

Regular Meeting
January 24, 2007
7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilman Blodgett

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Thompson.

Pledge to the Flag by Councilman Blaisdell.

Motion by Blaisdell seconded by Saul to approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 27, 2006.

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

Motion by Blaisdell seconded by Miranda to approve Minutes of Special Meeting of January 2, 2007.

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

Raymond Marsh, Manager of American General Finance gave a presentation of his new business in the Town of Milton.

Supervisor Thompson Recognized the Ballston Spa Girls Varsity Volleyball Team; Mrs. Sylvia Bertrand presented the girls with certificates from the Town of Milton. Girls on the Volleyball team are: Jacqueline Cinella, Meghan Crozier, Christie Fodera, Katie Sheeran, Grace Smisloff, Courtney Karis, Casey Wright, Christine Staulters, Katie Staulters, Chyresse Wells, Kristie Gratto, Jessica Lawlor and Jill Thibault.

Presentation by Larry Woolbright with update from the Open Space Committee. Mr. Woolbright continued after the public hearing.

1. 7:15 Public Hearing regarding local law to Prohibit Illicit Discharges, Activities and Connections to Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems(s).

Supervisor opened Public Hearing.

Town Clerk read & filed notice.

Attorney Craig read letter from Town Engineer Robinson recommending a negative declaration.

Jeff Manning explained some of this mandated local law.

Motion by Miranda seconded by Blaisdell to declare a negative declaration.

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

All persons were given an opportunity to be heard.

Supervisor closed the Public Hearing at 7:25 PM.

Motion by Saul seconded by Miranda to pass Local Law 1-2007 to prohibit illicit discharges, activities and connections to municipal separate storm sewer system(s).

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

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Mr. Woolbright finished his presentation.

Mary Ann Morgan presented a report from a sub-committee of the Open Space Committee.

Motion by Miranda seconded by Saul to approve attendance of Gerry Morris, Rick Requa and Wayne Howe at 2007 Northern Adirondack Code Enforcement Officials Educational Conference in Lake Placid March 4th thru March 8th at a cost not to exceed \$1,100.00 per person.
Miranda – yes; Blaisdell - yes; Saul - yes; Thompson – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution #12 introduced by Miranda seconded by Saul to Petition the State of New York to Adopt Legislation to Provide for Property Tax Reform as follows:

**PETITIONING THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO ADOPT LEGISLATION TO
PROVIDE FOR PROPERTY TAX REFORM**

WHEREAS, in New York State, municipal revenues which support local spending for schools, public safety, and other public services are raised through the property tax levy, state aid, and other sources; and

WHEREAS, despite the increase of over 70% in New York State aid to school districts in the past 10 years, most New York State school district budgets have continued to skyrocket out of control causing local school tax levy increases of between 5% and 15% annually; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the Town of Milton located in Saratoga County and other municipalities across New York State are unable to pay these excessive school tax rates which are forcing many families into debt and causing some to sell their property and relocate their families outside of their communities and, in some instances, outside the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, over half of all states throughout the United States have passed some form of property tax limitation statute which attempts to reasonably manage excessive property taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Milton requests its New York State legislators to review and conduct a comprehensive study and evaluation of all existing state property tax limitations statutes in effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that New York State legislators and the New York State Governor based upon the above study and evaluation enact appropriate legislation which will provide necessary property tax reform for the benefit and relief of all New York State residents; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Eliot Spitzer, Governor of New York State, all NYS legislators representing the County of Saratoga, the Chair of the NYS Assembly Ways and Means Committee, the Chair of the NYS Senate Finance Committee, the Chairs of the Assembly and Senate Education committees, all municipalities within the County of Saratoga, the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, the NYS Association of Towns, the NYS Association of Counties and the Office of Real Property Services.

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

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Resolution #13 introduced by Miranda seconded by Saul Authorizing the Filing of an Application for State Assistance from the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) State Assistance Program and Signing of the Associated State Contract under the Appropriate Laws of New York State as follows:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR STATE ASSISTANCE FROM THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) STATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND SIGNING OF THE ASSOCIATED STATE CONTRACT UNDER THE APPROPRIATE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the State of New York provides financial aid for household hazardous waste disposal programs; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Milton, in Saratoga County, and State of New York, herein called the "MUNICIPALITY", has examined and duly considered the applicable laws of the State of New York and the financial assistance provided, and the MUNICIPALITY deems it to be in the public interest and benefit to file an application under these laws; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a Contract be entered into between THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, herein called the STATE, and the MUNICIPALITY be executed for such State aid;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Milton:

1. That the filing of an application for such financial assistance in the form required by the State of New York in conformity with the applicable laws of the State of New York including all understanding and assurances contained in said application is hereby authorized;
2. That Frank D. Thompson, Supervisor of the Town of Milton, or his designee, is directed and authorized as the official representative of the MUNICIPALITY to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required and to sign the resulting contract if said application is approved by the STATE;
3. That the MUNICIPALITY agrees that it will fund the entire cost of said household hazardous waste program and will be reimbursed by the State for the State share of such costs;
4. That five (5) Certified Copies of this Resolution be prepared and sent to the NYSDEC together with a complete application; and
5. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Motion by Saul seconded by Miranda to schedule regular meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month beginning February 28, 2007.

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

Motion by Saul seconded by Blaisdell to authorize the Supervisor to sign preventative maintenance contract with Allstate Power Systems for maintenance to the generators at the Community Center and Town Hall for a total cost of \$824.62.

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

Motion by Saul seconded by Blaisdell to approve the use of the Community Center by the Miss Scotties Softball League for their monthly meetings at no charge.

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

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Resolution #14 introduced by Miranda seconded by Blaisdell authorizing inter-budget transfers to the 2006 Budget as requested by the Comptroller as follows:

From	To	Amount
A1330.102	A-1330.4	\$ 450.00
A1330.2	A-1330.4	100.00
A3510.101	A3510.4	100.00
A1990.4	A5132.4	2,850.00
A1990.4	A5182.4	1,750.00
A7989.2	A7989.4	1,500.00
A9010.8	A9030.8	415.00
B8020.103	B8020.4	100.00
DA5140.4	DA9060.8	9,050.00
DB9010.8	DB9030.8	250.00
A1990.4	SF3140.4	2,500.00
Total		\$19,065.00

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

Correspondence

1. Letter from NYS Department of Transportation regarding speed limit request on Hoffman Road and Grand Avenue.
2. Notice of Order reducing the speed limit on Hoffman Road and Grand Avenue to 45 mph.

Reports

Town Clerk read & filed.
Building Department read & filed.
Highway Department read & filed.
Enforcement read & filed.
Zoning Board of Appeals by Saul.
Planning Board no report.
Historian no report.
Animal Control read & filed.
Comptroller filed.

Public Comments

Jason Kirsh spoke on the baseball fields and on the Apartments going up on Greenfield & Geyser Roads.
John Olenik, Florence Wheeler and Bill Usas spoke on various topics.
Mary Ann Morgan complimented the Town, Town Board and its employees.

Motion by Saul seconded by Blaisdell there being no further business to adjourn.
Miranda – yes; Blaisdell - yes; Saul - yes; Thompson – yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Mevec
Town Clerk

