

TOWN OF STERLING
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2010

A regular meeting of the Sterling Town Board, County of Cayuga and State of New York was held at the Sterling Town Hall, 1290 State Rt. 104A, Sterling, NY on the 22nd day of February 2010 at 7:30 pm.

PRESENT:	Ilona Palmieri	Supervisor
	Tucker Whitman	Councilperson
	Gus Taft	Councilperson
	Walter Schneider	Councilperson
	Steven Keeling	Councilperson
	Lisa Cooper	Town Clerk
	Paul Kelley	Highway Superintendent
	Harry Snyder	ZBA Chair, President of SHS
	James Creller	Constable
	Brian Soper	MEO
	Lezli Parsons	Assessor

ATTENDED BY: 7 People

Privilege of the Floor

Susan Taylor-State Rt. 104A stated that she represents the group that is being proactive in the cat population in the Town of Sterling. Their goal is to make sure that the majority of cats are spayed and neutered. They would like to do a survey or census.

Supervisor Palmieri stated that Governor Paterson produced a list of state parks that they would like to close in the State of New York. She stated that Springbrook Greens at Fair Haven State Park was slated to close this year. She stated that you can not let a golf course go idle or you will have a field in no time.

Pat Maxon-State Rt. 104A (former owner of the golf course), stated that the state can not just mow the grass. There is more that needs to be done to a course. She stated that most of the problems are State mandates. She stated that the local administration has their hands tied on what can and can not be done. She also stated that the club house is one of the largest buildings in the Town. She stated that it is 42 x 96 and is wheelchair accessible. Pat also stated that the State closed the driving range. There was much discussion between the Board members and audience regarding the closure. The Board decided to form a Parks Committee to work on this issue. (Resolution below.)

RESOLUTION #2010-039

CLOSURE OF STATE PARKS

On motion made by Councilperson Taft, seconded by Councilperson Whitman, the following resolution was

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ADOPTED Ayes 5 Palmieri, Whitman, Taft, Schneider, Keeling
Nays 0

RESOLVED, that this Town Board pursue opportunities to keep Springbrook Greens at Fair Haven State Park open.

Highway Report

There was discussion of the plow truck.

RESOLUTION #2010-040
PURCHASE NEW TRUCK

On motion made by Councilperson Keeling, seconded by Councilperson Taft, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Palmieri, Whitman, Taft, Schneider, Keeling
Nays 0

RESOLVED, that this Board purchase the new plow truck from Pay Star.

Highway Superintendent Kelley stated that he would like until the next meeting to discuss the plow equipment.

Justice Report

Constable Jim Creller stated that Cayuga County Probation will be here at the Town Hall on the third Wednesday of the month at 6 pm. He also stated that District Attorney's night starts at 3 pm with Judge Brown; Judge Blauvelt starts at 4 pm. He stated that there are less people in the building at one time and there is more room for parking.

Assessor Report

Assessor Lezli Parsons stated she is hoping for no increase in assessment next year. She stated that Jennifer Blanchard, Assessment Clerk is working out well.

Historical Society Report

Harry Snyder, President of SHS, stated that the Board of Trustees and Officers would like to ask the Town Board to pass a resolution to name the area of the Red School House as Sterling Heritage Park.

Joint Comprehensive Report

Supervisor Palmieri stated that the committee will be meeting this Wednesday. The draft has a few changes and they are close to having a public hearing.

Accept the Minutes

On motion made by Councilperson Whitman, seconded by Councilperson Taft, to accept the minutes from the January 19, 2010 regular meeting. Carried.

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On motion made by Councilperson Taft, seconded by Councilperson Whitman, to accept the minutes from the February 11, 2010 special meeting. Carried.

Supervisor's Report

On motion made by Councilperson Schneider, seconded by Councilperson Taft to accept the Supervisor's report for January 2010. Carried.

Correspondence

1. Local law from Village of Fair Haven re: amending Chapter 113 of the Village code.
2. FOIL request from Feher Rubbish Removal and Article 9 of the NYS Labor Laws
3. e-mail from US Census
4. Receipt of donation from Don Neal for gravel
5. Woodworth Cemetery agreement

RESOLUTION #2010-041

SIGN THE WOODWORTH CEMETERY AGREEMENT

On motion made by Councilperson Taft, seconded by Councilperson Schneider, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Palmieri, Whitman, Taft, Schneider, Keeling
Nays 0

RESOLVED, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Woodworth Cemetery agreement with Robert Woodworth.

(Correspondence continued)

6. Time Warner re: agreements
7. e-mail from Nancy Spoerke re: Silver Banner day

RESOLUTION #2010-042

SILVER STAR BANNER DAY

On motion made by Councilperson Schneider, seconded by Councilperson Keeling, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Palmieri, Whitman, Taft, Schneider, Keeling
Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Town of Sterling has always honored the sacrifice of the men and women in the Armed Forces and

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WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America was formed to make sure we remember the blood sacrifice of our wounded and ill by designing and manufacturing a Silver Star (Service) Banner and Flag and

WHEREAS, to date The Silver Star Families of America has freely given thousands of Silver Star (Service) Banners to the wounded and their families, and

WHEREAS, the members of The Silver Star Families of America have worked tirelessly to provide the wounded of this Town and Country with Silver Star (Service) Banner, Flags and care packages, and

WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America's sole mission is that every time someone sees a Silver Star (Service) Banner in a window or Silver Star (Service) Flag flying, that people remember the (sacrificed) for this Town, State and Nation and

WHEREAS, the people and Supervisor of Sterling wish that the sacrifice of so many in our Armed Forces never be forgotten,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ilona Palmieri, Supervisor of the Town of Sterling do hereby proclaim my appreciation of The Silver Star Families of America and honor their commitment to our wounded Armed Forces members. I hereby declare May 1st "Silver Star Banner Day" the permanent and official day to honor the wounded and ill Soldiers of the Town of Sterling.

