

**TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH
TOWN BOARD SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 17, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the presiding officer at the Town Hall on the Banker Road.

MEMBERS:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bernard C. Bassett, Supervisor	X	
John F. St.Germain, Councilperson	X	
Thomas E. Wood, Councilperson	X	
Sheila A. Brockway, Councilperson	X	
Paul D. Lamoy, Councilperson	X	
Amy L. Duquette, Town Clerk	X	
James J. Coffey, Town Attorney	X	

RESOLUTION NO. 06-213**Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting****Motion by: John St Germain****Seconded by: Sheila Brockway****Carried by: Ayes 5****Nays 0**

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the previous meeting(s) be approved and the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION**See Attached****PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sonia Long Director of the Plattsburgh Public Library gave a presentation of the services the Library offers to town residents.

Carson Arnold approached the board regarding a ticket he was issued by the codes enforcement officer for holding a garage sale for more than 3 days.

Judy Burnell grew up on Firehouse Lane and always had lake access, Judy feels that there needs to be easements for the people who have always had lake rights due to a neighbor trying to prevent access to the beach. Mr. Coffey informed Judy that the state owns to the high water mark and the town owns a small portion at the end of the abandoned road that can be accessed for Rocky Point Beach.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONELL ISSUES

Motion by: John St Germain
Carried by: Ayes 5

Seconded by: Thomas Wood
Nays 0

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXCEUTIVE SESSION

Motion by: Paul Lamoy
Carried by: Ayes 5

Seconded by: Sheila Brockway
Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 06-214

Abstract 7B

Motion by: John St Germain
Carried by: Ayes 5

Seconded by: Sheila Brockway
Nays 0

RESOLVED, that the abstract of audited claims **No 7B**. in the amount of (\$1,893,654.44), be received as reviewed by the Audit Committee and the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay said abstracts.

Discussion: yes

RESOLUTION NO. 06-215

Receive Supervisor’s Financial Report

Motion by: Paul Lamoy
Carried by: Ayes 5

Seconded by: Thomas Wood
Nays 0

RESOLVED, to receive and place on file the Supervisor’s Financial Report for the month of June 2006.

Discussion: yes

RESOLUTION NO. 06-216

Receive Report from Codes and Zoning

Motion by: Paul Lamoy
Carried by: Ayes 5

Seconded by: Thomas Wood
Nays 0

RESOLVED, to receive and place on file a report from the Codes and Zoning Department Officers Don Lee and Steve Imhoff for June 2006.

Discussion: Councilor St Germain asked Don Lee if the department is busier Don Lee responded the department is slightly below average which could be due to interest rates going up and cost of building materials.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-217

Receive Report from Water and Wastewater

Motion by: John St Germain
Carried by: Ayes 5

Seconded by: Thomas Wood
Nays 0

RESOLVED, to receive and place on file a report from the Water and Wastewater Director David Comfort for June 2006.

Discussion: yes

RESOLUTION NO. 06-218

Receive Report from Dog Control Officer

Motion by: Paul Lamoy
Carried by: Ayes 5

Seconded by: Sheila Brockway
Nays 0

RESOLVED, to receive and place on file a report from the Dog Control Officer David Duquette for June 2006.

Discussion: Supervisor Bassett mentioned that there have been some problems with messages coming through on the cell phone. Supervisor Bassett also stated that David does his job and he does it well, the problem is that for whatever reason sometimes the messages do not register right away sometimes taking a few days to register. Supervisor Bassett said David prefers that people call the office phone because the messages register right away unlike they sometimes do with the cell phone, and he can check his messages at the office at any time.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-219

Naming A New Private Road

Motion by: John St Germain
Carried by: Ayes 5

Seconded by: Sheila Brockway
Nays 0

WHEREAS, Robert Robare has been working with the Clinton County Emergency Preparedness Office in naming a new road located in the Deerfield Subdivision on Cumberland Head; and

WHEREAS, the new Town road’s name must be approved by the Town Board; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Plattsburgh hereby accepts the recommendation of Robert Robare in naming the new road Pristine Drive; and be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Plattsburgh Planning Office and Emergency Preparedness Office shall receive a certified resolution indicating acceptance of their recommendation

