Supervisor Thomas to adopt the Investment Policy as written. Roll call vote, all in favor.

042-11 A resolution was made by Supervisor Thomas seconded by Councilman Aldrich to adopt the Procurement Policy as written. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Committee reports:

Supervisor Thomas stated he left the committees the way they were in 2010.

Buildings:

Councilman Aldrich stated that Supt. Bradley brought to his attention that they are having problems with the furnace he said it need to be checked over, also they put 1x 4's around the door to seal it up a little better for the lost of heat.

Highways:

Councilman Aldrich had some complaints about Warrensburg Road between the town line and Cameron Road in Thurman. He asked if there was something Supervisor Thomas could do county level to jack them up a little, they don't appear to be doing very well with it. If it's something they don't want to deal with maybe it would be something for us to do. It would be to our advantage to turn around on Cameron Road or down on the farm area and come back, it wouldn't hurt one way or another. Maybe it would be to our advantage, it probably couldn't be done this year but maybe next year to do that part of the county road for Stony Creek.

Councilman Liebl stated he is sure Thurman gets paid by the County. Councilman Aldrich stated it's not the monetary value in his opinion it's the people that work over that way that live in Stony Creek. Our roads are usually pretty good then you get to that and it's a different world. Supervisor Thomas stated it's been like that forever. He will speak to the Thurman Supervisor and also Jeff Tennyson from DPW.

Councilman Liebl stated that he sees where Warrensburg wants to annex with Lake George where the guy wants to put the stores in there and that's what we were talking about at the last meeting annexing Wolf Pond and West Stony Creek back into Stony Creek because we service them.

Equipment:

Supervisor Thomas stated he knew we had a problem with the 2008 Tandem truck, the camshaft went in the motor, it was suppose to be repaired today or tomorrow. Councilman Aldrich stated there seems to be a little problem with the warranty on this. Councilman Liebl stated he is fighting it because why did we get the extended warranty if it doesn't cover it. Councilman Aldrich stated the way he explained it, it goes by the year. After one year there is more stipulation so you pay more, so it started out that we would have to pay for the labor. They would buy the camshaft, Stony Creek would have to pay the labor to do the motor job. But now they are still haggling over whatever. Right now Caterpillar said we will take care of half of the labor and the parts. That's where they are at now. Councilman Liebl stated he understood if you signed an extended warranty it would be the same stipulation as your warranty was and if that is the case it was covered under the warranty.

Councilman Aldrich stated we still have control over the project we have to vote on paying for it or not. He doesn't understand why it's not under full warranty it doesn't make sense. Supervisor Thomas stated it probably has 30-40,000 miles on it, it's nothing for a diesel engine. Councilman Aldrich stated there should be some kind of warranty on it because if the camshaft went, he doesn't know what part, if a bearing on the cam or the lugs wore off on it, he doesn't know what it was but there has to be metal filings that went in to the pan and that would cause problems with the main bearing, it could have.

Parks & Rec:

Councilman Aldrich stated we talked about doing some work down at the recreation field. We started out maybe using part of the pavilion for a cooking area for the library and whoever is down there. We seem to think it might be easier to put up a smaller pavilion out behind, that you can see from the road in the back corner, like a 12x12 or 12x16 pavilion, a small pavilion. They could bring there stuff in, there would be a few tables or counters back and front, 4 foot overhang and that's what we are talking about. It's something we would like to do for late Spring, early Summer so it would be ready for when we start the "Music in the Park" and the summer people that use that. Another thing in his mind was to, this would be a bed tax expenditure also, this small pavilion. Then also he would like to put lights and fans and seal the roof up in the big pavilion. He thinks there are funds there to do this, which he thinks would be a good thing for the town.

Councilman Ross stated it seems to be the showcase and would be nice for something like that. Councilman Liebl stated the "Music in the Park" seems to draw more outsider's then town people. Supervisor Thomas stated then we're thinking about a 12X12 and taking the corner and making an area for the lifeguard. That way they can store there equipment and it will be set up so they can see the beach real well, a 4x6 corner of it. The rest of it would either be all open or all closed. Councilman Liebl stated we should look at closing it because of the attraction of the youth in town. Councilman Aldrich stated it would be like the big pavilion that is there now. It would be a roof on posts and the library would bring their stuff and put it on the tables or whoever is having family parties and wedding that sort of thing. There are a number of things you can do. He doesn't think the expense would be that much. He would like to put it on the books and work on it till Spring. He doesn't see anything negative about it. Supervisor Thomas stated he thinks it would be helpful for the Organizations and make it better for the people that come there. What we are thinking is concrete floor and maybe put in conduit for the water and sewer but use it now basically as a shell. Councilman Gill asked about electricity, Supervisor Thomas stated yes we could put electric in it. Councilman Aldrich stated the water fountain is right there. Supervisor Thomas stated the biggest thing would be the sewer. He was thinking about putting in some sort of retaining wall. From the dam come on an angle and then down where the fence ends come back on an angle and put in a cement wall and back fill that and put a fence so nobody would fall off it. He thinks this would clean it up down there and dress it up a little bit. Get rid of the rocks and hopefully stop the water from swirling around so much because it eats away at the fence down there on the other end. You have to leave the middle open for the beach area and to put sand on the beach because it usually takes the sand away plus the field sometimes drains there too. Hopefully in the Spring we will get the projects done.

