

**TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH
TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING
March 7, 2011**

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	
Thomas E. Wood, Councilor	X	
Gerard A. Renadette, Councilor	X	
Martin D. Mannix , Councilor	X	
Paul D. Lamoy, Councilor	X	
Rickey J. Collins, Town Clerk	X	
James J. Coffey, Town Attorney	X	

Resolution No.011-083

Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED, that the minutes of February 14, 2011 be approved and the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.

Motion by: Martin D. Mannix

Seconded by: Thomas E. Wood

Discussion:

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

Carried:

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Present:

Comments:

Resolution No. 011-084

Abstract 12C 2010 and 3A-11

RESOLVED, that the abstract of audited claims No. #A-11(200-398-533) for \$832,397.23, Abstract #A-11 (83-117) prepays for the amount \$1,521,719.15 and 2010 vouchers Abstract 2010 (3247-3261) \$38,248.89 and (568-568) \$107.00 be received as reviewed by the Audit Committee and the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay said abstracts.

Motion: Gerard A. Renadette

Seconded by: Paul D. Lamoy

Discussion:

Roll Call:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Thomas E. Wood	x	
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Paul D. Lamoy	x	
Bernard C. Bassett	x	

Carried:

Resolution No. 011-085

Building Maintenance and Safety Monthly Report

RESOLVED, to receive and place on file a report from Art Brault, Building Maintenance Supervisor, for the month of January 2011.

Motion: Martin D. Mannix

Seconded by: Paul D. Lamoy

Discussion: Traffic lights have been repaired on NY Road, and the intersection of I-90 and Rugar Street. The eye-wash station in the Highway Garage has also been repaired; time clock panels have been installed; and the Court office project is nearly half-way complete.

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

Resolution No. 011-086

Highway Superintendent's Monthly Report

RESOLVED, to receive and place on file a report from Fred Lavene, Superintendent of Highways, for the month of February 2011.

Motion: Paul D. Lamoy

Seconded by: Thomas E. Wood

Discussion: Supervisor Bassett and Councilors Mannix and Renadette commended the Highway Department for their continued efforts to keep the streets and sidewalks clear.

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

Resolution No.011-087

Parks And Recreation Department Monthly Report

RESOLVED, to receive and place on file a report from Melanie Defayette, Recreation and Youth Services Director, for the month of February 2011.

Motion: Martin D. Mannix

Seconded by: Gerard A. Renadette

Discussion:

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

Carried:

Resolution No.011-088

Planning Department Monthly Report

RESOLVED, to receive and place on file a report from Phil VonBargen, Planning and Engineering Department Head, for the month of March 2011.

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

Discussion:

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

Carried:

Resolution No. 011-089

Town Clerk's Monthly Report

RESOLVED, to receive and place on file a report from Rickey J. Collins, Town Clerk, for the month of January 2011.

Motion: Thomas E. Wood
Seconded by: Paul D. Lamoy

Discussion:

Roll Call:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Thomas E. Wood	x	
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Paul D. Lamoy	x	
Bernard C. Bassett	x	

Carried:

Resolution No. 011-090

Water Wastewater Department's Monthly Report

RESOLVED, to receive and place on file a report from Paul Wright, Assistant Water Wastewater Superintendent for January, 2011.

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

Discussion:

Roll Call:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Thomas E. Wood	x	
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Paul D. Lamoy	x	
Bernard C. Bassett	x	

Carried:

Resolution No. 011-091

Public Hearing for "A Local Law Superseding and repealing Town of Plattsburgh Local Law No. 1 of the year 1994 and Local Law No. 2 of the year 1998 and Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2004 and Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2004 Establishing Sewer Rents for the Following Sewer Districts in The Town of Plattsburgh: Town of Plattsburgh Consolidated Sewer District and PARC Sewer District within The Town of Plattsburgh."

