

**TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
July 26, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by the presiding officer at the Town Hall on the Banker Road.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<b>MEMBERS: Bernard C. Bassett, Supervisor</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Thomas E. Wood, Councilor</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Gerard A. Renadette, Councilor</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Martin D. Mannix , Councilor</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Paul D. Lamoy, Councilor</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Rickey J. Collins, Town Clerk</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>James J. Coffey, Town Attorney</b>	<b>X</b>	

**Present: Debbie Blake, Nyla Bacon, Sarah Cronk, Dan Heath, RJ Laberge**

**Comments: A presentation was given by Ronald J. Laberge on the possible uses of the \$1.5 million in funds for the Cumberland Head sewer project. Supervisor Bassett, David Comfort and Counselors Wood and Mannix also partook in discussion regarding this matter.**

**PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

**The notice of public hearing was read by the Clerk, for the record.**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:35 pm, prevailing time at the Town Hall on the Banker Road, Plattsburgh, New York to hear all interested persons relative to: Consolidation of Ambulance District in the Town of Plattsburgh – Public Hearing #1

**Reading of the Public Notice of the Meeting published in the edition of the *Press Republican*:**

**Notice of Public Hearing on Establishing  
Consolidation of Ambulance District in the Town of  
Plattsburgh**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held before the Town Board of the **Town of Plattsburgh** at the Town Hall, 151 Banker Road, Plattsburgh, New York 12901, on the 26th day of July, 2010 at 6:35

PM, concerning Establishment of Consolidation of Ambulance Districts in the of Plattsburgh. At such time and place all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning the same. Any person wishing to make any written comments please do so prior to the day of the meeting.

**Public Comment:**

- 1. Acceptance of Written Comments into the Record of the Hearing**
  
- 2. Open Public Hearing to the Floor for Public Comment**

**Closing of the Public Hearing Adjournment:**

**This public hearing closed at 6:45PM**

**Comments: Jeff Favro, of the Cadyville Fire Department, shared his opinion that there was a missed opportunity to consolidate with Beekmantown and Schuyler Falls as well.**

<b>Members:</b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
<b>Bernard C. Bassett, Supervisor</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Thomas E. Wood, Councilor</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Gerard A. Renadette, Councilor</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Martin D. Mannix, Councilor</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Paul D. Lamoy, Councilor</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Rickey J. Collins, Town Clerk</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>James J. Coffey, Town Attorney</b>	<b>X</b>	

**The notice of public hearing was read by the Clerk, for the record.**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:03 pm, prevailing time at the Town Hall on the Banker Road, Plattsburgh, New York to hear all interested persons relative to: Local Law No. 2 for the year 2010 Moratorium on Solid Waste Facilities in the Town of Plattsburgh – Public Hearing #2

**Reading of the Public Notice of the Meeting published in the edition of the *Press Republican*:**

**Notice of Public Hearing on Local Law No. 2 for the  
Year 2010 Moratorium on Solid Waste Facilities in the  
Town of Plattsburgh**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held before the Town Board of the **Town of Plattsburgh** at the Town Hall, 151 Banker Road, Plattsburgh, New York 12901, on the 26th day of July, 2010 at 7:00 PM, concerning Establishment of a Moratorium on Solid Waste Facilities in the of Plattsburgh. At such time and place all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning the same. Any person wishing to make any written comments please do so prior to the day of the meeting.

**Public Comment:**

**3. Acceptance of Written Comments into the Record of the Hearing**

**4. Open Public Hearing to the Floor for Public Comment**

*Closing of the Public Hearing Adjournment:*

**This public hearing closed at 7:42PM**

**Comments:** Doug Butdorf, of Trefalgar Drive, Plattsburgh, submitted and read aloud a written statement. Mr. Butdorf is opposed to disposal of sludge at landfills, but is in support of the alkaline process. Sandy Latourelle, of Rugar Street, shared her concerns about the plant's odor and its impact the health of the residents. Ms. Latourelle also made comments regarding NYSDEC, pursuant to Article 19, and shared information from the EPA, "Alkaline Stabilization of Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant Floods." Bernard Grabczewski, Rugar Street, shared his opposition of the re-opening of the plant. He believes the offensive odor negatively affects quality of life. Robert Lutz, Pine Brook Drive, issued comments regarding the "stench" coming from the plant. Mr. Lutz asked a question in reference to municipal annexation of the property. John St. Germaine, Route 3, posed questions regarding the effects of the plant on private sewage systems. Debbie Blake followed-up on Mr. St. Germaine's question on bio-soil and farmland. Simone Lutz, also of Pine Brook Drive, asked for clarification on the products and chemical processes involved-- what has taken place in the past vs. what is being proposed for the future.

