

**TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH  
TOWN BOARD SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING  
September 21, 2009**

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

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<b>MEMBERS:</b> Bernard C. Bassett, Supervisor		<b>X</b>
Thomas E. Wood, Councilor		<b>X</b>
Shelia A. Brockway, Councilor	<b>X</b>	
Gerard A. Renadette, Councilor		
Martin D. Mannix, Councilor	<b>X</b>	
Rickey J. Collins, Town Clerk		
James J. Coffey, Town Attorney	<b>X</b>	
 		<b>X</b>
<u>Resolution No.09-288</u> <u>the Previous Meeting</u>	<b>X</b>	
<u>Approve Minutes of</u>		

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of September 8, and September 14, 2009 be approved and the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.

**Motion by: Gerard A. Renadette**  
**Seconded by: Martin D. Mannix**

**Discussion:**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Thomas E. Wood	absent	
Sheila A. Brockway	x	
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Bernard C. Bassett	absent	

**Carried:**

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

**Present:**

**Comments:**

**Resolution No. 09-289**

**Abstract 9B -09**

**RESOLVED**, that the abstract of audited claims **No.9B-09 (92171-92297)** in the amount of (\$843,766.70, be received as reviewed by the Audit Committee and the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay said abstracts.

**Motion: Gerard A. Renadette**  
**Seconded by: Martin D. Mannix**

**Discussion:**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>
<b>Thomas E. Wood</b>		<b>absent</b>
<b>Sheila A. Brockway</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Gerard A. Renadette</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Martin D. Mannix</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Bernard C. Bassett</b>		<b>absent</b>

**Carried:**

**Resolution No. 09-290**

**Dog Control Officer's Monthly Report**

**RESOLVED**, to receive and place on file a report from David Duquette, Dog Control Officer, for the month of August 2009.

**Motion: Martin D. Mannix**  
**Seconded by: Gerard A. Renadette**

**Discussion:**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>
<b>Thomas E. Wood</b>		<b>absent</b>
<b>Sheila A. Brockway</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Gerard A. Renadette</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Martin D. Mannix</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Bernard C. Bassett</b>		<b>absent</b>

**Carried:**

**Resolution No.09-291**

**Parks And Recreation Department Monthly Report**

**RESOLVED**,to receive and place on file a report from Melanie Defayette, Recreation and Youth Services Director, August 2009.

**Motion: Gerard A. Renadette**  
**Seconded by: Martin D. Mannix**

**Discussion:**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>
<b>Thomas E. Wood</b>	<b>Absent</b>	
<b>Sheila A. Brockway</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Gerard A. Renadette</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Martin D. Mannix</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Bernard C. Bassett</b>	<b>Absent</b>	

**Carried:**

**Resolution No.09-292**                      **SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

**Motion: Martin D. Mannix**  
**Seconded by: Gerard A. Renadette**

**Discussion:**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>
<b>Thomas E. Wood</b>	<b>Absent</b>	
<b>Sheila A. Brockway</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Gerard A. Renadette</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Martin D. Mannix</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Bernard C. Bassett</b>	<b>Absent</b>	

**Carried:**

**Resolution No. 09-293**                      **Water Waste Water Monthly Report**

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

**Motion: Martin D. Mannix**  
**Seconded by: Gerard A. Renadette**

**Discussion:**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
<b>Thomas E. Wood</b>	<b>Absent</b>	
<b>Sheila A. Brockway</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Gerard A. Renadette</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Martin D. Mannix</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Bernard C. Bassett</b>	<b>Absent</b>	

**Carried:**

**Resolution No. 09-294**                      **Request For Astrodome Park Road, Buckley Road**  
**And Hill Top Court to be Removed From The**  
**County 911 Listing as Roads**

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Plattsburgh has received a letter from Fred Lavene, Town of Plattsburgh Highway Superintendent, in regard to a request from Emergency Services; to remove private road names no longer needed; and

**WHEAREAS**, Astrodome Park , Hill Top Trailer Park and Buckley Trailer Park are now closed and the County Emergency Service would like the associated road names removed from the active road list; and

**WHEREAS**, the names of said roads to taken off the County list as Roads in the Town of Plattsburgh are; Astrodome Park Road, Buckley Road and Hill Top Court; therefore, be it;

**RESOLVED** , that the Town Board of the Town of Plattsburgh hereby approves the request from Fred Lavene to remove said road names; and be it further

**Resolved**, that a certified copy of this Resolution be given to the Clinton County Emergency Preparedness Office and the Clinton County Planning Board relative to the names of roads to be removed in the Town of Plattsburgh.