WHEREAS, Supervisor Bassett has introduced Town of Plattsburgh Local Law No. 2 of the year 2011 entitled:

"A Local Law superseding and repealing Town of Plattsburgh Local Law No. 1 of the Year 1994, Local Law No. 2 of the Year 1998, Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2004 and Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2004, and hereby establishing sewer rents for the following sewer districts in the Town of Plattsburgh: Town of Plattsburgh Consolidated Sewer District and PARC Sewer District within the Town of Plattsburgh."

and,

WHEREAS, a copy of this proposed Local Law is attached to this Resolution; now, therefore, it is

RESOLVED, that a public hearing will be held on said proposed Town of Plattsburgh Local Law No. 2 of the year 2011 on Monday, March 14, 2011 at 6:35 p.m. prevailing time, at the Town Hall, 151 Banker Road, Town of Plattsburgh, New York; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have said public hearing notice published in the local Press Republican as required by law.

Motion: Gerard A. Renadette

Seconded by: Martin D. Mannix

Discussion: Councilors Renadette and Wood noted the low rates, which have not been raised since 2004, will remain of the lowest rates in the county, perhaps the nation. Attorney James Coffey noted that Town of Plattsburgh Water/Sewer rates are lower than other municipality's rates by a vast margin.

Roll Call:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Thomas E. Wood	x	
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Paul D. Lamoy	x	
Bernard C. Bassett	x	

Resolution No.011-092

Election Worker's Compensation for 2011

RESOLVED, that the 2011 compensation rate paid by the Town of Plattsburgh to election workers shall be as follows :

School/Training	\$25.00
Primary Day	\$110.00
Registration Day	\$90.00
Election Day	\$150.00
Chairman (supply custodian)	\$15.00
Per Custodian (voting machine general)	\$20.00 per hour as needed
Per Custodian (voting machine primary)	\$20.00 per hour as needed
Bag Carrier	\$ 12.50 each way;
and be it further	

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be given to the Budget Officer.

Motion: Thomas E. Wood

Seconded by: Paul D. Lamoy

Discussion:

Roll Call:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Thomas E. Wood	x	
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Paul D. Lamoy	x	
Bernard C. Bassett	x	

Resolution No. 011-093

Highway Request for Town Road Closures

WHEREAS, the Supervisor has received a letter dated February 22, 2011 from Fred Lavene Superintendent of Highways requesting permission to temporarily post the following Town roads effective March 15, 2011;

Akey Rd. (from Rt. 3 going north to Beekmantown line)
Bart Merrill Road (Section North of the Gene Lefevé Rd. intersection)
Bradford Road, Bradford Road (from Rt. #373 going north to Rt. #190)
Champlain Park (all entrances), Cliff Haven Community (All entrances)
Kennedy Road, Robinson Road , Stafford Road, South Jct. Road, Trudeau Road,
Thunderbird Heights, (all entrances), Woodcliff Drive and Wallace Hill Road

Therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that certain vehicles, as described in the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, Section 1660, be excluded from Town Highways and/or sections thereof listed in the aforementioned letter upon (1) the erection of signs posting the respective highways or sections thereof; and (2) a notice, pursuant to said section 1660, being published the Press Republican; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize and direct the Town Clerk to cause said notice to be published in the Press Republican in accordance to Town Law.

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

Discussion:

Roll Call:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Thomas E. Wood	x	
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Paul D. Lamoy	x	
Bernard C. Bassett	x	

Resolution No. 011-094

Sign Post Order for 2011

WHEREAS, Fred Lavene, Highway Superintendent, has requested permission to order a total of 150 sign post, 150 base post and 150 lap splices from the Clinton County Highway Department through shared services in an amount not to exceed \$6,174.50; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby grant permission to Mr. Lavene to order said posts to update roadside signs to NYS standards: and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign all related documents required for the purchase of said posts; and it is further

RESOLVED, that payment for said posts be made payable from the 2011 Highway Budget DA-5110-4700 and DA5112-4700; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be given to the Budget Officer and a copy to the Highway Superintendent.

