

**TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH
TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
April 20, 2009**

MEMBERS:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bernard C. Bassett, Supervisor	X	
Martin D. Mannix, Councilperson	X	
Thomas E. Wood, Councilperson	X	
Sheila A. Brockway, Councilperson		X
Gerard A. Renadette, Councilperson	X	
Amy L. Duquette, Town Clerk	X	
James J. Coffey, Town Attorney	X	

The notice of public hearing was read by the Supervisor for the record.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:20 p.m., prevailing time at the Town Hall on the Banker Road, Plattsburgh, New York to hear all interested persons relative to:

**“The proposed North Country Plaza Project”
(Cumberland Commons Sports and Wellness Center)**

With the support of the Town of Plattsburgh, Mr. Peter Edelman will submit an application for funding to the Empire State Development Corporation’s Restore New York Communities Initiative program Round 3. If awarded, \$2 Million in ESDC grant funding will go toward the construction of an indoor/ outdoor recreational complex on the site of the former North Country Plaza. Any costs in writing the grant will be paid for by the developer, Mr. Edelman. In sponsoring the project, the Town of Plattsburgh stands to gain a great deal in terms of job creation, an increased tax base, and opportunities for future economic development.

The public hearing closed at 6:58 PM.

Present: Peter Edelman, John St. Germain, Nyla Bacon, Debbie Blake

Comments: Peter Edelman gave an overview of the project including the retail and entertainment component. The goal is to eventually include indoor tennis, soccer, swimming and a physical fitness facility. Mr. Edelman feels the project will enhance community awareness and spoke of his success in Vermont. The project will be a green project. Mr. Edelman said the bowling alley has had a 15% increase in revenue since the theater was built. Supervisor Bassett spoke of a conversation with Senator Schumer’s office clarifying the project, and feels that it is important even with the cover letters that are out there to discriminate between the site of the strip mall and this project to prevent confusion. John St. Germain had concerns about using tax payer’s money to help private enterprise. Supervisor Bassett said that this money will help the North Country create jobs to build a tax base, and added the Town of Plattsburgh has been fortunate that this project made it more cost effective to provide water to the Moffitt Rd. Councilor Mannix said part of what is going on with the grant process in the State of New York is addressing a significant change to the growth and development in communities, going back and taking a look at properties you have in a community by infusing capital into the property enabling it to become viable for property development. Councilor Mannix feels

this is the state giving back some of the taxes that were collected during the course of the time that the prior tenants and the prior development was in operation.

Councilor Mannix added that he believes eventually there will be a grocery store going into the location, adding that there is a population that right now that has to drive all the way to Plattsburgh to go to the grocery store. We are lucky to have a developer who is willing to spend money to put up a significant amount of capital, to produce something that will be a real asset to the community. Councilor Wood said that when we have a real green project that uses renewable energy sources it is an encouragement to others in the area.

TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH TOWN BOARD SEMI MONTHLY MEETING APRIL 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the presiding officer at the Town Hall on the Banker Road.

		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
MEMBERS:	Bernard C. Bassett, Supervisor	X	
	Martin D. Mannix, Councilperson	X	
	Thomas E. Wood, Councilperson	X	
	Sheila A. Brockway, Councilperson		X
	Gerard A. Renadette, Councilperson	X	
	Amy L. Duquette, Town Clerk	X	
	James J. Coffey, Town Attorney	X	

RESOLUTION NO. 09-140

Approve Minutes

Motion by: Gerard A. Renadette **Seconded by:** Martin D. Mannix
Carried by: Ayes **Nays** 0

RESOLVED, that the minutes April 6th and April 13th 2009 be approved and the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Present: See Attached

Comments: None

Committee Reports

See Attached

RESOLUTION NO. 09-141

Abstract 4B -09

Motion by: Gerard A. Renadette **Seconded by:** Martin D. Mannix
Carried by: Ayes 3 **Nays** 0
Absent: Thomas E. Wood

RESOLVED, that the abstract of audited claims **No.4B-09 (90678-90830)** in the **amount** of (\$ 2,161,378.22), be received as reviewed by the Audit Committee and the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay said abstracts.