**Motion: Gerard A. Renadette**  
**Seconded by: Martin D. Mannix**

**Discussion: James C. Coffey questioned if there are still residents living in those areas. There are not.**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
<b>Thomas E. Wood</b>	<b>Absent</b>	
<b>Sheila A. Brockway</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Gerard A. Renadette</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Martin D. Mannix</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Bernard C. Bassett</b>	<b>Absent</b>	

**WHEREAS**, the transfer of Tyson Drown from the Highway Department to the Parks and Recreation Department created a vacancy for the position of MEO II in the Highway Department; and

**WHEREAS**, all applications for said position have been reviewed and interviews have been conducted by Fred Lavene, Highway Superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, all employment verification and eligibility has been satisfied and the Highway Superintendent recommends that Milton LaBier be appointed to said position; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Plattsburgh does hereby authorize the hiring and appointment of Milton LaBier to the vacant position of MEO II at an hourly rate of \$15.57 step one of the 2009 pay scale as indicated by the current Teamsters Agreement and a copy of this Resolution be given to the Budget Officer and Civil Service for their final review and approval; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that Mr. LaBier commence employment with the Town of Plattsburgh on October 5, 2009.

**Motion: Martin D. Mannix**

**Seconded By: Gerard A. Renadette**

**Discussion:**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>
<b>Thomas E. Wood</b>		<b>Absent</b>
<b>Sheila A. Brockway</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Gerard A. Renadette</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Martin D. Mannix</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Bernard C. Bassett</b>		<b>Absent</b>

**Carried: Gerard Renadette thinks that Mr. LaBier will be a great addition to the Town's workforce.**

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Plattsburgh water districts intend to convert the existing manual meter reading water meters, now in use throughout the Town of Plattsburgh, to automatic meter reading water meters and, for reasons of efficiency and economy are desirous of standardizing all water meters throughout the Town of Plattsburgh; and

**WHEREAS**, said standardization will promote efficiency and save money because maintenance work on the same type of meter will require less labor time and economy will be promoted through the purchase of multiple identical water meters and through the use of repair parts common to all meters, as well as avoid the need for investment in additional shelf stock, and

**WHEREAS**, the standardization to Neptune Water Meters shall not eliminate the need for the Town of Plattsburgh or its water districts to solicit bids to obtain the lowest responsible bidders to supply the Neptune Water Meters, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has carefully studied and reviewed the recommendation of the Director of Water and Sewer Utilities, and the Laberge Group; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the standardization of all water meters purchased by the Town of Plattsburgh or its water districts to be water meters manufactured by the Neptune Technology Group, Inc.

**Motion: Gerard A. Renadette**  
**Seconded by: Martin D. Mannix**

**Discussion: James C. Coffey said that this is recognized by the state as a much more efficient way to do it.**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>
<b>Thomas E. Wood</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Sheila A. Brockway</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Gerard A. Renadette</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Martin D. Mannix</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Bernard C. Bassett</b>		<b>Absent</b>

**Resolution No. 09-297**

**Standardization of Grinder Pumps**

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Plattsburgh currently has several grinder pump installations located within the existing sewer districts; and

**WHEREAS**, as systems expand there is likely to be a need to utilize more grinder pump installations; and

**WHEREAS**, standardization will promote efficiency and save money for the reason that maintenance work on the same type of pump and installation will require less labor time and economy will be promoted through the purchase of multiple identical grinder pumps and stations and through the use of repair parts common to all installations, as well as avoid the need for investment in additional shelf stock; and

**WHEREAS**, the standardization to Environment One grinder pumps and stations shall not eliminate the need for the Town of Plattsburgh or its sewer districts to solicit bids to obtain the lowest responsible bidders to supply the Environment One grinder pumps and stations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has carefully studied and reviewed the recommendation of the Director of Water and Sewer Utilities, and the Laberge Group; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that this Town Board does hereby authorize the standardization of all grinder pumps and stations purchased by the Town of Plattsburgh or its sewer districts to be manufactured by Environment One.

**Motion: Martin D. Mannix**  
**Seconded by: Gerard A. Renadette**

**Discussion: Gerard Renadette questioned if all pumps that are not Environment One will be replaced. Dave Comfort answered that they will only be replaced as needed. Gerard Renadette is in favor of standardizing the pumps, he is not in favor of borrowing money or allotting money to replace pumps which are currently working just to have standardization at an earlier date. Dave Comfort said grinder pumps and parts will be purchased in bulk, in advance at a better price.**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>
<b>Thomas E. Wood</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Sheila A. Brockway</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Gerard A. Renadette</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Martin D. Mannix</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Bernard C. Bassett</b>		<b>Absent</b>

**Resolution No. 09 –298**

**Lead Agency and SEORA for Cumberland**

**Head Sewer District**

**WHEREAS**, The Town Board is considering a project entitled Cumberland Head Sewer District; and,

**WHEREAS** the Town has requested to be Lead Agency for the purpose of environmental review under New York State SEQRA regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, through the coordinated review process no other involved agency has indicated a desire to be the Lead Agency for this project, now their fore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board declares themselves to be Lead Agent for the Cumberland Head Sewer District project

**Motion: Martin D. Mannix**  
**Seconded by: Gerard A. Renadette**

**Discussion:**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>
<b>Thomas E. Wood</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Sheila A. Brockway</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Gerard A. Renadette</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Martin D. Mannix</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Bernard C. Bassett</b>		<b>Absent</b>

Carried:

**Resolution No. 09-299**

**Notice of Determination of Non-Significance  
for Cumberland Head Sewer District**

**WHEREAS**,The Town Board is considering a project entitled Cumberland Head Sewer District; and

**WHEREAS** the Town has appointed itself, after coordination with involved agencies, the Lead Agency for the proposed Cumberland Head Sewer District project; and,

**WHEREAS**, a Full Environmental Assessment form has been completed for this unlisted action; and, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby determines that the proposed Cumberland Head Sewer District project will not have a significant adverse effect upon the environment and that the Notice of Determination of Non-Significance dated September 21, 2009 be hereby adopted.