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

Discussion:

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

Resolution No. 011-095

2011 Highway Road Striping Program

WHEREAS, the Town of Plattsburgh and Clinton County participate in shared services to save cost and duplication of services; and

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent, Fred Lavene has recently been in contacted with the Clinton County Highway Department Superintendent , Al Rascoe, regarding the highway striping program for the Town of Plattsburgh; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Plattsburgh has appropriated money in the 2011 Highway Budget for the 2011 Road Striping Program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fred Lavene, Highway Superintendent, has submitted the 2011 Highway Road Striping Program (see attached listing) in the amount of \$28,186.80; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Highway Superintendent to spend the 2011 budgeted funds from accounts DA-511s-4800-0000 and DA-5110-4300-000 to execute the aforementioned 2011 Road Striping Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be given to the Budget Officer, the Highway Superintendent and the Clinton County Highway Superintendent.

Motion: Paul D. Lamoy

Seconded by: Thomas E. Wood

Discussion:

Roll Call:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Thomas E. Wood	x	
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Paul D. Lamoy	x	
Bernard C. Bassett	x	

Resolution No. 011-096

Adoption of the Recreation Master Plan for 2011

WHEREAS, a committee, composed of residents and members of the Recreation Department was formed to assist in the planning and update process to develop a Recreation Master Plan for the Town of Plattsburgh; and

WHEREAS, with the consultation of Stewart Mesinger, Chazen Companies, as the Town’s consultant, meetings were held to gather input from residents and to develop a lengthy study of the Town’s parks and facilities to produce a vision and blueprint for the community’s quality of life and to contribute to its economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, The Town’s 2011 Comprehensive Recreation Master Plan supports the shared vision and goals including the creation of diverse recreational opportunities emphasizing and promoting outdoor activities such as fishing, cycling and paddling; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Plattsburgh Town Board accept and place on file the new 2011 Recreation Master Plan ,as submitted, and that this plan be used as a benchmark for future development and use in the Town of Plattsburgh; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor send a letter of appreciation to the members of the Recreation Master Planning Committee thanking them for their commitment and hard work and commending them on their achievement in producing the new vision for the Town of Plattsburgh Recreation Department with recommendations to help achieve that vision; and it is further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be given to each of the Town’s Departments.

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

Discussion:

Roll Call:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Thomas E. Wood	x	
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Paul D. Lamoy	x	
Bernard C. Bassett	x	

Resolution No. 011-097

Saranac River Trail Request for Funding

WHEREAS, the Town of Plattsburgh’s Master Plan for Parks and Recreation identified a need for the creation of bike trails, walking trails, and blueway trails to improve pedestrian access to parks, historical sites and other recreation locations in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Saranac River Trail (SRT) provides a unique opportunity for an inter-municipal regional network of trails that the City of Plattsburgh and Town of Saranac have initiated and with participation by the Town of Plattsburgh Town trails will connect with the existing trail systems at the Town’s borders; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated January 28, 2011 from Laurie Williams, Member of Saranac River Trail Committee, a request was made for funding in the amount of \$3,000.00 to support the work of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Planning Group and SRT Trail Planning to facilitate the Town’s ability to link with other river trails; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor, on behalf of the Town Board, is hereby authorized to sign all paperwork to facilitate this project in the Town of Plattsburgh including \$3,000 to be pooled with other resources to support SRT initiatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be given to, Laurie Williams Member SRT, the Budget Officer and Melanie Defayette, Recreation Director.

Motion: Thomas E. Wood

Seconded by: Martin D. Mannix

Discussion:

Roll Call:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Thomas E. Wood	x	
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Paul D. Lamoy	x	
Bernard C. Bassett	x	

Resolution No.011-098

Water Rate Adjustment Effective April 1, 2011

WHEREAS, the Greater Town of Plattsburgh Consolidated Water District and the PARC District, are duly established water districts, and have appropriated expenditures for operation and maintenance of its water systems; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide sufficient revenue to offset operation and maintenance expenditures and rates have not been adjusted since 2008 to accommodate the increase cost; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that the responsibility of maintaining a safe and reliable water system requires increases in rates that will both sustain its systems as well as prepare for any future capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rate adjustment shall be fully effective April 1, 2011 and be retroactive to the date of the previous billing period, including any and all outside users, to be set as follows:

The metered rate shall be: \$1.41 per 1000 gallons, with a minimum per month of \$6.67 or \$20.00 per quarter based on customer's billing frequency; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that these new rates shall be in place and effective the first full quarterly billing cycle retroactive as noted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be given to the Budget Officer and the Water Wastewater Department

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

Discussion: Supervisor Bassett and Councilors Renadette, Lamoy, and Wood noted that this rate raise is an honest attempt to keep rates as low as possible, while still being responsible and prepared for future expenses, such as meter changes, system updates, and repair and maintenance of equipment and water towers. Supervisor Bassett also noted the lean workforce of the Water/Wastewater Department, who continue to do an efficient though their numbers are few.

