

TOWN OF STERLING
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 22, 2009

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 June 2009 at 7:30 pm.

PRESENT:	Joan Kelley	Supervisor
	Tucker Whitman	Councilperson
	Gus Taft	Councilperson
	Walter Schneider	Councilperson
	Ilona Palmieri	Councilperson
	Lisa Cooper	Town Clerk
	Paul Kelley	Highway Superintendent
	Heather Garner	Assessor
	Lezli Parsons	Assessor Clerk
	Jim Creller	Constable

ATTENDED BY: 2 People

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Kelley stated that he put an amended road work schedule in the Town Board's mailbox. He stated that there is a road off of Juniper Hill Rd. which needs to have brush cut down. He stated that he would like to make sure he is not on private property. The Highway Superintendent stated that he can't abandon the road because it would land lock some property owners. He would have this road as a seasonal road. He also found out that the road between State Rt. 104A and Old State Rd is a Town road. He stated that he received a letter from the State DOT from 1932 stating that the State abandoned that portion of the road and the Town owns it. He stated that he will put these roads on the inventory for CHIP money. The Highway Superintendent stated that he needs names for these roads. He also stated that the A-Team needs a couple of buckets of stone. He asked permission from the Board.

RESOLUTION #2009-073

AMEND ROAD WORK AGREEMENT FOR 2009

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Board and Highway Superintendent amend the 2009 road work agreement as per the new agreement.

RESOLUTION #2009-074

LOAD OF STONE

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

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

RESOLVED, authorizing the Highway Superintendent to deliver a load of stone for the railroad display behind the Red School House.

The Highway Superintendent stated that someone had asked if they could take the scrap metal which is located at the old landfill property. After much discussion by the Town Board, they decided not to give anyone permission to take the scrap metal from the old landfill property. The Highway Superintendent also stated that he has been asked to put the swings up next to the Red School House. Supervisor Kelley stated that NYMIR has told the town that the grass under the swings is not an acceptable base for the swings. The Board discussed this issue and decided to put the swings up for now and have the Youth Committee discuss the base issue of the swings.

RESOLUTION #2009-075

SWINGS

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

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

RESOLVED, authorizing the Highway Superintendent to put the swings up and charge the Youth Committee to find a better base for the swings and how to maintain the base.

Town Clerk Report

Lisa Cooper, Town Clerk, stated that she had attended an International Institute for Municipal Clerks Conference in Chicago a few weeks ago. She stated that the Town paid for the registration and she paid for all other expenses. She stated that there were 10 other countries represented at this conference.

Assessor Report

Heather Garner, Assessor stated that as of today, she has received 8 resumes. She stated that Lezli and she interviewed 2 people and will interview more this week. Lezli Parsons stated that she will be at training at Cornell July 13-17. Heather also mentioned that there were 40 people that attended grievance. She stated that this was a total of 63 parcels. She stated that 5 had inventory issues that were changed. She also stated that when some people saw the chart that

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all residence properties went up 2% and vacant land went up 5%, she stated that a few people crossed their names off the list and walked out.

West Barrier Bar Report

Councilperson Palmieri stated that the picnic was a few weeks ago. She stated that they had a good turn out even though the weather was cold and windy. She stated that they received stones for the area. Another port a potty was put closer to the beach area. There was an issue of locking the gate at night. She stated that the committee would have to decide. She also stated that the Bar Committee is looking into dismantling an old building.

Joint Comprehensive Committee Report

Supervisor Kelley stated that there will be a meeting on July 24 at the Town Hall. She stated that they are making good progress and the comprehensive plan should be completed by the end of this year or the beginning of next.

Accept the Minutes

On motion made by Councilperson Taft, seconded by Councilperson Palmieri to accept the minutes from May 18, 2009 regular meeting. Carried.

Supervisor's Report

On motion made by Councilperson Schneider, seconded by Councilperson Taft, to accept the Supervisor's report for May 2009. Carried.

