

**Stillwater Town Board  
Agenda Meeting  
May 5, 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 Baker and seconded by Councilwoman Vomacka to adopted the minutes of April 7, 2016 and April 21, 2016. **Motion carried.**

**Stillwater Free Library—Special Presentation**

Mary Herlt, Library Trustee gave a brief overview of the proposal that is on the school budget vote to make the library a public library. She stated that the main changes will be the service area. Instead all of Stillwater paying it will be the Stillwater School district boundaries, every year the library budget will be voted on by the residents and they will also vote on the library board trustees at the same time as voting on the school budget. Employees will follow the civil service guidelines.

Tommy Mellon gave a brief overview of surrounding libraries budgets.

**Time Warner—Informational Session for residents**

Supervisor Kinowski stated that they will receive comments from the residents on the franchise agreement and a public hearing would be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> regarding the franchise agreement. A representative from Time Warner will be calling in to answer questions from residents who live in the scatter areas that don't have service.

Time Warner Franchise Manager, Dave Whalen called in for a question & answer period for residents who do not have broadband in their area. Prior to answering questions he stated that a pending merger between Time Warner and Charter Communications has been approved by the State. As a condition of this agreement Charter has agreed to extend service in rural areas of NYS in the footprint of TWC. The merger should close in approximately 3 weeks, it will take about 4 years to complete with about 3,000 homes a month to complete.

**Public Input**

All D commented that he lives approximately a ¼ mile from his neighbor who has service.

Dave Whalen stated that Charter has committed to providing service to rural areas and distance does not matter.

Joe asked him to verify if their commitment was to the current boundary or proposed boundary.

D. Whalen stated that under the Charter deal it was for the entirety of the franchise with the exception if another franchise is in the area.

Supervisor Kinowski inquired on how far out the signal would be.

D. Whalen stated that the signal would be out further. Its digital now but will be going compression.

Brandon Z. inquired about field tests, different costs and if the merger guarantees all of Stillwater would be covered.

D. Whalen said they would be building, sharing and identifying. There is a Broadband initiative to extend service to all areas.

Randy R commented on a quote he received to have cable brought to his area and inquired on a timeframe for completing this commitment.

D. Whalen spoke on prior policy and they expect this commitment to take approximately 4 years.

Rich D commented on the rates and 911 be sent to Rensselaer Co instead of Saratoga County.

D. Whalen comments on programming fees and the introductory fees offered by the marketing dept. he stated he will look into the 911 calls being directed to another County.

Supervisor Kinowski stated that the public hearing on the Franchise Agreement would be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

A brief discussion was held on mapping, fees received and guarantees.

**Adoption of Minutes: Motion** by Council Petronis and seconded by Councilman Baker to adopt the minutes of April 7, 2016 and April 21, 2016. **Motion carried.**

**Reports      Town Board & Dept Heads**

**Councilman Baker**

Trails: Councilman Baker requested a resolution to purchase trees for the N. Trail as buffer between the trail and neighbors at a cost not to exceed \$1,200.

Community Center: Councilman Baker requested a resolution for \$750 to repair cracks in the Community Center parking lot.

Brown's Beach: Councilman Baker reported that he is finishing up the docks at the Marina.

**Councilwoman Bruno**

Councilwoman Bruno reported that the first clean-up is May 14 from 7-2pm and the fall clean-up is on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Supt of Highways      Mark Minick**

Brown's Beach: Supt Minick reported on the sewer permit from the County and that they would be laying the pipe next week.

Road work: Supt Minick reported on pavement projects on Jack Halloran Rd, Brightman Rd and Cold Springs Rd.

**Supervisor Kinowski**

Old Town Hall: Supervisor Kinowski reported that two proposals were received. They are working on negotiations as the building is not up to use code and if anything occurs a public hearing would be held. He requested executive session to discuss contracts.

**Agenda Items**

**Resolution #29**

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**Scheduling a Public Hearing to  
Consider Extending the  
Franchise Agreement with Time Warner Cable**

Introduced by: Supervisor

WHEREAS, Time Warner Cable has applied under the provisions of Federal law for a renewal of its Franchise Agreement dated October 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing is required to consider the application.

Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby schedules a Public Hearing for 7PM at Town Hall, 881 Hudson Avenue, Stillwater, New York on May 19, 2016 to consider renewal of the Franchise Agreement with Time Warner Cable; and it is further

RESOLVED, that Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish appropriate notice of the Public Hearing a minimum of five (5) days prior to the Public Hearing on May 19, 2016.

**Motion** by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilwoman Vomacka to adopt Resolution No. 29 of 2016.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 29 of 2016 as follows:

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

**Motion carried.** Resolution No. 29 of 2016 was adopted unanimously.

#### **Public Input**

Ann Marie H. inquired about the proposals.  
Supervisor Kinowski stated that the proposals were for selling.

Rich D inquired about the total cost and tax roll.  
Supervisor Kinowski stated that he would only be able to give a rough estimate and won't know about the assessment until the Assessor looks at revenue from sale.

Coke Co commented on cable service and cost.

Engineer Lanaro stated Cutting Edge Group has requested a change in pipe to be used in the installation of the water pipe line. He has included this in his report he submitted to the Town Board. He informed the Town Board members that a representative from Cutting Edge Group is present to give a brief presentation on their request. A representative from Cutting Edge Group gave a brief overview of the differences between the pipe and pvc. He said it was a safer installation, easier to use, lasts longer, better and the bid amount would be less.

#### **Audited Claims**

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

General	\$14,436.79
Town Outside	\$5,869.08
Highway	\$13,763.64
Water & Sewer	\$17,103.32
Capital Projects	\$1751.00

**Motion carried.**

**Motion** by Councilwoman Vomacka and seconded by Councilwoman Bruno to adjourn into executive session to discuss contracts at 8:45 pm. **Motion Carried.** (Note: The Town Board will not resume back into the regular meeting).

Respectfully submitted by

Sue Cunningham  
Stillwater Town Clerk