Discussion: Councilor Renadette questioned the taxes on the phone bill due to the town being tax exempt. Councilor Renadette will check into it.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-142

Highway Monthly Report

Motion by: Martin D. Mannix
Carried by: Ayes 4

Seconded by: Gerard A. Renadette
Nays 0

RESOLVED, to receive and place on file a report from Fred Lavene, Superintendent of Highways for the month of March, 2009.

Discussion: Supervisor Bassett noted that due to the spring weather, the highway department was able to pick up 500 loads of sand for future use.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-143

Parks /Recreation Monthly Report

Motion by: Thomas E. Wood
Carried by: Ayes 4

Seconded by: Martin D. Mannix
Nays 0

RESOLVED, to receive and place on file a report from Melanie Defayette, Recreation and Youth Services Director for the month of April, 2009.

Discussion: Councilor Renadette spoke of the presentation Melanie Defayette gave at the last work session on disc golf.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-144

Water Wastewater Monthly Report

Motion by: Gerard A. Renadette
Carried by: Ayes 4

Seconded by: Thomas E. Wood
Nays 0

RESOLVED, to receive and place on file a report from David Comfort Director, of the Water and Wastewater Department for March, 2009.

Discussion: Councilor Mannix questioned if we are using the town's stamp for bulk mailing.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-145

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

Motion by: Martin D. Mannix
Carried by: Ayes 4

Seconded by: Thomas E. Wood
Nays 0

RESOLVED, to receive and place on file the Supervisor's Financial Report for the month of March, 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-146

Highway Purchase Request

Motion by: Gerard A. Renadette
Carried by: Ayes 4

Seconded by: Martin D. Mannix
Nays 0

RESOLVED, to receive a letter dated April 8, 2009 from Fred Lavene, Superintendent of Highways, requesting permission to purchase two (2) new 2009 Ford Trucks, one pickup and one cab and chassis for use by the Town of Plattsburgh Highway Department pursuant to the New York State Office through the General Services Standards and Purchase Group Contract No. PC 62882, award 20339 in an amount not to exceed \$39,443.35; and it is further

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

RESOLVED, that payment for said purchase will be made payable from the 2009 Highway Budget Equipment & Capital Outlay Account # DA-5130-2000-0000 and that a copy of this Resolution be given to the Budget Officer.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-147

Recreation Department Trailer Purchase

Motion by: Gerard A. Renadette
Carried by: Ayes 4

Seconded by: Martin D. Mannix
Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department is seeking ways to be more efficient in maintaining the quality of Town Parks and has requested equipment to help with maintenance said parks, ball fields, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, Melanie Defayette, Director has requested that a 1971 homemade trailer, that is no longer able to be used, is beyond repair and unable to pass safety inspection, be replaced; and

WHEREAS, price quotes were received to purchase a trailer from suppliers for said equipment; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to purchase one 24' Cam Superline trailer as noted on the price quotes from the low bidder, Versatile Trailer Sales of Rt. 22B, Morrisonville, NY 12962, in the amount of \$6,545.

Discussion: Councilor Mannix Mannix said the 38 year old trailer carries the large lawn mower that is used in the parks.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-148

2009 Highway Road Striping Program

Motion by: Gerard A. Renadette
Carried by: Ayes 4

Seconded by: Martin D. Mannix
Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Town of Plattsburgh has appropriated \$30,000.00 in the 2009 Highway Budget for the 2009 Road Striping Program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fred Lavene, Highway Superintendent, has submitted the 2009 Highway Road Striping Program (see attached listing) in the amount of \$25,573.00; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Highway Superintendent to spend the 2009 budgeted funds to execute the aforementioned 2009 Road Striping Program.

Discussion: Councilor Renadette noted that this is a material purchase only, the County does the striping.

RESOLUTION NO.09-149

Appointing Gerard Renadette Board of Ethics Member

Motion by: Thomas E. Wood
Carried by: Ayes 4

Seconded by: Martin D. Mannix
Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Town Board passed Local Law #2 of 2009 reauthorizing the Town of Plattsburgh Board of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Plattsburgh Town Board is desirous to appoint new Board of Ethics Members; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Gerard Renadette be appointed to the Town of Plattsburgh Board of Ethics Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2009.