Correspondence

1. Associate in Applied Science in Business Administration for Lisa Cooper
2. Letter to Gary Duckett re: change to buildings at WBB
3. Letter to WM Engineers re: Sutterby Rd. Bridge
4. SEQRA negative declaration for McCleary wind turbine
5. e-mail from Dawn Lobello, DEC re: memo of understanding
6. ORPS re: 2009 equalization rates
7. Two letters of support for reinstating support for the Red Creek Library
8. Letter of resignation for Heather Garner, Assessor
9. CC Water and Sewer re: support for Phase 2 of the sewer district
10. Letter of interest from Lezli Parsons re: Sole Assessor position
11. Legal notice from the Town of Oswego re: change in maps of their zoning law
12. Letter from Oswego YMCA re: tour de loop
13. Letter from FEMA re: change in flood maps
14. CC Planning re: June Ouellette training
15. Planning & Zoning School
16. AOT re: consolidation bill
17. NYS Public Service Commission re: 315 area code

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18. NYMIR seminar re: playground equipment inspection & maintenance
19. Several letters of interest for Assessor Clerk position

New Business

1. Supervisor's books were audited. Councilperson Taft and Schneider stated that the books were in good order.
2. Noise complaint. Supervisor Kelley stated that she received two complaints from residents regarding the rock concert at Sterling Creek Campgrounds. She stated that she found out about the concert from Detective Steve Smith who called about residents concerned about the noise. She stated that the first call was at 10 pm at her house. She and the Highway Superintendent drove to the area and found no cars parked on the roadside. She had asked the resident to come to the Board meeting to address his concern. (The resident did not come to the meeting.) The Supervisor stated that she contacted the Town of Hannibal regarding their local law for mass gathering and noise control.

RESOLUTION 2009-076

PAY THE AUDITED VOUCHERS

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

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

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

General A	voucher #206-262	\$69,618.60
General B	voucher #27-32	\$328.12
CD	voucher #6-8	\$24,059.17
Highway A	voucher #101-115	\$3,310.66
Highway B	voucher #9-28	\$94,890.25
Special	voucher #9-10	\$497.47
Trust & Agency	voucher #5-6	\$10,922.34

RESOLUTION #2009-077

SIGN NEW APPLICANT GRANT FORM

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

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

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RESOLVED, authorizing Councilperson Taft and Palmieri to sign the new applicant grant form for Dennis and Sharol Millus.

RESOLUTION #2009-078

SIGN THE NEW APPLICANT GRANT FORM

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

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

RESOLVED, authorizing Councilperson Taft and Palmieri to sign the new applicant grant form for Joseph Thompson.

RESOLUTION #2009-079

YMCA TOUR DE LOOP

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

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

RESOLVED, authorizing the Supervisor to write a letter of support for the YMCA Tour de Loop.

RESOLUTION #2009-080

ACCEPT RESIGNATION

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

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

RESOLVED, that this Board accept the resignation of Heather Garner as Sole Assessor effective July 6, 2009.

RESOLUTION #2009-081

ASSESSOR APPOINTMENT

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

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

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RESOLVED, that this Board appoint Lezli Parsons as Assessor effective July 6, 2009 at the same salary as the present Assessor.

RESOLUTION #2009-082
PHASE #2 OF SEWER DISTRICT

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

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

RESOLVED, that this Board supports Phase #2 of the Sewer District in Fair Haven.

Old Business

1. Audit books of Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Justice. Councilpersons Taft and Schneider stated that they would audit those books this Friday at 9 am.
2. Well head protection. Councilperson Whitman stated that the Planning Board has been authorized to have an engineer look at the well head protection at \$1,000 and asked if the Village would be willing to reimburse the Town for the costs. All board members agreed. Supervisor Kelley stated that Sue Allen, Planning Board Member gave the Supervisor information regarding free technical assistance to look at all public water supply. The Town Board decided to look at the Village Well Head.

Privilege of the Floor

Jim Creller asked if the speed radar could be placed on Center Rd. The Board agreed.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilperson Taft, seconded by Councilperson Whitman, the meeting adjourned. Time 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cooper
Sterling Town Clerk