

TOWN OF WATERTOWN

REGULAR MEETING

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MARCH 11, 2010

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

Joel R. Bartlett, Supervisor – Stephen L. Rich, Councilman – Paul V. Desormo, Councilman

David D. Prosser, Councilman – Edward R. Smith, Councilman

Supervisor Bartlett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Bartlett called for a roll of members present. Councilman Desormo was absent, all others were present. Legal Counsel Joseph W. Russell was present.

MOTION # 27

Supervisor Bartlett moved to adopt the minutes of the February 11, 2010 Regular Meeting as presented. Councilman Prosser seconded.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett opened the floor for anyone wishing to address the town board.

Joseph & Kay Woodward, Massey St. Road , asked the board if something could be done about the light on top of the water tower on Arsenal St. They indicated that the light flashes very brightly and that it penetrates their windows at night, making it very annoying. Supervisor Bartlett responded by saying that he would contact the engineers to see if the problem could be rectified.

Supervisor Bartlett acknowledged receipt of the town clerk's report for the Month of February 2010.

Supervisor Bartlett referred to a letter received from the deputy town clerk, regarding Mr. Ken Pearson's previous request to have his water bill reduced. The deputy clerk reminded the board in her letter that the town was unable to read the water meter from September 2008 thru June 2009, because no one was home. Additionally, the town replaced the meter to insure the accuracy of the readings. It has been determined that the readings were correct and that no adjustment will be made to the billing. It was decided that if needed Mr. Pearson could set up a payment schedule to repay the charges due the town for the water and sewer.

RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION # 28

WHEREAS, Public Works employee David Dehoff has been recommended for promotion from MEO-4 to MEO-3 by the public works superintendent, and

WHEREAS, it has been certified to this board by the Superintendent that Mr. Dehoff meets all criteria for promotion.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, David Dehoff is hereby promoted from wage grade MEO-4 to MEO-3 and a new hourly rate of compensation is established at \$15.56 per hour effective with the first full pay period following the employees work anniversary date.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Smith seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 29

WHEREAS, Municipal Solutions Inc., a financial services company, has submitted a fee for service agreement relative to researching and preparing financial applications to various funding agencies on an as needed basis, and

WHEREAS, Municipal Solutions Inc. is highly recommended by the Town Bond Council as to Municipal Solutions ability to prepare funding applications and to co-ordinate administrative responsibilities relative to the towns needs for both short term and long term project funding, and

WHEREAS, Municipal Solutions Inc. has a proven record regarding the financial services provided to municipalities and has generated savings to municipalities who employ the company's services, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the agreement (attached as exhibit A), the town has the option of selecting a variety of areas of financial services as needed at the amounts stated as fees for said services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the supervisor is hereby authorized to execute said agreement for services between the Town of Watertown and Municipal Solutions.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Prosser seconded.

Discussion: Town board members discussed the need for this service and asked to have a copy of the agreement provided to them prior to approving it. Town legal Counsel recommended the company and its service for the town.

All members voted no on the resolution

It was suggested that a representative of Municipal Solutions make a presentation at the next meeting, and that a copy of the agreement be provided to board members.

MOTION # 30

WHEREAS, the Disabled Persons Action Organization has submitted a request for a grant of Town Bed Tax Revenues for the purpose of underwriting the organizations advertising and promotional expenses associated with promoting the 2010 Summer Concert Series, a series of concert that draws thousands of tourists to the area, and

WHEREAS, the D.P.A.O. annually provides the Town Council with documentation as to how the Grant Funds are appropriated by the organization to promote tourism activity for the area, and

WHEREAS, the organizations request for 2010 is in the amount of \$27,000.00, and

WHEREAS, these funds are available for appropriation in the Town's fiscal Year 2010 Budget, as adopted on November 5, 12009, and

WHEREAS, the organizations executive director agrees to execute this resolution on behalf of the D.P.A.O., and agrees to appropriate these grant funds for the purpose of advertising and promoting expenses associated with the 2010 Summer Concert Series.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Watertown Council hereby authorizes a grant of Town Occupancy Tax Revenues to the D.P.A.O. in the amount of \$27,000.00 for the stated use and purposes associated with promoting the 2010 Summer Concert Series. And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute this agreement resolution on behalf of the Town of Watertown.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Prosser seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 31

WHEREAS, the town highway department is in receipt of offers to sell for scrap certain items that no longer are operational and of use to the town highway department including a 1995 Ford Pickup Truck and a Walters Plow, and

WHEREAS, these items have been accumulating as junk for a number of years, and

WHEREAS, Scrappy Salvage Service has offered \$150.00 to scrap the Walter Plow and \$200.00 for the 1995 Ford Truck.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in the interest of reducing the accumulation of scrap materials that no longer serve a useful purpose, the town council authorizes the sale of said items for the amounts stated in the proposals.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution and Councilman Smith seconded.

Ayes All

MOTION # 32

Supervisor Bartlett moved to pay the following abstracts as audited.

General Voucher	#	65	to	65	Total	\$	591.57
Spec. Dist. Voucher.	#	25	to	25	Total	\$	70.11
General Vouchers	#	66	to	91	Total		\$25,092.66
Highway Vouchers	#	50	to	65	Total		\$29,277.43
Spec. Dist. Vouchers.	#	26	to	32	Total		\$42,457.05

Councilman Rich seconded.

Ayes All

New Business:

Supervisor Bartlett stated that he had provided a letter from the Unified Court System advising that the town has been awarded a grant under the Justice Court Assistance Program.

Councilman Prosser said that he had received announcement for an energy seminar to be held March 30, 2010. He asked the town to pay his mileage for his attendance at the seminar. The board agreed.

Councilman Smith questioned a bill that a town resident had received from the Town of Watertown Ambulance Service for the payment of a bill. He further stated that the individual stated he was not carried in the ambulance and did not feel he should be billed. Councilman Rich said he would look into the matter.

MOTION # 33

Councilman Prosser moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM. Supervisor Bartlett seconded.

Ayes All

Catherine M. Rich, Town Clerk