Discussion; Councilor Renadette is pleased to have been asked to be on this committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-150

Appointing Herb Carpenter Board of Ethics Member

Motion by: Martin D. Mannix
Carried by: Ayes 4

Seconded by: Gerard A. Renadette
Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Town Board passed Local Law #2 of 2009 reauthorizing the Town of Plattsburgh Board of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Plattsburgh Town Board is desirous to appoint new Board of Ethics Members; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Herb Carpenter be appointed to the Town of Plattsburgh Board of Ethics Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2010.

Discussion: Councilor Mannix asked copies of the resolutions for appointments be forwarded to the individuals. Councilor Renadette requested that they be required to take the oath of office within 30 days.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-151

Appointing Dr. Thomas Moran Board of Ethics Member

Motion by: Thomas E. Wood
Carried by: Ayes 4

Seconded by: Martin D. Mannix
Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Town Board passed Local Law #2 of 2009 reauthorizing the Town of Plattsburgh Board of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Plattsburgh Town Board is desirous to appoint new Board of Ethics Members; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Dr. Thomas Moran be appointed to the Town of Plattsburgh Board of Ethics Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2011.

**Appointing Margot Zeglis Board of Ethics
Member**

Motion by: Thomas E. Wood
Carried by: Ayes 4

Seconded by: Gerard A. Renadette
Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Town Board passed Local Law #2 of 2009 reauthorizing the Town of Plattsburgh Board of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Plattsburgh Town Board is desirous to appoint new Board of Ethics Members; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Margot Zeglis be appointed to the Town of Plattsburgh Board of Ethics Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2012.

Discussion: Supervisor Bassett thanked everyone for their patience and helping to identify the board members, he added that appointees are very well educated.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-153

Planning Board Alternate Appointment

Motion by: Thomas E. Wood
Carried by: Ayes 4

Seconded by: Martin D. Mannix
Nays 0

WHEREAS, a vacancy exist on the Planning Board for an alternate Board Member; and

WHEREAS Jeff Wagner, is willing to serve as an alternate Planning Board Member to fill the unexpired term of Thomas Latinville; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, of the Town of Plattsburgh, does hereby appoint Jeff Wagner, a resident of the Town of Plattsburgh, to the Planning Board for a term to expire 12/31/10.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-154

Billy Frenyea Letter of Retirement

Motion by: Gerard A. Renadette
Carried by: Ayes 4

Seconded by: Thomas E. Wood
Nays 0

WHEREAS, Billy Frenyea, of the Water Wastewater Department, has submitted a letter of resignation announcing his intent to retire effective April 30, 2009; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, with appreciation for the many years of service to the Town of Plattsburgh, accept and place on file Mr. Frenyea's letter of resignation and retirement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor send a letter of congratulations on behalf of the Town Board thanking Mr. Frenyea for his dedication and years of service to the Town.

Discussion: Supervisor Bassett said he had a conversation with the Labor Attorney today and feels that everything needed is in the letter. Councilor Renadette congratulated Mr. Frenyea for his many years of service to toe town.

Motion by: Gerard A. Renadette
Carried by: Ayes 4

Seconded by: Martin D. Mannix
Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of PLATTSBURGH has duly adopted Local Law No. 1 of 2007, a local law providing for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (the “Local Law”); and

WHEREAS, Section 16 of said law provides that a fee schedule be established by Resolution, of the Town Board, and that such fee schedule may from time to time be amended, and that fee schedule shall be charged and collected for the submissions of Applications, the issuance of Building Permits, amended and renewed Building Permits, Certificate of Occupancy/Certificate of Completion, Temporary Certificates, Operating Permits, fire safety and property maintenance inspections and other actions of the Code Enforcement Officer described in or contemplated by the Local Law; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer has proposed changes to the fee schedules as set forth on the attached fee schedule dated “April 2009”, and recommends approval of the same; now, therefore be it.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, of the Town of Plattsburgh, after review and discussion of said proposed changes to the fees schedule authorized by Local Law No. 1 of 2007, a local law providing for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (the “Local Law”) does hereby adopt the attached amended Fee Schedule dated April 2009; and, be it further

RESOLVED, this resolution shall be effective immediately.

Discussion; Steve Imhoff gave an overview of the changes that were made to the fee schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Gerard A. Renadette
Carried by: Ayes 4

Seconded by: Thomas E. Wood
Nays 0

RESOLVED, that this Town Board Meeting be adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Duquesne, Town Clerk