

Town of Milton
Regular Meeting
July 25, 2007

Present:

Supervisor Thompson
Town Clerk Mevec
Councilperson Miranda
Councilperson Blodgett
Councilperson Blaisdell
Councilperson Saul
Town Attorney Craig
Highway Supt. Forbes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Thompson.

Pledge by Councilman Miranda.

Motion by Miranda seconded by Blodgett to approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 27, 2007.
Miranda-yes; Blodgett-yes; Blaisdell-yes; Saul-yes; Thompson-yes. Motion carried.

Proclamation honoring Joseph Tranka as the Town of Milton's WWII Veteran selected for the County's ceremony honoring WWII veterans on August 27, 2007, read by Royann Blodgett as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Milton is proud of this nation's veterans who have made it possible for all citizens to enjoy the freedoms and opportunities that exist in the country; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Tranka, Jr., is one of our local veterans, having been born in Ballston Spa, New York on October 6, 1922. He attended school at the one-room school on Goode Road in the Town and graduated from Ballston Spa High School when it was located on Malta Avenue in the Village of Ballston Spa; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Tranka, Jr., proudly served his country as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. He served active duty in the South Pacific, including such places as Okinawa, Saipan, Tinian and Paulau; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Tranka, Jr. after having been honorably discharged from the Marines, returned to the Town of Milton where he married his wife, Nellie, and was a proud father of his son, Kirk; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Tranka, Jr., and his father Joseph Tranka, Sr., built the current home on the intersection of White Road and NYS Route 67 where family still continues to reside, and developed the Joseph Tranka and Son Florists business; which he later expanded to the Joseph Tranka and Son Landscaping and Excavation business. He was later joined by his wife, Nellie, and son, Kirk, in business who continue to operate the business at the same location; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Tranka, Jr., was an accomplished musician, while in the Marine Corps, having played first clarinet in the Marine Corps Band; and after having returned home, he played and marched with the Union Fire Company Band; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Tranka, Jr., was a proud member of the Ballston Spa VFW and the former Knights of Pythias; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Tranka, Jr., died April 2, 2007 at Saratoga Hospital and was buried with fully military honors at the Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Town Board of the Town of Milton recognizes Joseph Tranka, Jr., and officially honors him for his services to our country, as well as to our community.

Presentation by Shawn Lisieski, Director of the Town of Milton Summer Recreation Program.
Presentation of Proclamation honoring the Village of Ballston Spa in its Bicentennial Year to be presented to the Mayor of Ballston Spa at Town of Milton Day on August 12, 2007.

Motion by Saul seconded by Miranda to accept the Proclamation for Village of Ballston Spa and authorized Supervisor to make presentation as follows:

WHEREAS, The Village of Ballston Spa will be celebrating its 200th anniversary during the year of 2007. The Village of Ballston Spa is the County Seat of Saratoga County. It was incorporated by an act of the legislature on March 21, 1807. The purpose of this Proclamation is to commemorate the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Village of Ballston Spa; and

WHEREAS, The Village's name is derived from Rev. Eliphalet Ball, one of the earliest settlers in the Town of Ballston, with the addition of the word "Spa" borrowed from a town in Belgium which was a famous watering place as early as the 17th century; and

WHEREAS, Adding Milton's establishment in 1792, just 15 years before Ballston Spa, to the Village in 1807, we have 215 years of people "connection" – and even longer since earliest settlers came to both communities prior to the Town and Village designations by New York State; and

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WHEREAS, The Kayaderosseras Creek, as it winds and turns, has geographic, physical and economic “connections” to the Village, as the Village forms the southeastern border of the Town of Milton. The Kayaderosseras Creek and tributaries provided water power that attracted industrialist who developed many mills along the banks in both the Town and Village and provided residents with employment opportunities. For a period of time the Ballston Terminal Railroad Electric Trolley (PP&J) followed the Creek to provide both freight and passenger service for mills and employees, students, shoppers, and sightseers who traveled both to and from the Village; and

WHEREAS, By New York State Laws of 1813, towns and villages were required to establish school Districts. Milton’s District #1 and District #2 schools (of its 13) were located within the Village in the early 1800’s and later the high school on Malta Avenue provided grades 9 – 12 study for both Village and Milton students; and

WHEREAS, Over the years the Village became an area hub of retail stores, professional offices, services enterprises, county government, and church congregations, and has become a mecca of antique and boutique shops; and

WHEREAS, For numerous years the Milton Town Board met in the Village Hall prior to building Milton’s Town Hall on Rowland Street in 1966, and the extension along Geyser Road in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Town of Milton and Village of Ballston Spa residents have shared much of daily life throughout the years; and together the Village and Town have been partners in many projects, with the Woods Hollow Nature Preserve, with its trails and markers, being just one example; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Ballston Spa will hold its Bicentennial Parade on August 18th, 2007, to be followed by a Family Fun Day, for all residents and visitors to the Village; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Ballston Spa has continues to be interested in and dedicated to the improvement and enrichment of the quality of life of its citizens, now and for the future.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Town Board of the Town of Milton recognizes the Village of Ballston Spa’s Bicentennial, pauses in its deliberations and proudly and respectfully applauds, honors and commemorates the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Village, fully confident that the Village will continue to be a great place for people to congregate, work, enjoy, visit and for family’s to live, through it long and sustained commitment to great ideals, great principals, and great quality and way of life

Miranda-yes; Blodgett-yes; Blaisdell-yes; Saul-yes; Thompson-yes. Motion carried.

