

TOWN OF WATERTOWN

REGULAR MEETING

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

APRIL 9, 2009

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

JOEL R. BARTLETT, SUPERVISOR – STEPHEN L. RICH, COUNCILMAN – PAUL V. DESORMO, COUNCILMAN – DAVID D. PROSSER, COUNCILMAN – EDWARD R. SMITH, COUNCILMAN

Councilman Desormo offered a prayer and Supervisor Bartlett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Bartlett opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and called for a roll of members present. All members were present. Legal Counsel Joseph W. Russell was not present.

MOTION #40

Supervisor Bartlett moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2009 Regular Meeting. Councilman Desormo seconded.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett opened the floor for anyone wishing to address the town board. No one chose to speak and the Supervisor closed the open session.

MOTION # 41

Supervisor Bartlett moved to adjourn to executive session at 7:02 PM to discuss the work history of a town employee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Prosser.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett reconvened the regular portion of the meeting at 7:20 PM

Supervisor Bartlett acknowledged the town clerk's report for the Month of March 2009.

Petitions and communications:

Supervisor Bartlett acknowledged a letter from Mr. David Clement, a copy of which was supplied to the board members.

The letter addressed several concerns regarding the funding of the Town of Watertown Ambulance Service. Councilman Desormo spoke saying that he was under the impression that 24 hour service was going to be provided.

Mr. David Roof, President of the ambulance service spoke responding to the items in the letter and confirmed that there had been time when the ambulance service was not able to respond to calls. He

further stated that the reason was that they had been having problems with their billing agency and were not being paid the insurance monies that they should have received. As a result the ambulance was unable to operate as anticipated. The service since has employed another billing service. With the change in billing services, medical insurance payments to the ambulance service were disrupted due to this change, and are just now beginning to be received. It is anticipated that 24 hour service will be attained in the near future.

Members of the Town Board, Mr. David Roof and Mr. David Clement continued with a lengthy conversation regarding the ambulance service. Mr. David Roof was asked to report back to the town board at the next town board meeting.

Resolutions:

MOTION # 42

WHEREAS, Public Works employee Timothy Wells has successfully completed the probationary period of employment with the Public Works Department and has been recommended by his supervisor for permanent employment placement at the wage grade of MEO-4.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that after successfully completing the probationary period of employment and upon the recommendations of the Public Works Department Supervisor, Timothy Wells is hereby appointed to permanent fulltime employment status and is entitled to all benefits as provided to fulltime employees.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Supervisor Bartlett and seconded by Councilman Rich.

Ayes All

MOTION # 43

WHEREAS, the Town of Watertown and the City of Watertown jointly requested proposals from qualified firms to perform a comprehensive Disinfection By-products Study as a component of the Greater Watertown Water Quality Improvement Project Initiative and a Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant has been awarded by the State of New York to provide the greater part of the funding for this project, and

WHEREAS, of the three proposals submitted for review by the project steering committee the environmental engineering firm of Hazen and Sawyer, 498 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY was recommended for award of the contract and meets the criteria set forth in the RFP.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Watertown hereby concurs with the steering committee recommendation and recommends the City of Watertown City Council award said contract to the Engineering Firm of Hazen and Sawyer, New York City, for the study purposes as detailed in the RFP. And

BE IT FUKRTHERR RESOLVED, an appropriation of up to five thousand dollars from the Town General Fund Economic Development appropriation account (A6989.4) which represents the town portion of funding for the study is hereby authorized.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Supervisor Bartlett and seconded by Councilman Rich.

Ayes All

MOTION # 44

Supervisor Bartlett moved to authorize payment for application #2 to Cunningham Excavation, Inc. for the contract for pipeline construction on the outer Washington St. water district improvement in the amount of \$73,983.20.

Councilman Desormo seconded the motion.

Ayes All

MOTION # 45

Supervisor Bartlett moved to pay the following abstracts as audited.

General Vouchers	#	97	to	98	Total	\$ 8,212.80
Highway Voucher	#	78	to	78	Total	\$ 10,316.88
Spec. Dist. Voucher	#	25	to	25	Total	\$ 63.02
General Vouchers	#	99	to	121	Total	\$ 10,716.34
Highway Vouchers	#	79	to	99	Total	\$ 27,614.13
Spec. Dist. Vchrs	#	26	to	30	Total	\$123,882.62

Councilman Prosser seconded the motion.

Ayes All

Old Business:

Councilman Prosser noted that construction has restarted on the water tower on Arsenal St.

MOTION # 46

There being no further business to be brought before the board, Councilman Prosser moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. Councilman Desormo seconded.

Ayes All

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Catherine M. Rich, Town Clerk