

**Stillwater Town Board  
Agenda Meeting  
March 3, 2016      7:00 PM  
Stillwater Town Hall**

**Present:**      **Councilman Artie Baker  
Councilman Ken Petronis  
Councilwoman Lisa Bruno  
Councilwoman Ellen Vomacka  
Supervisor Ed Kinowski**

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

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

Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk took the roll call.

**Adoption of Minutes: Motion** by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilwoman Vomacka to adopted the minutes of February 4, 2016 and February 18, 2016. **Motion carried.**

**Reports**                      **Town Board and Dept Heads**

**Councilwoman Bruno**

**Town Wide Clean-up:** Councilwoman Bruno reported that the spring Town Wide Clean-up will be held on May 14, 2016 and the fall clean-up will be held on Oct 1, 2016. Time will be 7am to 2pm at the Town highway garage. She also reported that she is in discussion with E-Waste about an electronics recycling event.

**Broadband:** Councilwoman Bruno commented that she has been contacted from residents within areas of the Town regarding broadband services where it is not available. She was informed that by TWC that they need so many residents who agree to buy services from them in order for them to consider installing. She inquired if the Town could do anything to help facilitate this.

**Town Summer Concert series:** Councilwoman Bruno reported on the concert series planned:

July 8, 2016- Grit & Whiskey Country Night—Blockhouse Park  
(Rain date: July 10<sup>th</sup>)

July 22, 2016- Good Sir –Rock—Riverside Arvin Hart Pavilion

August 5, 2016- Donny Elvis Night—Riverside Arvin Hart Pavilion  
(Rain date: August 7, 2016)

August 19, 2016- Sean Lyons- Mixed Venue—American Legion Post 490

Sept 16, 2016- Al Bruno- Oldies—Blockhouse Park  
(Rain date: Sept 18, 2016)

**Elections:** Councilwoman Bruno reported that election primary dates are scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup>, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> and the General Election is Nov 8<sup>th</sup>. Only the April 19<sup>th</sup> and Nov 8<sup>th</sup> election are definite at this time.

**SACC:** Councilwoman Bruno reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Wine Pull is planned for April 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 9pm at the Stillwater Area Community Center.

**Councilwoman Vomacka**

**Historian:** Councilwoman Vomacka reported she met with the Town Historian and she requested that the Historian inquired about hiring a college student to help categorize files in her office.

**Village Bi-Centennial:** Councilwoman Vomacka stated that she is currently helping with the Bi-Centennial.

**Councilman Baker**

Community Center: Councilman Baker requested a resolution for the next meeting to expend \$4200 to replace a floor in one the community center rooms.

**Supt of Highways Mark Minick**

Supt Minick gave a brief report on work being done by the highway department such as weed, brush, tree work and ditches being clean up.

**Supervisor Kinowski**

Highway: Supervisor Kinowski reported that the Supt Minick submitted his 284 plan, reviewed by Town Board and would like to allow Supt Minick to proceed once the Board has signed agreement.

Supervisor Kinowski reported that he will be working with the Supt of Highways regarding the purchase of a front end loader which has been budgeted for in this year’s budget.

Old Town Hall: Supervisor Kinowski stated that he would like to advertise further out for the old Town Hall.

A brief discussion was held.

The consensus was to re-advertise the old town hall and if nothing comes from the advertising they would consider putting it in the hands of a realtor.

Trail Systems: Supervisor Kinowski gave a brief update on the trail system and grants submitted and received. He stated that he would have more information to report at the next meeting.

**Agenda Items Resolutions #13-#15**

**Resolution #13 Engaging Special Counsel for Police Union Contract Negotiations**

WHEREAS, The Town Board has requested the services of a labor specialist to negotiate the Police Union contract renewal with UPSEU; and

WHEREAS, the attorneys for the Town have solicited recommendations and evaluated several law firms; and

WHEREAS, the attorneys for the Town have recommended that the firm of Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna, LLP be engaged to provide labor related legal services the police labor contract negotiations with UPSEU;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby engages the services of the law firm of Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna LLP as special counsel to the Town for Police Union contract negotiations with UPSEU and agrees to compensate them on a monthly basis at the hourly rate of \$225 per hour plus disbursements as vouchered; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a retainer agreement and any other necessary documents to retain the services of the firm.

**Motion** by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilwoman Vomacka to adopt Resolution No. 13 of 2016.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 13 of 2016 as follows:

- Supervisor Kinowski YES
- Councilman Baker YES
- Councilman Petronis YES
- Councilwoman Bruno YES
- Councilwoman Vomacka YES

**Motion carried:** Resolution No. 13 of 2016 was adopted unanimously.

**Resolution #14                    SEQRA determination regarding  
Land Conveyance from Open Space Institute (OSI)**

Introduced by: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the Open Space Institute has offered to donate approximately 13 acres of land to the Town north of the Battlefield in order for the Town to build another segment of the Champlain Canalway Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has compared the proposed action with the criteria for determining significance in SEQRA 6 NYCRR 617.7 and has duly considered the Short Environmental Assessment Form prepared by the Chazen Companies; and

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board has determined that the proposed acceptance of a land donation is an Unlisted action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.4 (SEQRA), has determined that the Town Board should serve as Lead Agency, finds pursuant to the criteria in Part 617.7 that the proposed action will not have an adverse environmental impact and hereby issues a negative declaration.

**Motion** by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilwoman Vomacka to adopt Resolution No. 14 of 2016.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 14 of 2016 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	YES
Councilman Baker	YES
Councilman Petronis	YES
Councilwoman Bruno	YES
Councilwoman Vomacka	YES

**Motion carried.** Resolution No. 14 of 2016 was adopted unanimously.

**Resolution #15                    Authorizing the Supervisor to  
Sign a Donation Agreement and Accept a Land Conveyance  
from Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc. (OSILT)**

Presented By: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc. is the owner of certain real property situated at Bemis Heights along U.S. Highway Route 4, consisting of approximately 13.311± acres of land that it wishes to donate to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the property possesses significant scenic, historic, open space and public recreation values and the Town intends to use the land to construct another segment of the Champlain Canalway Trail;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the attached Donation Agreement and accept the deed of the land conveyance of the aforesaid parcels north of the Saratoga Battlefield for construction of trails.

**Motion** by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilwoman Vomacka to adopt Resolution No. 15 of 2016.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 15 of 2016 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	YES
Councilman Baker	YES
Councilman Petronis	YES

Councilwoman Bruno        YES  
Councilwoman Vomacka      YES

**Motion carried.** Resolution No. 15 of 2016 was adopted unanimously.

**Public Input**

Coke C inquired about the matter of the water bids and the outcome. Supervisor Kinowski stated that the Town Board passed a resolution to reject all bids and to re-bid the project.

James F suggested that the Town put up signs along Brown's Beach warning people that they are going out on the ice at their own risk. He also inquired about vendors on Brown's Beach.

Supervisor Kinowski stated that they are leasing to different businesses at this time and are still massing the lease with Doc Brown's.

**Audited Claims**

**Motion** by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilwoman Bruno to pay the audited claims.

General  
Town Outside  
Highway  
Water & Sewer  
Capital Projects

**Motion carried.**

**Motion** by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilman Baker to adjourn into executive session to litigation and contracts at 7:45. **Motion carried.** (Note: The Town Board will not resume the agenda meeting).

Respectfully submitted by

Sue Cunningham  
Stillwater Town Clerk