

T/B SEMI MONTHLY

MAY 19, 2008

Motion by: Sheila A. Brockway

Seconded by:

Martin D. Mannix

Carried by: Ayes 5

Nays 0

RESOLVED, to receive and place on file a report from Arnold Jubert, Town Historian for the month of May.

Discussion: Supervisor Bassett spoke of the locations for the welcome signs Red has been working on.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-169

Monthly Report Recreation Dept.

Motion by: Sheila A. Brockway

Seconded by:

Thomas E. Wood

Carried by: Ayes 5

Nays 0

RESOLVED, to receive and place on file a report from Melanie Defayette Recreation Director for April of 2008.

Discussion: Supervisor Bassett noted that there is a conference and awards luncheon coming up for the Clinton, Franklin, and Essex County Tobacco Free Network. The town has been invited to receive an award for passing the resolution supporting the tobacco free policy in our town's parks and beaches.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-170

Supervisor's Financial Report

Motion by: Gerard A. Renadette

Seconded by:

Martin D. Mannix

Carried by: Ayes 5

Nays 0

RESOLVED, to receive and place on file the Supervisor's Financial Report for the month of April 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-171

Tax Receiver's Monthly Report

Motion by: Sheila A. Brockway

Seconded by:

Gerard A. Renadette

Carried by: Ayes 5

Nays 0

RESOLVED, to receive a report from the Tax Receiver's Office for the month of April 2008.

Discussion: Supervisor Bassett shared that there was a meeting today with BAS that provides software support for the Tax Receivers and Clerks office, many Tax Receivers from other towns attended.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-172

Town Clerk's Monthly Report

Motion by: Thomas E. Wood

Seconded by:

Sheila A. Brockway

Carried by: Ayes 5

Nays 0

RESOLVED, to receive a report from Amy Duquette Town Clerk, for the month of April 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-173

NYSATRC Educational Conference

Motion by: Thomas E. Wood

Seconded by:

Martin D. Mannix

Carried by: Ayes 5

Nays 0

WHEREAS, Town of Plattsburgh Tax Receiver’s Office is required to maintain professional training; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town to remain current and informed concerning changes in regulations; therefore it is

RESOLVED, that Jackie Bellew and Judy LaForest, of the Tax Receiver’s Office, be allowed to attend the New York State Association of Tax Receivers and Collectors 2008 Annual Training Conference in Glens Falls to be held on June 8-11, 2008; and it is further

RESOLVED, that \$1,030.00 for lodging and meals and \$180.00 for conference registration be charged to the Tax Receivers budget.

Discussion: Councilor Mannix said some people might think \$1,030.00 is a lot of money but it does include meals, and is a three-day conference. It works out to be around \$172.00 per day. Councilor Brockway added that Jackie did not attend the training in NYC.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-174

Water Wastewater Responsibilities

Motion by: Thomas E. Wood

Seconded by: Gerard A. Renadette

MOTION TO TABLE RESOLUTION 08-174

Motion by: Gerard A. Renadette
Carried by: Ayes 5

Seconded by: Sheila A. Brockway
Nays 0

WHEREAS, a review of supervisory responsibilities, in the Water & Wastewater Department has been made, and

WHEREAS, oversight of staff requesting compensated lost time (time off, sick time, etc.) is the responsibility of each department, and

WHEREAS, W/WW Department supervisory staff are better able to more closely and accurately track the work hours, requests and Department needs; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the W&WW Department Head be allowed to authorize certain W&WW supervisory staff the signatory authority for compensated lost time and official timesheets for W/WW Department employees within their supervisory jurisdiction.

RESOLUTION NO.08-175

Assessor Training / Ethical Decision Making

Motion by: Gerard A. Renadette
Carried by: Ayes 5

Seconded by: Martin D. Mannix
Nays 0

WHEREAS, new regulation from the Office of Real Property Services, ORPS, requires assessors to complete a training session on ethics; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Effa Sullivan, Town Assessor, be authorized to attend the Ethical Decision Making Class to be held in Saranac Lake, NY on June 9, 2008; and be it further

RESOLVED, that expenses incurred in attending said Conference will be limited to meals that are not included as part of the free registration as indicated by the “ Authorization To Travel” request from Effa Sullivan.

Discussion: Councilor Wood stated that this is required by NYS. Supervisor Bassett spoke of the book that is required to be read prior to attending.

