



# TOWN OF STILLWATER

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## Town Board Meeting Minutes June 6, 2024 - 7:00 PM at Stillwater Town Hall

**Present:** Supervisor Ed Kinowski  
Councilman Artie Baker- via Zooms  
Councilman Chris D'Ambro  
Councilwoman Ellen Vomacka  
Councilwoman Jennifer Weaver

**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 Commissioner

**Absent/Excused:** None

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 Vomacka and seconded by Councilperson Weaver to table the minutes of May 16, 2024.

**Motion carried.**

### **Agenda Items**

BIDS FOR OPENING-Fuel Bids

Resolutions No.31 & 32 of 2024

Resolution No. 33 of 2023 (Tabled 2023) Making a SEQRA Determination Regarding its Proposed TDR Local Law

Resolution No. 34 of 2023 (Tabled 2023) Adopting Local Law \_\_\_ of 2023, a Local Law Adopting a Transfer of Development Rights Program for the Town of Stillwater

Resolution No. 61 of 2023 (Tabled 2023) A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to sign Ambulance Service Contract – Pending)

Fuel Bid Opening

Town Clerk Danielle Cowin opened one received bid from John Ray and Sons for Diesel, Heating Oil and Propane. No other bids were handed in and there were no bids for Gasoline. Discussion was held on rejecting all bids received on June 6 and reject as non-conforming. Highway Superintendent Matt Harris would like to see more bids, therefore advertise again in the Express and open bids again at next board meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. It was then resolved to amend resolution No. 31.

Resolution No. 31 Award Contract for Fuel

A Resolution Awarding Contracts for Propane, Gas, Diesel Fuel and Heating Oil

Introduced by: Supervisor

WHEREAS, as authorized by Resolution No. 30 of 2024 adopted on May 16, 2024, Highway Superintendent Harris solicited bids for Gas, Diesel, Heating Oil and Propane; and

WHEREAS the Town did not receive any complete responsive bids for these items, although it received one incomplete and therefore non-responsive bid.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby elects to reject all bids received for gas, diesel, heating oil and propane as incomplete and non-responsive to the published specifications; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent are requested to re advertise for bids of Gas, Diesel, Heating Oil and Propane for opening at the June 20, 2024 Town Board meeting.

A motion by Councilperson Vomacka, seconded by Councilperson D'Ambro, to adopt Resolution No. 31 of 2024.

A roll call was taken on Resolution No. 31 of 2024 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	YES
Councilman Baker	YES
Councilwoman Vomacka	YES
Councilman D'Ambro	YES
Councilwoman Weaver	YES

Resolution No. 31 of 2024 was adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stillwater duly conducted on June 6, 2024.

Resolution No. 32 Truck Expenditures

A Resolution Approving the Purchase of Highway Equipment

Introduced by: Supervisor

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has recommended the purchase of two International HX520 SFA TRUCKS, one with plow and sander equipment the other without that additional equipment; and

WHEREAS, the equipment will be purchased off Onondaga Contract 10914, which does not require competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS the purchase price will not exceed \$445,000.00 and will be paid for out of 2025 budgeted funds for the Highway Department.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the purchase of two International HX520 SFA TRUCKS, one with plow and sander equipment the other without that additional equipment, to be purchased off Onondaga Contract 10914, with the purchase price not to exceed \$445,000.00 and to be paid out of 2025 budgeted funds for the Highway Department.

A motion by Councilperson D'Ambro, seconded by Councilperson Weaver, to adopt Resolution No. 32 of 2024.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 32 of 2024 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	YES
Councilman Baker	YES
Councilwoman Vomacka	YES
Councilman D'Ambro	YES
Councilwoman Weaver	YES

**Motion carried.** Resolution No. 32 of 2024 was adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stillwater duly conducted on June 6, 2024.

### **Public Input**

Darlene McGraw, non-resident of the town stated she would like to see bike racks installed at Browns Beach and offered to coordinate a fundraiser to raise money to purchase the racks. Artie Baker, as chair of the Parks and Rec. Dept. responded, he will look into it.

### **Other Business**

Councilperson Weaver stated Town Clean up day went over well with 193 vehicles and total collected was \$2020.00. Residents were offering to pay more. She also stated the highway workers, CJ and Joe, were excellent.

Councilperson Vomacka reported that she is waiting to hear back from Roofers on Blockhouse quotes. The grand opening went well at the Ugly Ice Cream. Senator Tedesco was in attendance. The quartet played music and a small car show was held.

Mentioned there are black thorn weeds and sumac blocking views at the blockhouse and the Village has asked to discontinue mowing the lawn there. Highway department has agreed to assist mowing moving forward and has agreed to help clear the thorn weeds.

Councilperson Weaver questioned what the name of the black thorn weed spray was. No information was known.

Councilperson D'Ambro expressed he has not heard from the community center and asked Jim Trainor to follow up with them. Council persons D'Ambro and Weaver's thought was to compile the two contracts and send a letter rejecting the offer. Councilperson Weaver asked Jim about the language to use to separate the contracts. The community center was asked to redline the documents and return to the Board but they were never received.

Councilperson Vomacka questioned what happens at the community center after hours and commented, there are no senior programs, no basketball, etc. She mentioned Attic Angels may move into the Historian office, however, SACC is mentioning the Elder Care is moving in there.

Councilperson D'Ambro reported he attended a ribbon cutting at the Battlefield with about 100 people in attendance.

Announced he attended Congressman Tonko's Round Table Discussion to Announce Community Projects focused on Investing in the Capital Region's Water Infrastructure, joined by representatives and supporters of the 4 out his 15 Community Projects focused on water infrastructure. Demonstrations, renderings, and other important details on the local and regional impact of these projects was revealed and discussed. (Town of Stillwater's Water Main Replacement, Phase 3).

Highway Superintendent Matt Harris reported on The Fun Run held on Graves Road. Notices were distributed to area residents as the road was closed for a short period of time and two highway employees assisted.

There will be three road closures over the next few months for culvert repairs. Supervisor Kinowski questioned Lohnes Road as to keeping the road closed or not, however stated there is no impact on the community. There was concern with the road being closed because of the bridge. More Discussion will occur between the Highway Superintendent and National Park Rep.

Supervisor Kinowski is working with the state reviewing water testing at Browns Beach. Prices will be doubled but not tripled. Testing maybe every 2-3 weeks.

### **Audited Claims**

The Town Clerk presented the following report for the Town Boards review.

General	\$36060.56
Town Outside	\$29075.30
Highway	\$46241.93
Water	\$5320.00
Capital Projects	\$ 8658.63

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

**Motion carried.**

**Motion** by Councilperson D'Ambro and seconded by Councilperson Vomacka to adjourn into executive session to discuss potential land contract at 7:50 pm. **Motion carried.** (Note: The Town Board will not resume back into the regular Town Board meeting.)

Respectfully submitted by,

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Danielle Cowin, Stillwater Town Clerk