

TOWN OF STERLING  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 18, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009 at 7:30 pm.

PRESENT:	Joan Kelley	Supervisor
	Tucker Whitman	Councilperson
	Gus Taft	Councilperson
	Walter Schneider	Councilperson
	Ilona Palmieri	Councilperson
	Judith Snyder	Deputy Town Clerk
	Paul Kelley	Highway Superintendent
	Heather Garner	Assessor
	Lezli Parsons	Assessor Clerk
	William McVea	Mayor of Fair Haven

ABSENT: Lisa Cooper, Town Clerk

ATTENDED BY: 4 People

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Tom Carlin-Technical Workplace Consulting-gave a brief presentation of his company. He would like to put together a package to take care of the Towns computers. His company purchased Off Site Backup and now specializes in IT support.

Mayor McVea stated that he would like to have a well head protection plan in place. He stated that maybe the Planning Board should look into this and give a recommendation. They may wish to consult with Engineer Todd Marsh.

RESOLUTION #2009-065

FAIR HAVEN WELL HEAD PROTECTION PLAN

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Planning Board review and recommend a well head protection plan for the Village of Fair Haven water supply and authorize expenditures of up to \$1,000 for an engineer consultation.

Mayor McVea stated that there are 3 or 4 new water lines on Acre Rd. and the village hesitates to put in more at \$30 a foot. A small water district may have to

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be created. Mayor McVea recommends that available money be used to pay for looking into forming a water district.

Mayor McVea stated that the Attorney General is proposing a new regulation that 10%, instead of 30%, of the voting people could vote for dissolution of the Village. The village would then have to do an expensive study and the Town would have to take over all function of the Village.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Kelley stated that he received 2 proposals for working on the Sutterby Rd. Bridge. The DOT requires an Engineer scour analysis because the bridge has unknown footings. The first proposal is from WM Engineers who would do the work for \$5,600. The second is from Miller who would charge \$3,200. The County engineer looked at it and stated that WM Engineers would be more thorough and better meet DOT requirements. Highway Superintendent Kelley recommended WM Engineers and hopes that the Town men could do the work.

RESOLUTION #2009-066

SIGN CONTRACT WITH WM ENGINEERS

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 the Town accept the proposal from WM Engineers and authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract.

Highway Superintendent Kelley stated that they are finishing Old State Rd. early and under budget. Councilperson Whitman asked about 2 of the vouchers. The Highway Superintendent stated that the Town may need to have an extended warranty, but that more information is needed about what is covered and the costs. The current warranty runs out June 18 so an emergency meeting may have to be called before the scheduled June 22 meeting.

Assessment Report

Heather Garner, Assessor stated that the reval letters have been sent and approximately 40 people have come in or called. Most are okay with the changes after they are explained. She stated that more houses have closed over the last few months and that more for sale are going up. The Assessor stated that she will be resigning in July but will have everything done for this year before she leaves. She recommends that Lezli Parsons be appointed Assessor since she has had training and has worked in the Assessor's office. She also stated

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that she received a letter of intent from Jennifer Blanchard for the BAR Clerk position. She also asked permission to advertise for an Assessment Clerk.

RESOLUTION #2009-067

ADVERTISE FOR ASSESSMENT CLERK

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, that an ad be put once in the Post Herald and several times in the Shopper for an Assessment Clerk.

RESOLUTION #2009-068

BAR CLERK APPOINTMENT

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, that this board appoint Jennifer Blanchard as the Board of Assessment Review Clerk at \$100 per year, effective May 18, 2009.

Historical Report

Rob Flack stated that the rails are here, the tower has been wired for sight and sound, the railroad track has been marked out and the railroad hand car kit will be shipped this week. Hallie Sweeting, Town Historian, has asked if the Woodworth Cemetery on Irwin Rd. could be cleaned up. Bob Woodworth supports this, but we need to have in writing an agreement between the landowner and the town. Supervisor Kelley will call Cayuga County Sheriff's Department to see if inmates would be available to do the work.

West Barrier Bar Report

Councilperson Palmieri stated that a meeting was held on May 17, 2009. They have received large rocks to use as needed and a second portable john. The building on the property is in need of repair. The Town and Village should ask permission to take care of this. The community picnic will be May 31, noon to 5.

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

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

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Nays 0

RESOLVED, that permission be requested from the County to renovate the existing structure on the West Barrier Bar.

Joint Comprehensive Report

There will be a meeting on Wednesday May 20. Jeff Mills, Cayuga County Planner will be there to talk about Village land use.

Accept Minutes

On motion made by Councilperson Whitman, seconded by Councilperson Palmieri to accept the minutes from the April 20, 2009 regular meeting. Carried.

Supervisor's Report

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

Correspondence

1. Town Clerk Report
2. Thoma re: Joe and Caren Thompson's in Grant. Thoma has pre-qualified the Thompsons for the housing rehabilitation program, but had a question about a possible conflict of interest as Mrs. Thompson is the cousin of Curtis Cooper who works for the Town Highway and is the husband of Lisa Cooper, Town Clerk. The Board members stated that this is the first time they were aware of the Thompson's application so there has been no prior knowledge or influence. Curtis and Lisa Cooper do not act in any decision making capacity.
3. Renaissance Performing Artists re: temporary beer permits
4. Letter of interest by Jennifer Blanchard for BAR Clerk
5. Letter from Fingerlakes SPCA re: Susan Taylor's comments at last meeting
6. Assessment for Town properties
7. Letter from Assemblyman Kolb re: designating State Rt. 38 as Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.
8. Letter from Assemblyman Oaks re: designating State Rt. 38 as Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.
9. Thank you from Helen Hall & Louise Kellogg, Sterling Silver Swingers
10. Cayuga Works re: summer youth employment
11. Funding infrastructure for the future
12. NYMIR re: increase in NYS Jurisdictional Boiler Inspection fees
13. NYMIR re: subscriber accounting statements
14. NYMIR re: loss control recommendations
15. e-mail from Thoma re: pre-qualified
16. WM Engineers re: Sutterby Road Bridge
17. Village of Fair Haven cc: Town of Sterling re: forming a water district

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RESOLUTION #2009-070

PAY THE AUDITED VOUCHERS

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

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

RESOLVED, authorizing the supervisor to pay for the following audited vouchers:

General A	voucher #177-205	\$11,033.25
General B	voucher #24-26	\$126.43
Highway A	voucher #89-100	\$2,864.70
Highway B	voucher #5-8	\$488.40
CD Grant Fund	voucher #3-5	\$12,527.93

RESOLUTION #2009-071

CHANGE JUNE MEETING

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

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

RESOLVED, that the June meeting be changed to June 22 and authorize the Clerk to advertise for such meeting.

RESOLUTION #2009-072

PREPAY

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

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

RESOLVED, authorizing the Supervisor to prepay the Blue Cross/Blue Shield bill.

Old Business

Councilperson Taft and Schneider will be auditing the books starting Thursday, May 21 at 9 am with the Supervisor.

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Heather Garner, Assessor stated that if Lezli Parsons is appointed Assessor before she attends training in July, the cost will be refunded by the State.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilperson Whitman, seconded by Councilperson Palmieri, the meeting adjourned. Time 9:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Snyder  
Sterling Deputy Town Clerk