<b>Members:</b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
<b>Bernard C. Bassett, Supervisor</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Thomas E. Wood, Councilor</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Gerard A. Renadette, Councilor</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Martin D. Mannix, Councilor</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Paul D. Lamoy, Councilor</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Rickey J. Collins, Town Clerk</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>James J. Coffey, Town Attorney</b>	<b>X</b>	

**Resolution No. 010-254**      **Amending Resolution 010-250 Promoting Jason Hendrie as Water & Wastewater Maintenance Supervisor In the Water Wastewater Department**

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists for the position of Water and Wastewater Maintenance Supervisor in the Water and Wastewater Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Jason Hendrie has been employed in the Town of Plattsburgh since 1997 W/WW Department since 2007 and by Resolution No.010-250 it was recommended that he be appointment to the position of Water & Wastewater Maintenance Supervisor; and

**WHEREAS**, the recommended period of probation was not compliant with Civil Service guidelines; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board, of the Town of Plattsburgh, does hereby amend Resolution 010-250 authorizing the appointment of Jason Hendrie to fill the vacant position of Water & Wastewater Maintenance Supervisor at an hourly rate of \$21.54, as indicated by the current negotiated pay scale, and on the second year off step, the same as his current position; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this appointment become effective the first full pay period following final Civil Service approval and that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents for the permanent appointment of Jason Hendrie to the position of Water & Wastewater Maintenance Supervisor with a probation period of **12 weeks**; and, it is further

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be given to the Budget Officer, David Comfort, Director of the Water Wastewater Department and a copy be forwarded to the Clinton County Department of Personnel for Civil Service final approval and filing.

**Motion: Martin D. Mannix**  
**Seconded by: Thomas E. Wood**

**Discussion:**

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

**Resolution No. 010-255**

**Resignation and Retirement of David Comfort**

**WHEREAS**, David Comfort Water Wastewater Director, has submitted a letter announcing his intent to retire effective July 31, 2010; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, to accept and place on file Mr. Comfort's letter of retirement; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the supervisor send a letter on behalf of the Town Board thanking Mr. Comfort for his years of service to the Town of Plattsburgh and congratulating him on his retirement; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, a copy of this Resolution be place in his file and a copy be given to the Budget Officer.

**Motion: Paul D. Lamoy**

**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>	x	
<b>Gerard A. Renadette</b>	<b>absent</b>	
<b>Martin D. Mannix</b>	x	
<b>Paul D. Lamoy</b>	x	
<b>Bernard C. Bassett</b>	x	

**Resolution No.010-256** **SEQRA DETERMINATION UPON CONSOLIDATION OF THE TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH AMBULANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 AND THE TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH AMBULANCE DISTRICT NO. 2, INTO A SINGLE CONDSOLIDATED AMBULANCE DISTRICT KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH CONSOLIDATED AMBULANCE DISTRICT**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York as follows:

Section 1. The Town Board of the Town of Plattsburgh, having declared itself to be the Lead Agency under the SEQRA regulations of the State of New York for the purpose of determining the environmental impact of the project described in Section 3 hereof, which decision has been reserved until this date

Section 2. Based upon the Short Environmental Assessment Form signed by Supervisor Bernard C. Bassett, it is hereby determined that the project described in Section 3 hereof is a: TYPE II ACTION

under the SEQRA regulations of the State of New York which will not have significant impact upon the environment and that therefore, no further action is required under the aforesaid regulations with respect to such project.