Roll Call:

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

Resolution No. 011-099

Generator Bid Award To Taylor Rental

WHEREAS, Resolution #10-251 authorized the Town Board to retain funds from JCEO/White Pine Commons escrow construction deposit to contribute towards a generator to be purchased and owned by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Laberge Group and the Town Water Wastewater Department have reviewed bid specs and ascertained that the Bid from Taylor Rental meets specific needs for the Town; therefore it is

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the purchase of a HiPower Generator model HRYW-40T6 the bid price of \$26,521.00 from Taylor Rental, 550 Rt3 Suite 3 Plattsburgh, New York and; be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized to sign all related documents relative to the award of said bid and a copy of this Resolution be given to the Budget Officer and the Water Wastewater Department.

Motion: Gerard A. Renadette
Seconded by: Paul D. Lamoy

Discussion:

Roll Call:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Thomas E. Wood	x	
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Paul D. Lamoy	x	
Bernard C. Bassett	x	

Resolution No. 011-100

**Accept Bid Recommendation for
Base Sewer District Inspection**

WHEREAS, by Resolution 011-153, the Town Board had previously authorized the inspection of the Base Sewer District to determine areas of concern that are believed to be leaking and in need of repair; and

WHEREAS, the Consulting Engineers, Laberge Engineering & Consulting Group, Ltd. prepared contract documents for the inspection of said sewers, to be paid by the Base Sewer District, to determine the location and type of repairs and to properly prioritize making it necessary to have the sanitary sewer system cleaned and close caption televised for inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution 011-159 authorized the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for the project entitled Base Sewer District Inspection and that said advertisements were placed in the official paper of the Town and bids were opened on February 11, 2011 at 3:00 PM, at the Town of Plattsburgh Town Hall on 151 Banker Road, Plattsburgh, NY 12901; and .

WHEREAS, Laberge Engineering and Consulting Group has reviewed the proposed bids and recommends the approval of low bidder Fred A. Cook, Inc.; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approve the purchase of the bid price of \$44,650.00 from Fred A. Cook, Inc. 3226 Albany Post Road, Buchanan, New York 10511 and: be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized to sign all related documents relative to the award of said bid and a copy of this Resolution be given to the Budget Office and the Water & Wastewater Department.

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

Discussion:

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Thomas E. Wood	x	
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Paul D. Lamoy	x	
Bernard C. Bassett	x	

Resolution No. 011-101 **Authorization to Proceed with Proposal for GASB**
45 Actuarial Services

WHEREAS, regulations require the Town to acquire actuarial services to respond to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) requirements; and

WHEREAS, Armory Associates, LLC hereby agrees to perform for the Town of Plattsburgh certain services in connection with the postretirement health care benefit plans for the purpose of determining its obligation and cost in accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standard No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post employment Benefits Other Than Pensions; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be given authorization to enter into an Agreement with Armory Associates, LLC, a New York Limited Liability Company with an office located at 120 Walton Street, Suite 601, Syracuse, New York, 13202, hereinafter referred to as "Armory Associates, LLC," to proceed with said attached application, on behalf of the Town of Plattsburgh; and it is further

RESOLVED, that Armory Associates LLC implement services needed as expressed in the attached letter for an amount not to exceed \$9,200.00 for three years of service as an extension of the original Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to transfer monies from account A-1620-4700-contractual services to provide funds for said service and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be given to the Budget Officer and to Armory Associates.

