



TOWN OF STILLWATER

ESTABLISHED 1788 – SITE OF THE TURNING POINT OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Town Board Meeting Minutes February 2, 2023 - 7:00 PM at Stillwater Town Hall

Present: Supervisor Ed Kinowski
Councilman Artie Baker- via Zoom
Councilman Chris D'Ambro
Councilwoman Ellen Vomacka
Councilwoman Valerie Masterson

Also Present: Matt Harris, Superintendent of Highways
Danielle Cowin, Town Clerk
James Trainor, Attorney for the Town
Joe Lanaro, Engineer for the Town
John Nett, Police Commission

Absent/Excused: N/A

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

Danielle Cowin, Town Clerk, took the roll call.

Adoption of Minutes:

Motion by Councilperson D'Ambro and seconded by Councilperson Vomacka to adopt the minutes of January 19, 2023.

Motion carried.

Agenda Items

PUBLIC HEARINGS/LOCAL LAWS

Local Law 1 of 2023 (Tax Exemptions for Emergency Services Volunteers)

Resolutions No. 6,7,8 of 2023

Public Hearing

Supervisor Kinowski opened the public hearing reporting the Stillwater Fire Dept. has years of establishing the Fireman's Association which saves the tax payers money. A local law is established and will be submitted to the state for filing. The resolution would enact a 10% property tax exemption for eligible volunteers from the fire and ambulance dept.'s, however it does not take effect until January of 2024.

He also thanked Tom and the other fire fighters present for sending this to the board.

Tom Rinaldi- Praised the recognition of the volunteer fire fighters, who have provided services for the Town of Stillwater the last 69 years and are finally getting recognized by the State. Mr. Rinaldi continued on stating the Town is fortunate with having younger members joining where other departments are not.

Councilwoman Vomacka also thanked the firefighters for their time and service.

With no further input from the public, the public hearing has closed at 7:05pm.

Motion by Councilperson Vomacka and seconded by Councilperson D'Ambro

Resolution No. 6

A Resolution Adopting Local Law No. 1 of 2023,
a Local Law Granting Partial Property Tax Exemptions for Emergency Services Volunteers

Introduced by: Supervisor

WHEREAS, New York State has enacted a 10% property tax exemption for eligible fire and ambulance volunteers, but the exemption will not be effective until December 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the State legislation allows municipalities to accelerate those property tax exemptions by enacting a local law after a public hearing.

Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts Local Law No. __ of 2023, a Local Law Adopting A Partial Property Tax Exemption for Certain Emergency Services Volunteers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to file the Local Law with the New York Secretary of State forthwith.

Motion by Councilwoman Vomacka, seconded by Councilman D'Ambro, to adopt Resolution No. 6 of 2023.

A roll call was taken on Resolution No. 6 of 2023 as follows:

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

Motion carried. Resolution No. 6 of 2023 was adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stillwater duly conducted on February 2, 2023.

Resolution No. 7

A Resolution Authorizing Support for the Moxxi Women’s Foundation

Introduced by: Supervisor

WHEREAS, the Moxxi Women’s Foundation is a non-profit organization providing micro-grants to enterprising women in the Capital District; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to support the work of the Foundation with a monetary contribution.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby supports the work of the Moxxi Women’s Foundation with a monetary contribution of \$1000.

Motion by Councilwoman Vomacka, seconded by Councilman D’Ambro, to adopt Resolution No. 7 of 2023.

A roll call was taken on Resolution No. 7 of 2023 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	YES
Councilman Baker	OFFLINE
Councilwoman Vomacka	YES
Councilman D’Ambro	YES
Councilwoman Masterson	YES

Motion carried. Resolution No. 7 of 2023 was ADOPTED at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stillwater duly conducted on February 2, 2023.

Resolution No. 8

A Resolution Authorizing and Consenting to Allocation of Funds from GlobalFoundries Stillwater Foundation, Inc.

Introduced by: Supervisor

WHEREAS, GlobalFoundries Stillwater Foundation, Inc. has funds available to allocate for grants; and

WHEREAS, Town Board consent is requested but not required for disbursement of principal from the fund;

Now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes and consents to the GlobalFoundries Stillwater Foundation Board using principal from the fund up to an amount of \$15,000 to award grants from the GlobalFoundries-Stillwater Foundation.

Motion by Councilwoman Vomacka, seconded by Councilman D'Ambro to adopt Resolution No. 8 of 2023.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 8 of 2023 as follows:

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

Motion carried. Resolution No. 8 of 2023 was adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stillwater duly conducted on February 2, 2023.

Supervisor Kinowski stated on Resolution No. 8. Due to the economy, from the million dollars in funds received in 2013. \$250,000.00 splashed out and benefited 47 organizations. The remaining \$750,000.00 was invested so the balance is currently at \$740,000.00. He suggested we do another splash allowing principal funds up to \$15,000.00 but to hold off until the end of March. Supervisor Kinowski advised this may not allow them to utilize the entire \$15,000.00.

Public Input

None being said.

Other Business

Councilwoman Vomacka

Stated Brian Baker would like to donate a granite bench to be placed at the Blockhouse park. Also noted was the maple tree was cut down last spring and new landscaping will take place this year with driftwood roses and cherry blossom tree in which Mr. Baker also offered to pay for the trees and driftwood roses. The Bakers would like to pay for the Cherry Blossom tree in memory of their parents Ken and Marie Baker.

Councilwoman Vomacka also added that a grant is in process for some flood mitigation along the river. She is also working with the Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts who have to do community service hours. Councilwoman Vomacka will have them paint the inside of the blockhouse and possibly build something with the information bill board at Brown Beach.

Town Clerk Danielle Cowin

Distributed a year in review document of work that was accomplished in the town clerk's office this past year to the Town Board.

Supervisor Kinowski

PSB is moving right along and the roof on the blockhouse needs replacement.

Audited Claims

The Town Clerk presented the following reports for the Town Board review. The Town Clerk's Monthly report and the Financial Officer's report for the month of January 2023. Audited Claims.

General	\$18,832.35
Town Outside	\$19,051.67
Highway	\$43,387.68
Water	\$ 7142.54

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

Motion carried.

Adjournment (Executive Session if Necessary)

Motion by Councilperson D'Ambro and seconded by Councilperson Vomacka to adjourn into executive session to discuss Budget spending at 7:16. **Motion carried.**

(Note: The Town Board will not resume back into the regular Town Board meeting.)

Respectfully submitted by,

Danielle Cowin
Stillwater Town Clerk