**Motion: Gerard A. Renadette  
Seconded by: Martin D. Mannix**

**Discussion:**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>
Thomas E. Wood	x	
Sheila A. Brockway	x	
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Bernard C. Bassett		<b>Absent</b>

Carried:

**Resolution No. 09-300**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
CUMBERLAND HEAD SEWER DISTRICT IN THE TOWN  
OF PLATTSBURGH, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF  
NEW YORK PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12A OF THE  
TOWN LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

**WHEREAS**, a map, plan and report relating to the establishment of Cumberland Head Sewer District in the Town of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York, prepared by Laberge Group, competent engineers, duly licensed by the State of New York in manner and detail as determined by the Town Board of Plattsburgh, has been filed with the Town Clerk of Plattsburgh, in accordance with the requirements of the Town Law; and.

**WHEREAS**, an order was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Plattsburgh on August 17, 2009, reciting the filing of the map, plan and report, the boundaries of the proposed district, the improvements proposed, the estimated expense thereof the proposed method of financing, the fact that the map, plan and report are on file in the Town Clerk's office in said Town; for public inspection, and all other matters required by law to be stated; and

**WHEREAS**, the order set September 14, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cumberland Head Elementary School, 1187 Cumberland Head Road, Plattsburgh, New York as the date, time and place of the public meeting to consider the map, plan and report, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, and to take action as required and authorized by law; and

**WHEREAS**, such order was published and posted as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, a hearing on the matter was held by the Town Board on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the matter being fully discussed and all interested persons having been duly heard; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that

- (a) That the notice of hearing was published and posted as required by law, and is otherwise sufficient;
- (b) That all property and property owners within the proposed district are benefited thereby;
- (c) That all the property and property owners benefited are included within the limits of the proposed district;
- (d) That it is in the public interest to establish the proposed sewer district; and it is

**FURTHER RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that the establishment of the sewer district, as set forth in the map, plan and report be approved, and

**FURTHER RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that the approval of the State Comptroller is not required pursuant to the provisions of §209(f) of the Town Law; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that the requested improvement shall be constructed, and the necessary easements and lands be acquired, upon the required funds being made available and provided for, and such district shall be known and designated as Cumberland Head Sewer District in the Town of Plattsburgh, and shall be bounded and described as set forth in Schedule "A" annexed hereto, and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution is subject to a permissive referendum as provided by §209-(e) of the Town Law.

**Motion: Martin D. Mannix**

**Seconded by: Thomas E. Wood**

**Discussion:** Thomas Wood read a statement voicing his support for the project. Sheila Brockway read a statement written by Bernie Bassett encouraging the people to vote for the project. In addition, his statement went on to explain that should this project not go through, he will continue to work to improve the conditions. Gerard Renadette read his own statement, citing many statistics, recognizing the board's responsibility to bring such opportunities to the public, with the ultimate decision resting in the hands of the Town's residents. Martin Mannix noted that there is a group of people who are concerned about this project being a financial burden to many of the residents of Cumberland Head, as well as a group concerned about the quality of the lake and the problem with septic systems. He believes that having a vote is the best course of action. Sheila Brockway included in her statement that she is trying to do the best that she can for the majority of the people. She wants the people to be able to vote and have their say. James Coffey said that every effort will be made to accommodate the residents in every way possible; there is no desire to force people to do something they do not wish to do.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<u><b>YES</b></u>	<u><b>NO</b></u>
Thomas E. Wood	x	
Sheila A. Brockway	x	
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Bernard C. Bassett	Absent	

**Carried:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLVED**, that this Town Board meeting be adjourned at 7:12 PM.

**Motion by:** Thomas E. Wood  
**Seconded by:** Gerard A. Renadette

**Discussion:**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<u><b>YES</b></u>	<u><b>NO</b></u>
Thomas E. Wood	x	
Sheila A. Brockway	x	
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Bernard C. Bassett	Absent	

**Carried:**

**Motion to go** into Executive Session  
 Motion by:  
 Seconded by:  
 Time:

**Motion to come out** of Executive Session  
 Motion by:  
 Seconded by:  
 Time:

**Roll Call:**

**YES NO**

**Roll Call:**

**YES**

**NO**

**Thomas E. Wood  
Sheila A. Brockway  
Gerard A. Renadette  
Martin D. Mannix  
Bernard C. Bassett**

**Thomas E. Wood  
Sheila A. Brockway  
Gerard A. Renadette  
Martin D. Mannix  
Bernard C. Bassett**

**Carried:**

**Carried:**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Rickey J. Collins, Town Clerk**