



# TOWN OF STILLWATER

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## Town Board Meeting Minutes June 2, 2022, 7:00 PM at Stillwater Town Hall

**Present:** Deputy Supervisor Ellen Vomacka  
Councilman Artie Baker (via speakerphone)  
Councilman Chris D'Ambro  
Councilwoman Valerie Masterson

**Also Present:** Danielle Cowin, Town Clerk  
James Trainor, Attorney for the Town  
Joe Lanaro, Engineer for the Town  
John Nett, Police Commissioner

**Absent/Excused:** Supervisor Ed Kinowski  
Matt Harris, Superintendent of Highways

1). Deputy Supervisor Vomacka called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge to the Flag.

2). Danielle Cowin, Town Clerk took the roll call.

3.) **Adoption of Minutes:**

**Motion** by Councilperson Chris D'Ambro and seconded by Councilperson Valerie Masterson to adopt the minutes of May 19, 2022

**Motion carried.**

4.) **Agenda Items**

Resolutions: 45# through #47

### 2022 RESOLUTION NO. 45

**A Resolution to Charge Fees to Individuals or Entities for Checks Received by the Town of Stillwater but Returned by the Bank**

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes amend Town policies to charge a fee for any checks received by the Town of Stillwater but returned by the bank as unpaid;

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to charge a fee to the issuer for each and every check returned by the bank as unpaid to cover the bank fees charged to the Town of Stillwater.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby agrees to amend the policies of the Town of Stillwater to include a fee for checks received by the Town but returned unpaid by the bank; and it is further

RESOLVED, the Town Clerk shall update the website to advise the public of the fee for any checks made payable to the Town of Stillwater but returned unpaid by the bank; and it is further

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby agrees that the fee for each and every check returned by the bank shall be charged to the issuer payable to the Town of Stillwater.

**Motion** by Councilperson Artie Baker, seconded by Councilperson Valerie Masterson to Adopt Resolution No. 45 of 2022.

A roll call was taken on Resolution No. 45 of 2022 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	ABSENT
Councilman Baker	YES
Councilwoman Vomacka	YES
Councilman D'Ambro	YES
Councilwoman Masterson	YES

**Motion carried.** Resolution No. 45 of 2022 was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 45 of 2022 was adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stillwater duly conducted on June 2, 2022.

**2022 RESOLUTION NO. 46**  
**A Resolution Scheduling a Public Hearing**  
**To Consider a Local Law Regarding Metal Detecting**  
**On Town Property**

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board is considering adopting a local law with regard to permitting and regulating metal detecting on Town owned property; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is required to hold a Public Hearing where the public is allowed to review and comment on the proposed law.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby schedules a public hearing to consider Local Law 2 of 2022, on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 881 Hudson Avenue, Stillwater, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk publish appropriate notice of the Public Hearing at least 5 days, but not more than 10 days, prior to July 21, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk ensure the Town Board members are each supplied with a copy of the proposed Local Law prior to the meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk also ensure that Stillwater Town website is updated with a copy of the proposed Local Law for the public to review prior to the meeting.

**Motion** by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Masterson to Adopt Resolution No. 46 of 2022.

A roll call was taken on Resolution No. 46 of 2022 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	ABSENT
Councilman Baker	YES
Councilwoman Vomacka	YES
Councilman D'Ambro	YES
Councilwoman Masterson	YES

**Motion carried:** Resolution No. 46 of 2022 was adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stillwater duly conducted on June 2, 2022.

**2022 RESOLUTION NO. 47**  
**A Resolution Authorizing the**  
**Sale of the Town's Surplus Property Consisting of Paper Streets known as**  
**Myrtle and Bridge Avenues**

Introduced by:           Supervisor          

WHEREAS, the Town owns surplus property known as Myrtle and Bridge Avenues consisting of paper streets that have never been opened as public rights-of-way, and;

WHEREAS, Riverview Stillwater, LLC has offered to purchase the properties from the Town via quitclaim deed for \$1,000 and will be responsible to pay the necessary recording and transfer costs.

Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to accept the offer for the sale of the surplus property consisting of the paper streets; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sale for the Town's surplus real estate on will be subject to a permissive referendum in accordance with the New York State Town Law.

**Motion** by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Masterson to Adopt Resolution No. 47 of 2022.

A roll call was taken on Resolution No. 47 of 2022 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	ABSENT
Councilman Baker	YES
Councilwoman Vomacka	YES
Councilman D'Ambro	YES
Councilwoman Masterson	YES

**Motion carried:** Resolution No. 47 of 2022 was adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stillwater duly conducted on June 2, 2022.

#### 5.) Public Input-

##### Train Issues

Mark W.- Issue with the trains, complaining over 2 ½ years. Trains are idling constantly. Used to park at curve w no problems now they are not.

It was allowed for them to park further down the curb, problem is they are parking passed the curb. Mark stated they should go back to old way of parking and shift changes going east bound instead of west bound. Fuming is not safe.

Christine H.- same issue- would like to see the letter from Paul Tonko.

Mary H.- Train idling constantly and stopped all night, fumes are terrible

Yvone B. Fumes are horrific. Parked beyond where are they are supposed to park.

Kenny H.- Experienced RR employee – feels there is more that they can do. They have a Manifest in their hand- it tells how long the train is. This can be done. Garbage trucks are very bad smelling, you cannot even sit outside.

Jim Trainor- spoke to audience- there is a lot of work going on beyond the scenes. Its an incremental process and a nationwide issue.

#### 6.) Other Business

Beach season has begun. Rentals available. Tenant renting the snack shack.

320 on waiting list for boat slips.

Block House is open. Scott Salvadore donated his time to remove the trees. Thank you.

4th of July Fireworks will be on July 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$5.00 parking fee and will have parking attendants.

Family Day is Sept 9 & 10 at the America Post 490 Legion fields. Carnival rides and lots of vendors.

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Duck Derby- June 10<sup>th</sup> Collaborating with the M/S Chamber of Commerce. Town Clerk- Danielle Cowin will have a table set up at event with art activity for children representing town of Stillwater.

The Town Clerk presented the following reports for the Town Boards review. The Town Clerk's monthly report and the Financial Officer's report for the month of May 2022.

7.) Audited Claims

**Motion** by Councilperson Chris D'Ambro and seconded by Councilperson Valerie Masterson to pay the audited claims.

Prepays

General	\$8643.97
Town Outside	\$316.70
Highway	\$1121.23
Lighting	\$1127.23
Water & Sewer	<u>\$310.20</u>
	\$11519.33

General	\$24876.37
Town Outside	\$28635.93
Highway	\$19396.08
Lighting	\$73865.14
Water & Sewer	<u>\$01772.97</u>
	\$148,546.49

**Motion carried.**

8.) Adjournment

**Motion** by Councilperson Baker and seconded by Councilperson D'Ambro to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 7:25 pm and to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation.

**Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by

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Danielle Cowin  
Stillwater Town Clerk