7:15 Public Hearing regarding the donation of 86.59 acres of land from the Boice family. (portions of SBL 188.00-1-11.11 & 188.00-1-2.12).

Town Clerk read the Public Notice

Supervisor opened Public Hearing.

John Olenik, John Obercon and Mrs. Ruth Dibelius spoke at the Public Hearing.

All persons were given an opportunity to be heard..

Supervisor closed public hearing at 7:30 PM.

Motion by Miranda seconded by Blodgett to accept the donation of 86.59 acres of land from the Boice family and to authorize the Supervisor to sign any and all necessary paperwork regarding acquisition of the Boice lands by the Town of Milton subject to the approval of the Town Attorney and Town Engineer.

Miranda-yes; Blodgett-yes; Blaisdell-yes; Saul-yes; Thompson-yes. Motion carried.

Presentation by J. Kelly Nolan, President of Watershed Assessment Associates regarding surface water biomonitoring needs of Saratoga County.

Resolution # 23 introduced by Miranda seconded by Blodgett authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First instance 100% of the Federal-aid and State “Marchiselli” Program-aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore as follows:

WHEREAS, a Project for the Town Center Sidewalk and Curb Project in the Town of Milton, P.I.N. 1757.75 (the “Project”) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U. S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs for such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Milton desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of Preliminary Engineering and Construction.

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NOW, THEREFORE, by order of the Town Board duly convened, it is hereby RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town of Milton to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of Preliminary Engineering and Construction work for the project or portions thereof; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$1,710,000.00 (One Million Seven Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars and no cents) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund (or, appropriated pursuant to Municipal Bonding) and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Town Board of the Town of Milton shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor of the Town of Milton be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the Town of Milton with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.
Miranda-yes; Blodgett-yes; Blaisdell-yes; Saul-yes; Thompson-yes. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Saul seconded by Blodgett to authorize the Supervisor to sign Transportation Enhancement Agreement documents required for work to be accomplished on the Preliminary Engineering and Construction phases of the Town Center Sidewalk and Curb Project with the approval of the Town Attorney.

Miranda-yes; Blodgett-yes; Blaisdell-yes; Saul-yes; Thompson-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Miranda seconded by Blodgett to accept the resignation of John Battenfield from his position of Deputy Dog Control Officer effective July 30, 2007.

Miranda-yes; Blodgett-yes; Blaisdell-yes; Saul-yes; Thompson-yes. Motion carried.

Resolution #24 introduced by Miranda seconded by Blodgett authorizing the Milton Justice Court to apply for a grant from the Justice Court Assistance Program as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Milton desires to apply for grant funding from the State of New York Justice Court Assistance program, which would enable the Town Court to apply for funding for improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Milton authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor of Milton to file for funds from the State of New York Justice Court Assistance Program and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute the necessary documents with the State of New York for such financial assistance.

Miranda-yes; Blodgett-yes; Blaisdell-yes; Saul-yes; Thompson-yes. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Miranda seconded by Saul to authorize the Supervisor to sign contract with the State of New York for funding in the amount of \$50,000 through the Legislative Member Initiative Program with the approval of the Town Attorney.

Miranda-yes; Blodgett-yes; Blaisdell-yes; Saul-yes; Thompson-yes. Motion carried.

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Resolution #25 introduced by Miranda seconded by Blodgett to refer a speed reduction request for Geyser Road by the residents of Knollwood Condominiums to the County of Saratoga, from Greenfield Avenue to City Line of Saratoga Springs.

Miranda-yes; Blodgett-yes; Blaisdell-yes; Saul-yes; Thompson-yes. Resolution adopted..

Resolution #26 introduced by Miranda seconded by Blodgett approving the transfer of two parcels from the Clear subdivision on Middle Line Road for purpose of improve access into and throughout the Wilbur & Marlene Trieble Passive Recreation Park.

Miranda-yes; Blodgett-yes; Blaisdell-yes; Saul-yes; Thompson-yes. Resolution adopted.=

Motion by Blodgett seconded by Miranda to authorize the Assessor to hire Daniel G. Vincelette, Esq. to represent the Town of Milton in Article 7 proceedings at an hourly rate of \$160 per hour, with additional fees estimated to be \$22,500.

Miranda-yes; Blodgett-yes; Blaisdell-yes; Saul-yes; Thompson-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Blodgett seconded by Saul to authorize Supervisor to go out to bid for a new telephone system. Bid opening will be August 22, 2007 at 7:15 PM.

Miranda-yes; Blodgett-yes; Blaisdell-yes; Saul-yes; Thompson-yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Letter from Amato Nardella

Reports

Town Clerk read & filed.

Building Department read & filed.

Highway Department read & filed.

Enforcement read & filed.

Zoning Board of Appeals by Allison Saul.

Planning Board by Frank Blaisdell.

Historian read & filed.

Justice Thomas read & filed.

Justice Calderon read & filed.

Comptroller filed.

Motion by Blodgett seconded by Blaisdell to go to an Executive Session personnel issue.

Miranda-yes; Blodgett-yes; Blaisdell-yes; Saul-yes; Thompson-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Miranda seconded by Blodgett to return to the regular meeting.

Miranda-yes; Blodgett-yes; Blaisdell-yes; Saul-yes; Thompson-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Blodgett seconded by Saul there being no further business to adjourn.

Miranda-yes; Blodgett-yes; Blaisdell-yes; Saul-yes; Thompson-yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Mevec
Town Clerk