

Regular Meeting  
February 27, 2008  
7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Thompson  
Town Clerk Mevec  
Councilperson Miranda  
Councilperson Blodgett  
Councilperson Blaisdell  
Councilperson Saul  
Town Attorney Craig  
Highway Supt. Forbes  
Town Engineer Robinson  
Comptroller Glastetter

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Thompson.

Pledge by Councilman Blodgett.

Motion by Blodgett seconded by Blaisdell to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2008.

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

Motion by Blaisdell seconded by Saul to authorize the Supervisor to sign a service agreement with Valley View Sanitation Services for waste removal at the Town of Milton complex for a monthly charge of \$330.00.

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

Resolution #13 introduced by Miranda seconded by Blodgett authorizing inter budget transfers as requested by the Comptroller as follows:

From	To	Amount
DA-9055.8	DA-9030.8	\$ 44.00
DA-9060.8	DA-9030.8	260.00
DA-5140.1	DA-9030.8	175.30
DA-5140.4	DA-9030.8	1,524.00
DA-5140.4	DA-5142.1	1,100.00
DA-5120.4	DA-5142.1	2,500.00
DA-5142.4	DA-5142.1	700.00
DB-9060.8	DB-9030.8	625.00
A-1990.4	A-1910.4	57.00
Total		\$6,941.30

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

Motion by Blodgett seconded by Blaisdell to authorize Richard Decker to run a Pickle Ball program using the tennis courts in the Burgess-Kimball Memorial Park from May to September; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 PM.

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

Motion by Saul seconded by Blaisdell to approve the Ballston Spa Soccer Club’s request to use the soccer fields in the Burgess-Kimball Memorial Park twice a week beginning April 29 through June, 2008.

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

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Resolution #14 introduced by Miranda seconded by Blodgett in support of the New York State property Taxpayers Protection Act as follows:

Resolution No. 14, 2008

RESOLUTION TO PASS THE “NEW YORK STATE PROPERTY TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT” TO PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF TO ALL NEW YORK STATE TAXPAYERS AND MUNICIPALITIES

Introduced by: Councilman Joseph J. Miranda, Jr.

Seconded by: Councilman Hollis F. Blodgett

WHEREAS, the tremendously high property tax burden on New York families and businesses is an important issue facing our community today, and the sheer cost of living in New York has forced many residents and businesses to leave, thus slowing the economic engine of the State; and

WHEREAS, young people are finding it difficult to purchase homes, seniors are struggling to maintain their homes, and businesses are facing immense challenges to create and retain jobs; and

WHEREAS, New Yorker’s face one of the highest property taxes in the nation, and when measured as a percentage of home value, nine of the top 10 property tax rates in the entire country belong to counties in New York; and the State must act now to thwart the detrimental effects that high property taxes are having on local governments; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Minority Members have introduced the “New York State Property Taxpayer Protection Act (Assembly Bill 8775-A)”, which puts forth new and innovative ideas for property tax reform that limit the amount school districts can raise annually through local tax levies to four percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less; in addition the Act would relieve municipalities and school districts of unfunded mandates, reduce county Medicaid costs, strengthen financial accountability over school tax dollars, promote local government efficiency, and encourage local option insurance pooling; and

WHEREAS, the “New York State Property Taxpayer Protection Act” will help fix New York’s broken property tax system, providing homeowners, businesses and municipalities significant and lasting relief from the crushing burden of skyrocketing property taxes; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Milton supports the “New York State Property Taxpayer Protection Act”; pauses in its deliberations to acknowledge New York State’s property tax crisis and urge the immediate passage and chaptering of that portion of the “New York State Property Taxpayer Protection Act”, which will help local governments reinvigorate New York’s economy by providing incentives for people and businesses to move and stay here; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution, be transmitted to the Governor of the State of New York, the President of the New York State Senate, the Speaker of the New York Assembly, and to each member of the New York State Legislature.

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

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Presentation by Royann Blodgett regarding the Historic Structures and Places Committee's desire preserve the Town's historic structures and places.

Motion by Miranda seconded by Blaisdell in support of the preservation of Milton's historic structures and places and the historic legacy they represent.

Miranda – yes; Blodgett – abstained; Saul – yes; Blaisdell – yes; Thompson – yes.

Motion carried.

Motion by Saul seconded by Blaisdell authorizing the Historic Structures and Places Committee to draft historic preservation legislation.

Miranda – yes; Blodgett – abstained; Saul – yes; Blaisdell – yes; Thompson – yes.

Motion carried.

Resolution #15 introduced by Blodgett seconded by Saul authorizing the Filing of an Application for State Assistance from the Household Hazardous Waste State Assistance Program and Signing of the Associated State Contract Under the Appropriate Laws of the State of New York as follows:

WHEREAS, the State of New York provides financial aid for house hold 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 by and 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 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; Blodgett-yes; Blaisdell-yes; Saul-yes; Thompson-yes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #16 introduced by Blaisdell seconded by Blodgett authorizing the Town Supervisor to notify Care Environmental in writing that the Town of Milton intends to extend last year's contract, under Section 25, of the 2007 joint bid with the Town of Bethlehem. This will hold pricing and terms at the same rate as last year as follows:

WHEREAS, Care Environmental is the company the Town previously contracted with for the disposal of household hazardous waste; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Milton intends to extend last years contract term with Care Environmental for the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program; and

WHEREAS, last year's contract term is due to expire; and

WHEREAS, this contract extension will hold pricing and terms at the same rates as last year;

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

1. That Frank Thompson, Supervisor of the Town of Milton, or his designee, is directed and authorized to contact Care Environmental in writing to request an extension of terms to the Contract; and
2. The Supervisor is authorized to execute the appropriate documentation to so do, and hold the pricing and term, to the same rates as last year; and
3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Motion by Blodgett seconded by Saul authorizing Highway Superintendent to post weight limits on town roads as necessary.

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

Motion by Thompson seconded by Blodgett authorizing the Highway Department to assist the Rock City Falls Fire Department with lot clearing for its building addition.

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

#### Correspondence

Letter from Time Warner Cable enclosing franchise fees in the amount of \$121,505.43 read by Supervisor.

Letter from Brookside Museum thanking the Town for its support read by Supervisor.

Letter from Friends and Neighbors of Ballston Spa thanking the Town of its support read by Supervisor.

Letter from Community Emergency Corps read by Supervisor.

#### Reports

Town Clerk read & filed.

Building Department read & filed.

Enforcement read & filed.

Highway Department - none

Zoning Board of Appeals by Saul.

Planning Board by Blaisdell.

Justice Thomas read & filed.

Justice Calderon read & filed.

Historian read & filed. Historian presented a paperweight donated by Mary Ann Becker.

Animal Control read & filed.

Comptroller filed.

#### Public Comments

Councilman Blodgett complimented the Town Highway Department for their good work.

Councilman Saul reported on the Winter Program.

Jim McHale complimented the Winter Program.

The following people spoke: Bruce Boghosian, Bill Usas, Tom Boghosian

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Mevec  
Town Clerk