Motion: Martin D. Mannix
Seconded by: Paul D. Lamoy

Discussion:

Roll Call:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Thomas E. Wood	x	
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Paul D. Lamoy	x	
Bernard C. Bassett	x	

Resolution No. 11-102

3% Site Plan Return Deposit for
Mountain View Pediatrics Site Plan 2009

WHEREAS, the Town of Plattsburgh Planning Board has reviewed and approved all requirements of the Mountain View Pediatrics Site Plan 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Mountain View Pediatrics Site Plan 2009 has on file with the Town of Plattsburgh a 3% deposit for construction of their project in the original amount of \$3,149.00 plus accrued interest; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has coordinated inspection of said project and reports all requirements have been met and completed; and

WHEREAS, Mountain View Pediatrics Site Plan 2009 has requested that the 3% deposit in the amount of \$3,149.00 plus accrued interest to date be returned; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to release said deposit in the amount of \$3,149.00 plus accrued interest; and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded, by the Planning Department Secretary, with the return of deposit to Dr. Heidi Moore, 18 Feathers Drive, Plattsburgh, NY 12901; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution also be given to the Budget Officer .

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

Discussion:

Roll Call:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Thomas E. Wood	x	
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Paul D. Lamoy	x	
Bernard C. Bassett	x	

Carried:

Resolution No. 011-103

Loyal Hendrie Resignation & Retirement

WHEREAS, Loyal Hendrie, Machine Equipment Operator III from the Highway Department, has announced his intent to retire effective April 1, 2011; therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, on behalf of the Town Board, the Supervisor does send a letter of congratulations thanking Mr.Hendrie for his dedication and service to the Town; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be given to the Highway Superintendent and a copy be place in Mr. Hendrie's personnel file.

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

Discussion:

Roll Call:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Thomas E. Wood	x	
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Paul D. Lamoy	x	
Bernard C. Bassett	x	

Resolution No. 011-104

Appointment of Amy Davies to the Position of Planning Technician

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Town of Plattsburgh Planning Department for a Planning Technician; and

WHEREAS, a search was conducted to identify interested candidates and interviews for the aforementioned position were held; and

WHEREAS, the interview committee has made recommendation for the selection of an appointee to the position of Planning Technician; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Amy Davies has been recommended by the committee to fill the vacant position in the Planning Department provisional pending Mrs. Davies's successful completion of the required Civil Service Exam; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Plattsburgh appoint Mrs. Davies as Planning Technician, effective immediate after necessary paper is completed at the rate of \$19.50 per hour, for a probationary period of one year from the appointment date; and, be it further

~~**RESOLVED**~~ Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents to hire Mrs. Davies and a certified copy of this Resolution be given to the Budget Officer and the Civil Service Clinton County Department of Personnel for their final approval and filing.

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

Discussion:

Roll Call:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Thomas E. Wood	x	
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Paul D. Lamoy	x	
Bernard C. Bassett	x	

Resolution No. 011-105

Request To Attend Annual 2011 Annual State Conference for Historians

WHEREAS, the Town Historian, and Deputy Historian, have participated in a number of regional and local events and meetings representing the Town and contributing to the development of the rich historical heritage of the Town of Plattsburgh and Champlain Valley; and

WHEREAS, by participating in the Annual State Conference for Historians Mr. Bates and Mr. Glidden will be able to represent the interest of the Town and continue to remain current and informed making them more effective Town Historians; therefore it is

RESOLVED, that Jerry Bates, Town Historian, and William Glidden, Deputy Town Historian, are allowed to attend the New York State Annual Conference for Historians held from April 3 – April 6, 2011 in Elmira, New York at the Holiday Inn Riverside; and it is further

RESOLVED, that \$270.00 for conference and annual dues, and \$285.00 lodging and meals, and any Town stipend as applies not to exceed \$640.00 to be charged to the Town Historian’s Budget; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be given to the Budget Officer and Town Historians.

