

Stillwater Town Board
Agenda Meeting
February 5, 2009 7:00 PM
Stillwater Town Hall

Present: Councilman Artie Baker
Councilman Ken Petronis
Councilwoman Lisa Bruno
Supervisor Shawn Connelly

Also Present: Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk
Mark Minick, Supt of Highways
James P Trainor, Attorney for the Town
Joe Lanaro, Engineer for the Town

Absent: Councilwoman Virginia Whitman

Supervisor Connelly called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge to the Flag.

Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk took the roll call.

Acceptance of Minutes: Motion by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilman Petronis to accept the minutes of the January 1, 2009 Re-Organizational meeting of the Stillwater Town Board. **Motion carried.**

Communications: Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk presented the Board with two communications from Councilwoman Whitman.

Special Presentation Chris Rounds of the The Chazen Companies gave a brief presentation on the GEIS. He summarized mitigation measures for recreation fees, open space/farmland and the GEIS preparation.

Chris Rounds answered questions from the Board in regard to the mitigation fees.

Reports (Town Board & Dept Heads)

Supervisor Connelly

EPA: Supervisor Connelly reported that there will be an EPA meeting at the Stillwater High School Feb 25th 6 PM.

Committees: Supervisor Connelly reported that he was appointed to new committees at the County; Public Health and Public Safety. He stated that with the help of Supt Minick he received a tour of the county Public Works from Joe Richey.

Equalization And Assessment: Supervisor Connelly was appointed Vice Chair in his second year by the chair Mary Anne Johnson over 4 Supervisors that have at least 6 years in office.

Councilman Petronis

Councilman Petronis had nothing at this time.

Councilman Baker

Community Center: Councilman Baker reported that the renovations to the stage & lighting have started.

Councilman Baker requested a resolution for the next meeting authorizing upgrade to the computer systems which will include software and memory.

Councilman Baker stated that planning for Family Day has begun and they are looking for ideas and volunteers if any one is interested.

Councilwoman Bruno

Police: Councilwoman Bruno reported that the police contract has been signed with 3% raises. She also reported that the police have received a grant for a license plate reader which is 100% covered.

Library: Councilwoman Bruno reported that the library is closed temporarily closed for renovations.

CSEA: Councilwoman Bruno inquired about a letter received from the CSEA.

Supervisor Connelly stated that they would be going into executive session to discuss the matter.

Supt of Highways (Mark Minick)

Supt Minick reported on work the Highway Dept has been doing. He reported on the reimbursement amount from FEMA that occurred during the ice storm from all aspects of the Town. He stated that 75% from Federal and 12 1/2% would be reimbursed from the State.

Councilwoman Bruno commented on a letter that was received from a resident on Gurba Dr regarding drainage & foundation issues. She inquired if the resident was notified of the Town's position.

Engineer Lanaro stated that in the Engineer report there is a response letter in regard to the resident's concerns.

Supt Minick stated that this was a private matter and it is no where near where the drainage problem was.

Attorney for the Town (James Trainor)

Attorney Trainor gave a brief summary of meetings and projects that he covered during the year of 2008.

Supt Minick inquired if the closing for the Cold Springs Road project would be moving along now that the funds have been released.

A discussion was held on the closings, construction, appraisals, eminent domain and estimated time to finish.

Engineer for the Town (Joe Lanaro)

Engineer Lanaro submitted a report to the Board and briefly went over the report. (Copy on file in the Town Clerks Office)

Councilman Baker inquired on the status of Gurba Sewer.

Engineer Lanaro commented that process has started and went over the process.

Councilman Baker stated that he would like to proceed as soon as the allowable time is up.

Public Input

Resident I inquired about the EPA meeting in regard to it also being advertised in The Express, upgrades to the Community Centers computer software being the responsibility of the Community Center and not the Town, the personnel manual in regard to the CSEA being involved, 911 reverse charges, and snow buildup around fire hydrants, Gurba drainage and Cold Springs Road.

Supervisor Connelly stated that the EPA is the one holding the meeting and doing the advertisement, the Town Board will discuss the personnel manual in executive session, and that the 911 reverse can be used in other ways but he is unsure of the cost involved.

Councilman Baker stated that the Town would be paying for the upgrade to the Historians software.

Supt Minick stated that the Highway Dept cleans around the fire hydrants if nearby home owners don't.

Carol Marrotta, Planning Board Member, stated that she was happy about the progress the Board has made with the GEIS and gave the Board a brief update on the plans involving AMD and meetings that have been held in Malta.

Resident II commented on a City Council meeting held in Mechanicville regarding a shared service grant that was rewarded to the three municipalities, the feasibility of accepting with dredging scheduled to begin this year, and contracts being available for inspections after negotiations but before the Board acts on them.

Engineer Lanaro gave a general overview of the shared grant and the reasoning behind why the municipalities would accept the grant even with the dredging scheduled to begin this year.

Action Items (Resolution #14)

Resolution #14: *Appropriating money for Association of Towns expenses.*

Motion by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilman Baker to adopt Resolution #14.

Discussion: Supervisor Connelly stated that he did consult with the Association of Towns regarding advancing money for the NYC Conferences and found that it was legal to do this.

Councilwoman Bruno stated that she also contacted the Attorney generals Office and the result was the same.

A roll call vote was taken as follows on Resolution #14:

Councilman Baker	Yes
Councilman Petronis	Yes
Councilwoman Bruno	Yes
Councilwoman Whitman	Absent
Supervisor Connelly	Yes

Motion carried. Resolution #14 was adopted unanimously. (Copy attached and made part of the minutes).

Motion by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilman Baker to pay the audited claims.

General	#56--#93	\$18,870.35
Highway	#48--#79	\$127,340.13
Town Outside	#12--#18	\$6,178.06
Water & Sewer	#5--#8	\$1,130.15
Capital Projects	#12—#14	\$73,204.03

Motion Carried.

Motion by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilwoman Bruno to adjourn the Agenda Meeting of the Town Board and adjourn into executive session for litigation and personnel matters. **Motion carried.** (Noted: the Town Board would not convene back into the regular meeting).

Respectfully submitted by

Sue Cunningham
Stillwater Town Clerk