

Stillwater Town Board
Agenda Meeting / Public Hearing
(Veteran's Exemption)
December 3, 2015
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.

7:00 PM Public Hearing Veteran's Exemption

Purpose: To consider Local Law ___ of 2015, a Local Law further amending Local Law 1 of 1982, as amended, and Chapter 183 of the Stillwater Town Code, to revise the maximum exemptions from real property taxation available to qualifying veterans.

Supervisor Kinowski gave a brief summary of the purpose of the proposed Local Law. He stated that the present cap is \$120,000 and the Town is proposing to raise the cap to \$140,000 in which the total impact on the Town assessment would be \$200,000.

Public Input

John B inquired about the maximum increase allowable, who qualifies and who determines the qualifications.

Supervisor Kinowski stated that the Town has not reached the maximum allowable amount, there are three different classes in which vets must meet one of them, and the state set the criteria for veteran's exemptions.

With everyone having the opportunity to comment Supervisor Kinowski closed the public hearing at 7:05 pm.

Regular meeting 7:05 pm

Adoption of Minutes: Motion by Councilman Petronis and seconded by Councilwoman Vomacka to adopt the minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting. **Motion carried.**

Reports Town Board & Department Heads

Councilman Baker

Parks: Councilman Baker reported that there was no heat at the Blockhouse. It was found that the heat panel pump was gone and it would cost more to repair than replace so he had it replaced.

Councilman Baker requested a resolution to purchase a 16ft gate for Riverfront Park at a cost of \$800.

A brief discussion was held on replacing the tiles in the community center gym and possibly resealing the Blockhouse next year.

Councilwoman Vomacka

Emergency Management: Councilwoman Vomacka reported that the emergency management meeting/training went very well. She stated that she was confident that if an emergency happened it would be handled.

Councilwoman Bruno

Town Christmas Party: Councilwoman Bruno reported that the Town Christmas party for kids will be December 12, 2015 from 9am to noon. She gave a brief overview of activities planned.

Engineer for the Town Joe Lanaro

Engineer Lanaro submitted an executive summary for the month of November and a separate schedule for the proposed waterline. The proposed schedule establishes a schedule of events from the opening of bids to the dates when the contract times must start. If easement acquisition or licensing agreement is not complete, bid addends may be required to account for supplemental provisions and/or requirements. Bids remain subject to acceptance for 45 days after the day of the bid opening.

Town Supervisor

Litigation-Cedar Bluff: Supervisor Kinowski reported that the Town won the litigation brought against the Town regarding Cedar Bluff. Any projects that were on hold can now move forward.

Agenda Items Resolutions #85--#88

Resolution #85 Reappointing James Flynn To the Board of Assessment Review

Introduced by: _____ Supervisor _____

WHEREAS, James Flynn has previously been appointed to the Board of Assessment Review with a term ending on December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to reappoint Mr. Flynn for another term on the Board of Assessment Review;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby reappoints James Flynn to the Board of Assessment Review with a term ending December 31, 2020.

Motion by Councilwoman Bruno and seconded by Councilman Petronis to adopt Resolution No. 85 of 2015.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 85 of 2015 as follows:

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

Motion carried. Resolution No. 85 of 2015 was adopted unanimously.

Resolution #86 Authorizing Purchases for The Town’s Annual Holiday Party

Presented By: _____ Supervisor _____

WHEREAS, the Town’s annual holiday party has been scheduled for December 12, 2015, at the Stillwater Community Center; and

WHEREAS, supplies, refreshments and activities are required to be purchased for the party;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves year end budget transfers, corrections to contingent appropriations and adjustment to the distribution of sales tax revenues; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby directs the Office Fiscal Management to work with the Supervisor to make the appropriate transfers and corrections and annotate the same in the Town's financial records.

Motion by Councilwoman Bruno and seconded by Councilman Petronis to adopt Resolution No. 88 of 2015.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 88 of 2015 as follows:

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

Motion carried. Resolution No. 88 of 2015 was adopted unanimously.

Public Input

John B questioned the project Engineer Lanaro referred to, if Kingsley portion was going to be turned over to the Town, if the Town has a contract with the Saratoga Water Authority, Mechanicville involvement, and if there was still no debt.

Supervisor Kinowski commented that the Engineer submits to the Town Board a monthly summary report and he referred to the proposed water line entire project. Supervisor Kinowski explained that upon completion of the Tanski project and all requirements are met it will be turned over to the Town, they have a contract with Saratoga Water Authority, there will be no debt as stated with the filing with the State.

Further discussion was held on Mechanicville's involvement and pilot money being used for the water line project.

Vince B submitted a statement and concerns regarding the water tower on the firehouse property. They feel that the construction of the tower will have negative consequences impacting their property and way of life. Some concerns were loss of sunshine, loss value of property, well water, and size of tank, etc. (complete statement and concerns are attached to the minutes).

Supervisor Kinowski stated that at this stage of the project he feels that changes cannot be made. They have had public hearings and now they are at the point where the project is ready to be bid out.

A lengthy discussion was held on the placement of the tank, design of the tank, balloon testing, loss of sunlight, etc.

Laura B inquired about the construction process regarding their well and what happens if they have less water or no water.

Engineer Lanaro commented that where they have concerns the construction would be monitored with vibration equipment to make sure that this does not happen.

Joe M commented on the sound system being bad.

Rick N reported that the United Church would be holding a breakfast on Saturday morning from 8 to 10 honoring the food pantry. Donation of food items would be accepted.

Rick Nelson, Village Mayor reported that the Christmas tree lighting would be on December 13th at 6pm with Christmas caroling.

Patrick N commented on the water project and Mechanicville involvement and suggested that in negotiations they negotiate outside user rate for the residents of Stillwater. He also

spoke on Global Foundries and the chip production building.
Supervisor Kinowski stated that they will look at all aspects when negotiating with Mechanicville.

Ann Marie H inquired how long the pilot for Global Foundries was.
Supervisor Kinowski stated the pilot was for 49 1/2 years.

Richard D inquired about plans for the old Town Hall and the end of year audit regarding Doc Brown's and Menento's.

Supervisor Kinowski stated that he has no direct answer regarding the old town hall. The board will need to discuss whether to sell or rent either way it will go back on the tax roll. If they sell they may have to rezone the area. He also stated that the end of year audit for Brown's Beach would be in June.

Audited Claims

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

General	\$12,064.36
Town Outside	\$5,820.87
Highway	\$17,108.08
Water & Sewer	\$1,297.25
Capital Projects	\$15,595.50

Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilman Petronis to adjourn into executive session to discuss litigation matters. **Motion carried.** (Note: the Town Board will not resume back into the regular meeting.)

Respectfully submitted by

Sue Cunningham
Stillwater Town Clerk