Section 3. The Project which is the subject of this resolution is described as follows: Consolidation of the Town of Plattsburgh Ambulance District No. 1 and the Town of Plattsburgh Ambulance District No. 2. into a single consolidated Ambulance District

Section 4. The total project cost shall be financed by current Ambulance District funds without the issuance of serial bonds or issuance of any debt by said Town.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately. The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

**Motion by: Martin D. Mannix**

**Seconded by: Paul D. Lamoy and Thomas E. Wood**

**Discussion:**

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

**Carried:**

**Resolution 010-257**

**A resolution approving consolidation of the Town of Plattsburgh Ambulance District No. 1 and the Town of Plattsburgh Ambulance District No. 2, to form the Town of Plattsburgh Consolidated Ambulance District**

**WHEREAS**, there exists within the Town of Plattsburgh, Town of Plattsburgh Ambulance District No. 1 and Town of Plattsburgh Ambulance District No. 2 and extensions thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid Ambulance Districts have been created for similar purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board did on the 7th day of June, 2010 adopt a Resolution and Order, Resolution 010-204, to give notice of Public Hearings pursuant to the provisions of Article 17A, of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York to be held at the Plattsburgh Town Hall on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2010 at 6:35 p.m. and on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 2010 at 6:35 p.m. for the purpose of hearing all persons upon the question of consolidating the Town of Plattsburgh Ambulance District No. 1 and the Town of Plattsburgh Ambulance District No. 2 and extensions thereof into a single consolidated Ambulance District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board wishes to plan for the future needs of the Town and its residents and businesses; and to consolidate services, reducing the amount of administration services and costs within the Ambulance Districts; and to increase the financial base of the Ambulance District, to obtain a reduction of interest rates on any borrowing, and to distribute costs more evenly and permitting establishment of fair and reasonable rates for services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board and Town Clerk have caused, as required by law, to be posted and published Notices. of Public Hearings pursuant to the provisions of the aforesaid Article 17A of the General Municipal Law; and.

**WHEREAS**, this Town Board has conducted Public Hearings on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2010 and on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010 to consider the consolidation of the stated Ambulance Districts into a single consolidated Ambulance District, at which time all persons interested in the same were afforded ample opportunity to be heard and speak in support of or opposition to the proposed consolidation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has carefully reviewed the issues associated with the consolidation of the aforesaid Ambulance Districts,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby resolved that this Town Board, acting, pursuant to the provisions of Section 754 of the General Municipal Law, of the State of New York, does hereby consolidate Town of Plattsburgh Ambulance District No.1 and Town of Plattsburgh Ambulance District No. 2 and extensions thereof into a single consolidated Ambulance District, said consolidation to be effective January 1, 2011, and on such consolidation does hereby determine as follows

1. This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Article 17A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.
2. That all steps required by the provisions of Article 17A of the General Municipal Law have been carried out in relation to this project
3. That it is in the public interest to consolidate the aforesaid stated Ambulance Districts 'as set forth herein and as set forth in the Joint Consolidation Agreement executed by the Town of Plattsburgh and each of the existing Districts.
4. All property and assets of the aforesaid stated Ambulance Districts shall become the property and assets of the new consolidated district.
5. All property of the existing districts shall become the property of the consolidated district, and the consolidated district shall assume and pay for the indebtedness, if any, of each of the existing districts as if such indebtedness had been incurred subsequent to the consolidation, as provided by law.'
6. All expenses of operation and maintenance of the consolidated district shall be distributed among the parts of the consolidated district in accordance with the existing Resolution of the Town Board for financing operation and maintenance of the constituent districts, and as hereafter amended by the Town Board.
7. All assessments for debt, principal and interest payments, as existing and as hereafter authorized, shall be levied on an ad valorem

basis.

8. The consolidated district shall be known as The Town of Plattsburgh Consolidated Ambulance District.
9. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to within ten (10) days after the adoption of this Resolution to cause a certified copy of this final Order to be recorded in the Clinton County Clerk's Office and in the office of the New York State Comptroller at Albany, New York

The Consolidated Ambulance District boundaries are as set forth in Schedule A annexed hereto.

**Motion: Thomas E. Wood**  
**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>x</b>	
<b>Gerard A. Renadette</b>	<b>absent</b>	
<b>Martin D. Mannix</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Paul D. Lamoy</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Bernard C. Bassett</b>	<b>x</b>	

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLVED**, that this Town Board meeting be adjourned at 9:55 PM

**Motion by:**  
**Seconded by:**  
**Discussion:**

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