New Business:

Occupancy Tax request:

Thomas Creek Campground requested \$1000.00 for the design and set up of a website. John Thomas stated it wouldn't probably use all of the \$1000.00. He put \$1000.00 for a cushion. Councilman Gill asked about once it is set up the maintenance of it and also links to the Chamber and Town be added. Mr. Thomas stated once it is setup it should maintain itself and the links are put on for free.

043-11. A resolution was made by Supervisor Thomas seconded by Councilman Gill authorizing the expenditure of bed tax monies up to \$1000.00 to Thomas Creek Campground for the purpose of designing and setting up a website.

Councilman Aldrich stated for the record that Frank has been appointed the Chairman of the Finance Committee at the County.

Councilman Liebl stated that Thurman has lost their Emergency Squad. That to him, there is something wrong. Our emergency squad here has been in business and has more calls for the emergency squad than the fire dept. He stated that outside ambulance calls charge for service, our ambulance here, we are very lucky. Supervisor Thomas stated yes we are. Councilman Aldrich stated the ones that have insurance pay and the ones that don't, don't pay. Councilman Ross stated it's called soft billing. They send you two bills and if you don't pay it they write it off. Empire Ambulance is a for-profit corporation so when they send you a bill they want their money. Supervisor Thomas stated we are very fortunate to have them, the people that volunteer and put the time in and do the courses. Councilman Ross stated right now we are surviving we are holding our own.

Councilman Ross asked about the land acquisitions that New York State just put a back door deal for us. Is that going to include any land in our town. Supervisor Thomas stated yes. Councilman Ross stated the Nature Conservancy sold a bunch of land. Supervisor Thomas stated the Nature Conservancy were here about three years ago with their proposal. We tried to get as much as we could as far as campgrounds and access to the property they were going to buy, that was incorporated into the plan and now the state has brought easements. So this plan is part of DEC's plan so hopefully they will follow through on it.

Councilman Ross stated he wrote to Channel 13 news and never got an answer but when the State spends thirty million dollars on land and we lay 900 people off how can this happen. Supervisor Thomas stated it doesn't make sense. Councilman Ross wonders if the Governor knows that and it is taxpayer's money. How can we spend thirty million dollars on land? Supervisor Thomas stated we all asked them that and they just do it. The one thing we should have done in hindsight is we should have pushed forward on Mud Street, there is a lot of road frontage there between the Town of Stony Creek and Town of Thurman that we should have insisted that be made developable. That would have been future growth for Stony Creek and Thurman.

Budget transfers:

044-11. A resolution was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Gill authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit A9030.8 Social Security in the amount of \$3300.00

Credit A9035.8 Medicare in the amount of \$3300.00

Roll call vote, all in favor.

045-11. A resolution was made by Councilman Gill seconded by Councilman Liebl authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit DA9030.8 Social Security in the amount of \$5000.00.

Credit DA9035.8 Medicare in the amount of \$5000.00.

Roll call vote, all in favor.

046-11. A resolution was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Gill authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit A9010.8 State Retirement in the amount of \$7383.45.

Credit Prepaid Expense in the amount of \$7383.45.

Roll call vote, all in favor.

047-11. A resolution was made by Councilman Liebl seconded by Councilman Ross authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit DA9010.8 State Retirement in the amount of \$12046.71

Credit Prepaid Expense in the amount of \$12046.71

Roll call vote, all in favor.

048-11. A resolution was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Gill authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit Fund Balance in the amount of \$70329.60

Credit A6410.4 Occupancy Tax in the amount of \$70329.60.

Roll call vote, all in favor.

049-11. A resolution was made by Councilman Gill seconded by Councilman Ross authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit A8160.2 Refuse and Garbage Equipment in the amount of \$495.20

Credit A8160.4 Refuse and Garbage Contractual in the amount of \$495.20.

Roll call vote, all in favor.

Councilman Ross stated the sign at the Stony Creek Fire Co. has the functions that the Library is having on Friday and that any Organization in town can advertise on this. They will let the Fire Co. know and it can be put on the sign also.

From the floor:

A motion was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Gill to adjourn the regular town board meeting at 8:03 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Thomas opened the Settlement Day meeting at 8:03 PM

050-11. A resolution was made by Supervisor Thomas seconded by Councilman Liebl
The Stony Creek Town Board have audited the Town Justices 2010 documents and bank accounts and found them to be in order. Roll call vote, all in favor.

The Town Board did an audit of the Town Official's books and found all records to be in order.

A motion was made by Councilman Aldrich seconded by Councilman Ross to adjourn the Settlement Day meeting at 8:10 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harrington
Town Clerk