Motion: Paul D. Lamoy
Seconded by: Gerard A. Renadette

Discussion:

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

Resolution No. 011-106

Resolution in Opposition to Fee Purchase of Former Finch and Follensby Pond Lands

WHEREAS, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) purchased 161,000 acres known as the Finch Pruyn (Finch) Timberlands several years ago with the intent of selling 89,000 acres in conservation easements and 65,000 acres (to be added to the State forest preserve) of said land in fee to the State of New York (State), and

WHEREAS, the State and TNC have recently completed a deal on the 89,000 acre conservation easements that maintain productive forestry practices and enjoy the support of local governments that were directly impacted by providing said communities with several thousand acres in recreational enhancements, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has indicated its desire to now purchase more than 60,000 acres of the former Finch timberlands and an additional 15,000 acres of the Follensby Pond timberlands in fee from TNC, and

WHEREAS, those supportive communities now find themselves confronted with an unparalleled economic depression and whose constituents simply do not support the State buying more land at a time when people are facing job losses and all levels of government are cutting vital services, and

WHEREAS, no statutory guarantee currently exists requiring New York State to pay local property taxes on State land to municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) is charged with the responsibility of determining State agency compliance with the Adirondack State Land Master Plan (SLMP) and to engage in a continuing planning process which recognizes matters of local concern, and

WHEREAS, the SLMP provides that "due to the importance of the forest products industry to the economy of the Adirondack region, bulk acreage purchases in fee should not normally be made where highly productive forest land is involved, unless such land is threatened with development that would curtail its use for forestry purposes or its value for the preservation of open space or of wildlife habitat."; and

WHEREAS, the former Finch lands and the Follensby Pond lands are both highly productive forestlands, and neither are threatened with imminent development that would curtail its value of open space; and

WHEREAS, the proposed purchase of the Follensby lands will be partially funded by federal *Forest Legacy* program funds designed to purchase and protect working forests, and is not designed to fund fee acquisition lands where forestry would be prohibited; and

WHEREAS, the State currently faces unprecedented financial challenges that will require cutting five (5) billion dollars from state education and Medicaid programs this year alone, and with the loss of thousands of state jobs the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is unable to properly maintain and manage existing, no less any newly acquired, lands due to staff reductions, and

WHEREAS, the education of our children, taking care of the less fortunate and protecting the environment by using Environmental Protection Funds to upgrade sewer and water projects must be priority one - not more land purchases - particularly when the State already owns millions of acres of *Forest Preserve*, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Plattsburgh opposes the fee acquisition by the State of the former Finch and Follensby Pond lands; urges the APA to insure compliance with the SLMP by opposing the proposed DEC fee purchase of highly productive timberland; and urges Governor Cuomo to directly intercede on behalf of the taxpayers of New York by directing his State agencies to reject the proposed purchase of the former Finch and Follensby lands; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Plattsburgh requests Governor Cuomo consider using available EPF funds to adequately staff DEC to ensure proper stewardship of existing State land including the many campgrounds and State Parks which are a vital asset to local economies, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, Senator Elizabeth Little, Senator Hugh Farley, Senator James Seward, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Roy McDonald, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward, Assemblywoman Janet Duprey, Assemblyman David Townsend, DEC Commissioner Joe Martens, DEC Region 5 Director Betsy Lowe, DEC Region 6 Director Judy Drabicki, the Twelve counties of the Adirondacks, the Adirondack Park Agency and the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages.

Motion: Gerard A. Renadette

Seconded by: Paul D. Lamoy

Discussion: While Councilor Wood recognizes he does not have all the facts regarding this matter, he supports the ADK's position which "...strongly supports the State acquisition of the Follensby Pond parcel, using already budgeted environmental Protection Fund moneys. Follensby Pond is one of the largest wilderness ponds in the Adirondacks. The EPF comes from statewide real property transfer fees and not from income or other broad based taxes. The town of Harriestown would receive real property taxes on the parcel if it is added to the Forest Preserve, just as the Town of Plattsburgh receives property taxes on Cumberland Bay State Park and on Valcour and Crab Islands. These are all examples of properties which attract out of town visitors who contribute to the local economy." Councilor Wood also noted that this procedure follows a long precedent of land purchases by the State from the Nature Conservancy. Supervisor Bassett and Councilor Mannix also acknowledge that they don't know all the facts on this matter, yet they both strongly oppose the State of NY purchasing more land at taxpayers' expense in these difficult economic times.