RESOLUTION NO.08-176

RESOLUTION URGING THE NEWYORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO UPDATE NEW YORK'S BOTTLE BILL

Motion by: Martin D. Mannix
Carried by: Ayes 5

Seconded by: Thomas E. Wood
Nays 0

WHEREAS, New York’s Returnable Beverage Container Act, known as the “bottle bill,” is New York’s most effective recycling and litter prevention program; and,

WHEREAS, since 1982, more than 90 billion bottles and cans have been returned and recycled in New York because of the bottle bill, which places a 5-cent refundable deposit on beer and soda containers; and,

WHEREAS, the bottle bill did not include bottled water, iced teas, sports drinks, and other non-carbonated beverages because they were not popular in 1982, but they now make up more than 25% of the beverage market; and,

WHEREAS, after the original bottle bill went into effect, litter volume in New York declined by 30% and our streets, parks, beaches, farms, and communities were noticeably cleaner; and,

WHEREAS, recent litter surveys conducted in New York by coastal cleanup volunteers found that nearly two-thirds of the bottles and cans now polluting New York’s rivers and beaches are non-carbonated beverages such as water and iced tea bottles that do not have a deposit, and these containers make up approximately 20% of the total litter volume; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 80% of deposit containers are recycled through the bottle bill and curbside recycling programs in New York, while fewer than 20% of non-deposit containers are recycled; and,

WHEREAS, legislation known as the “Bigger Better Bottle Bill” has been introduced in the New York State Legislature that would update New York’s bottle bill to include non-carbonated beverages such as water, iced tea, juice, and sports drinks; and,

WHEREAS, the “Bigger Better Bottle Bill” would also require beverage companies to return unclaimed bottle deposits to the State Environmental Protection Fund to benefit the public; and,

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Fund is a dedicated trust fund for New York’s environment that supports local recycling programs, parks, waterfront revitalization, open space, farmland preservation, and other programs to protect our land, air, and water; and,

WHEREAS, the Division of Budget estimates that the unclaimed deposits from the updated bottle bill could generate more than \$100 million each year for the Environmental Protection Fund; and,

WHEREAS, we all have a responsibility to keep our communities clean and healthy; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Town of Plattsburgh Town Board does hereby urge state lawmakers to support cleaner communities, a healthier environment, and increased funding for environmental programs by passing the Bigger Better Bottle Bill; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor David Paterson, Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Senator Elizabeth Betty Little, Assemblywoman Janet Dupery and the New York Public Interest Research Group.

Discussion: Councilor Renadette supports the Bill and feels the inconvenience of having to pay five cents was easily dealt with years back, and feels that it was for the greater good. Councilor Mannix feels that due to refund on the bottles they will be less likely to be left on the side of the road reducing litter.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-177

Monthly Report Codes/Zoning

Motion by: Thomas E. Wood
Carried by: Ayes 5

Seconded by: Sheila A. Brockway
Nays 0

RESOLVED, to receive and place on file a report from Don Lee, Codes Enforcement Officer for April 2008.

Discussion: Councilor Brockway commented on how busy the department is. Supervisor Bassett gave an update on Hilltop Trailer Park and Dominic’s Restaurant.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-178

PURCHASE TRUCKS HIGHWAY

Motion by: Gerard A. Renadette
Carried by: Ayes 5

Seconded by: Sheila A. Brockway
Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Department has two pickup trucks, a 1995 and 1993 with 148,332 and 122,620 miles respectively that have transmission and other maintenance needs exceeding their value and the Department’s ability to safely operate said vehicles; therefore be it

RESOLVED, to receive a letter dated May 13, 2008 from Fred Lavene, Superintendent of Highways requesting permission to purchase two (2) new trucks 2008 1 ½ ton, Regular Cab, Long Box. 4x4 Pickup and 1 F 150 XL Regular Cab, Long box 4x4 for use by the Town’s Highway Department pursuant to the New York State Office of General Services Standards and Purchase Group Contract No. PC 62882-award 20339- PICKUP TRUCK in an amount not to exceed \$37,630.04 and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby grant permission to Fred Lavene to order said trucks and the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign any related documents required for its purchase; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the payment for said purchase will be made payable from Account #DA-5130-2000-0000 Highway Budget Equipment & Capital Outlay.

Discussion: Councilor Renadette added that Mr. Lavene answered all of the questions that would have been asked as far as purchasing a used vehicle.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Thomas E. Wood
Carried by: Ayes 5

Seconded by: Gerard A. Renadette
Nays 0

RESOLVED, that this Town Board Meeting be adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Duquette, Town Clerk