RESOLUTION NO. 06-220

Authorize Hiscock & Barclay

Motion by: John St Germain
Carried by: Ayes 5

Seconded by: Paul Lamoy
Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Town of Plattsburgh has become involved in real property tax assessment review proceedings and,

WHEREAS, the Beekmantown Central School District and Clinton County have interest in Town proceedings concerning challenges to assessments made on properties that may affect each governing body, and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to hire an expert to prepare a commercial assessment and to defend the current level of valuation placed on property by the Town of Plattsburgh and work toward a settlement, and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Real Property Tax Committee and the Ways and Means Committee have discussed this item and approved the sharing of said expense with the Town of Plattsburgh and the Beekmantown Central School District; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Plattsburgh Town Board hereby authorize the Supervisor to enter into a contract with Lawrence Zimmerman of Hiscock & Barclay to represent the Town of Plattsburgh; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor authorize the Budget Officer to make initial full payment for litigation to Hiscock & Barclay with reimbursement to the Town from the County in the amount of 26% and the School District in the amount of 48% leaving the Town’s balance not to exceed 26% of total cost to represent the Town vs. Pyramid Champlain Company (Parcel No. 206.4-2-1.2).

Discussion: yes

RESOLUTION NO. 06- 221

Erie Canal Greenway Grant Application

Motion by: Paul Lamoy
Carried by: Ayes 5

Seconded by: Sheila Brockway
Nays 0

MOTION TO TABLE

Motion by: Thomas Wood
Carried by: Ayes 5

Seconded by: Paul Lamoy
Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Town of Plattsburgh recognizes and supports the effort to Seek and implement grant funded programs that provide social, cultural and Economic benefit to our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, after due consideration, has determined that it Is desirable and in the public interest to undertake the necessary steps to prepare and submit an Erie Canal Greenway Grant application; therefore, it is

RESOLVED that the project, known as the Champlain Parkland Development be adopted; and be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the preparation of all necessary plans and documents as they relate to the submittal of the application: and be it

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is authorized to execute all funding applications and related documents necessary for the implementation of this

work and that the firm of Laberge Group, 4 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205, duly licensed under the laws of the State of New York and competent engineers and community development planners be hereby retained and authorized to prepare said application for the above referenced project; and be it

RESOLVED that two copies of this resolution be forwarded to said firm, receipt of which shall constitute their notice to proceed and, to prevent duplication of effort, the Town shall transmit all copies of planning documents previously or collaterally accomplished under other local, State or Federal Programs to be utilized as applicable for this project.

Discussion: Supervisor Bassett stated at a cost of around \$3,200.00 to pursue the grant application, there is a maximum award of up to \$250,000.00 it is a matching fund item. The grant would generate some funds for the bike path that the town has been working on for quite some time. The application is due August 18th, 2006. Supervisor Bassett has sent letters to the state legislators encouraging them to talk with CP Rail, the town is also trying to work with CP Rail to get an easement to move the path up the track more. Councilor St Germain has a problem with the grant being a matching grant. Councilor St Germain feels that there are more important things to pursue than a bike path at this time. Councilor St Germain is concerned with the other grants that the town has obtained and has not used.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-222

No Parking Signs

Motion by: John St Germain
Carried by: Ayes 5

Seconded by: Sheila Brockway
Nays 0

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent Wayne Gonyea has received a letter from Pam Ballantine, Pastorial Assistant for St. Alexander's and St. Josephs Parish Communities requesting the installation of NO Parking signs to be installed in front of the Church in the Treadwells Mills area to improve site clearance for vehicles exiting from the church parking lot; and

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent Wayne Gonyea has visited the site and conducted an evaluation of said location and has provided the Town Board with a detailed letter of the proposed location for NO PARKING signs; therefore it is

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Plattsburgh does hereby authorize the Highway Department to install and maintain NO Parking signs at the proposed locations as outlined in the letter received from Wayne Gonyea, Highway Superintendent.

Discussion: yes

RESOLUTION NO. 06-223

Zoning and Recreation Update Of Fees

Motion by: Paul Lamoy
Carried by: Ayes 5

Seconded by: John St Germain
Nays 0

Discussion: Councilor Wood gave an update of all the recreational activities that are coming up.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by:	Paul Lamoy	Seconded by:	Sheila Brockway
Carried by:	Ayes 5	Nays 0	

RESOLVED, that this Town Board Meeting be adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Duquette, Town Clerk