Roll Call:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Thomas E. Wood		x
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Paul D. Lamoy	x	
Bernard C. Bassett	x	

Resolution No. 011-107 **2011 -2015 Water Supply Agreement Between Town of Plattsburgh and Town of Schuyler Falls**

WHEREAS, the Town of Plattsburgh has been approached by the Town of Schuyler Falls to support and help remedy their needs for water district administration; and

WHEREAS, Town of Plattsburgh Consolidated Water District, an improvement district of the Town of Plattsburgh, with address 151 Banker Road, Plattsburgh, New York 12901 (hereinafter referred to as “TOPCWD”), TOPCWD continues to have a surplus of treated water with the probability of said surplus being available for the foreseeable future as well as resources and expertise to provide operation and Maintenance for the Town of Schuyler Falls; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Schuyler Falls, acting for Morrisonville Water District, an improvement district of the Town of Schuyler Falls, with address 997 Mason Street, Morrisonville, New York 12962 (hereinafter referred to as “MWD”), party of the second part, has presented a proposed Water Supply Agreement to the Town of Plattsburgh; and.

WHEREAS, The Towns of Plattsburgh and Schuyler Falls have cooperated in the successful application for a Local Government Efficiency Grant to eliminate the need to staff a water department for the MWD by utilizing Town of Plattsburgh resources and

WHEREAS, TOPCWD currently provides treated water and operational services to the Town of Schuyler Falls Woods Mill Water District; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the parties to sell treated water to the MWD pursuant to the terms and provisions of the attached Agreement and to share services and avoid unnecessary duplication in making more efficient use of taxpayer funds, for both municipalities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, Agreements set forth (in attached Agreement) will be executed and copies be given to each municipality and also be given to the Budget Officer and the Water Wastewater Director in the Town of Plattsburgh.

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

Discussion:

Roll Call:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Thomas E. Wood	x	
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Paul D. Lamoy	x	
Bernard C. Bassett	x	

Resolution No. 011-108

Adirondack Club and Resort Project Support

WHEREAS, the Town of Plattsburgh recognizes the regional impact of economic development projects that occur in the North Country and wishes to remain proactive in our support of economic development and job creation; and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Club and Resort is a proposed four season, recreational resort development project in the Town of Tupper Lake that proposes to develop the ski area (formerly known as Big Tupper), as well as residential structures, commercial structures, and associated infra-structure; and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Club and Resort has demonstrated their understand of the importance of the natural environment within the Adirondack Park as demonstrated by their consultation with all relevant parties in the on-going development of plans for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Club and Resort will provide a large, balanced, and needed economic boost to the Tupper Lake area, and the entire Adirondack region; and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Club Resort is seeking support from the greater Adirondack and New York State area, in an effort to finalize the necessary approvals from the various regulatory agencies; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Plattsburgh hereby supports, the Adirondack Club and Resort project; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Town of Plattsburgh encourages special interest groups like the Adirondack Council, Protect the Adirondacks, and other parties to the hearing, to stop the various stall tactics and discovery motion fillings, and allow the adjudicatory hearing to move quickly allowing the regulatory agencies to reach a final permit approval in a timely manner; and, be it further

RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be provided to local, county and state elected officials.

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

Discussion:

Roll Call:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Thomas E. Wood		x
Gerard A. Renadette	x	
Martin D. Mannix	x	
Paul D. Lamoy	x	
Bernard C. Bassett	x	

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED, that this Town Board meeting be adjourned at 8:25 PM.

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

Discussion:

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

Carried:

Motion to go into Executive Session

Motion to come out of Executive Session

Motion by:
Seconded by:
Time:

Motion by:
Seconded by:
Time:

Roll Call: **YES** **NO**

Thomas E. Wood
Gerard A. Renadette
Martin D. Mannix
Paul D. Lamoy
Bernard C. Bassett

Roll Call: **YES** **NO**

Thomas E. Wood
Gerard A. Renadette
Martin D. Mannix
Paul D. Lamoy
Bernard C. Bassett