(Correspondence continued)

8. Flyer for Fire Department consolidation and dissolution
9. Letter from David Benwell re: position of director of Wayuga Rec
10. e-mail from Attorney General re: Intel litigation
11. EBS re: addendum agreement

RESOLUTION #2010-043

SIGN THE EBS ADDENDUM AGREEMENT

On motion made by Councilperson Taft, seconded by Councilperson Schneider, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Palmieri, Whitman, Taft, Schneider, Keeling
Nays 0

RESOLVED, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the EBS addendum agreement.

(Correspondence continued)

12. ORPS re: 2009 annual aid certification
13. e-mail from Jeff Lowe re: PDC information

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14. 2 refund checks from Cayuga County for workers comp
15. Planning Board recommendation re: dwelling
16. Fax from Dale Yates re: dwelling
17. ZBA minutes
18. FOIL request from Carole Massaro re: dog ordinance, cost of request, response

RESOLUTION #2010-044

PAY THE AUDITED VOUCHERS

On motion made by Councilperson Whitman, seconded by Councilperson Taft, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Palmieri, Whitman, Taft, Schneider, Keeling
 Nays 0

RESOLVED, authorizing the Supervisor to pay the following audited vouchers:

General A	voucher #42-82	\$20,480.63
General B	voucher #5-11	\$5,448.66
CDBG	voucher #4-5	\$16,695.23
Highway A	voucher #25-39	\$8,284.21
Special	voucher #3	\$356.92
Trust & Agency	voucher #2	\$6,148.40

RESOLUTION #2010-045

RECORDS STORAGE COMMITTEE PERSON

On motion made by Councilperson Whitman, seconded by Councilperson Taft the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Palmieri, Whitman, Taft, Schneider, Keeling
 Nays 0

RESOLVED, that this Board add Hallie Sweeting to the Records Storage Committee.

RESOLUTION #2010-046

CHANGE MARCH MEETING

On motion made by Councilperson Taft, seconded by Councilperson Keeling, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Palmieri, Whitman, Taft, Schneider, Keeling
 Nays 0

RESOLVED, that this Board change the March meeting to March 22 and authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for such meeting.

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RESOLUTION #2010-047

WILLIAMSON LAW BOOK AGREEMENT FOR TOWN CLERK/TAX
COLLECTOR SOFTWARE PROGRAM

On motion made by Councilperson Whitman, seconded by Councilperson Taft, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Palmieri, Whitman, Taft, Schneider, Keeling
Nays 0

RESOLVED, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Williamson Law Book agreement for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector software program.

RESOLUTION #2010-048

STERLING HERITAGE PARK

On motion made by Councilperson Whitman, seconded by Councilperson Keeling, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Palmieri, Whitman, Taft, Schneider, Keeling
Nays 0

RESOLVED, that this Board name the area that includes the Red School House, Railroad Tower and any future museum buildings as Sterling Heritage Park.

RESOLUTION #2010-049

APPROVE LINDA LINDNER FOR THE CDBG GRANT

On motion made by Councilperson Taft, seconded by Councilperson Schneider, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Palmieri, Whitman, Taft, Schneider, Keeling
Nays 0

RESOLVED, that this Board approve Linda Lindner for the CDBG Grant.

RESOLUTION #2010-050

REQUEST FOR FUNDS FORM

On motion made by Councilperson Keeling, seconded by Councilperson Schneider, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Palmieri, Whitman, Taft, Schneider, Keeling
Nays 0

RESOLVED, authorizing Councilpersons Taft and Whitman to sign the request for funds form for the CDBG Grant.

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RESOLUTION #2010-051

FORM PARKS COMMITTEE

On motion made by Councilperson Schneider, seconded by Councilperson Keeling, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Palmieri, Whitman, Taft, Schneider, Keeling
Nays 0

RESOLVED, that this Board form a Parks Committee with the following people on the Committee: Patricia Cooper-Maxon, Bonnie Bridson, Joan Kelley, Tucker Whitman, Gus Taft.

Old Business

1. Small Harbor Coalition
2. Letter to Assemblyman Oaks re: Highway culverts/permit requirements
3. Sheriff Gould response to radio frequency request for WBB
4. Support letter for Village and Cayuga County Soil & Water
5. e-mail Rick Blafeld for audit request
6. Well head protection

RESOLUTION #2010-052

WELL HEAD PROTECTION

On motion made by Councilperson Taft, seconded by Councilperson Keeling, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Palmieri, Whitman, Taft, Schneider, Keeling
Nays 0

RESOLVED, that this Board accept the final report for Groundwater Supply Source Protection that was done by Stearns & Wheler.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilperson Whitman, seconded by Councilperson Schneider, the meeting adjourned. Time 9:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cooper, MMC
Sterling Town Clerk