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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-APRIL 3, 2014

Supervisor Johnson called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Johnson led the board and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed all board members present.

Arthur Johnson-Supervisor

John Lant-Councilman

Joanne Klepetar-Councilwoman

Steve Streicher-Deputy Supervisor

John McEachron-Councilman

Also present were Town Comptroller Jeffrey Reale, Town Counsel Mark Schachner and Director of Planning and Engineering, Ryan Riper.

Public Comment Session

Supervisor Johnson asked if anyone signed up for public comment.

Connie Towers of 92 Ernst Road said she is present as the Vice President of the Wilton Food Pantry and representing folks in the town who live in food insecure households. Our third annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser is Sunday, April 13, 2014 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Saratoga-Wilton Elks Lodge. The lodge has been gracious enough to use the facility at no cost. Skidmore Dining and Skidmore Arts are involved with the event. The students handcraft bowls and with a ticket which costs \$20 or \$25, you will receive a serving of soup or chili, bread and water as a reminder of those in our town that are facing difficult times. It takes a whole community to raise the funds and we are all volunteers. We sell tickets, sponsorships and auction items from local businesses and organizations. The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts help out as well as the elderly. Last year \$15,182.00 net was raised and 300 tickets were sold. This year we are aiming a little higher. If you know of anyone that would like to donate or sponsor, forms are available. There will be great music and you may meet members of the community you don't know.

There have been vacation home rentals donated in Italy, Galapagos Island in Ecuador, Kissimmee, FL and Honolulu, HI. Thank you for your time and we hope to see you all on April 13, 2014.

Supervisor Johnson said the Wilton Food Pantry and the board does a great job and encouraged everyone to attend the event. It is a great cause and helps the needy in Wilton.

Approve Pending Minutes

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #90

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2014 meeting, as typed.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Klepetar, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Kyer Farm Road

Joe Chartrand of 5 Kyer Farm Road said he moved to Wilton in 1996 and moved to Kyer Farm Road in 2006. Our road has been deteriorating for at least five years. You cannot drive more than 5 mph without the vehicle "bottoming out". There are potholes. It has been a bad winter for all roads but Kyer Farm Road is especially bad. In the next month it may smooth out at the temperatures rise. We are losing a lot of macadam. The road is not on the list of roads to be paved this year but it needs repair. It needs more than blacktop. Mr. Chartrand asked who was responsible for the road when it is being built. Mr. Riper said the town does inspections on the road as the developer builds it. When the road is built to town standards, the town then takes ownership of it. Mr. Chartrand said there are issues with his home and his driveway in addition to the road but the bottom line is the road needs to be repaired. How does a road make the repair list? Supervisor Johnson said the Highway Superintendent makes the schedule. Mr. Chartrand said he would like a copy of the list of streets scheduled for repair. Deputy Supervisor Streicher said he drove down the street and understands the need. Supervisor Johnson said this winter has taken its toll on the roads. There are many roads with issues that are the same if not worse. The Highway Superintendent does a great job and if he gets done with the schedule sooner than anticipated and there is still paving season left, the town will try to address the road. Highway Superintendent Woodcock stated he and the Ryan Riper evaluate the roads every year. Roads are prioritized, the worst is done first. There are a certain amount of funds to do the work. This is the worst year ever for roads. It is all over the state, county and town. Some of these roads were constructed 10, 12 and 15 years ago. Some of the criteria has changed and the standards more stringent. Kyer Farm Road has a boggy area through the swamp. There is a lot of water, the road needs to be taken out, new drains put in, new sub-base, binder and top course. The paving schedule is very heavy this year. If there is time in late September, the goal is to enhance Kyer Farm Road. Mr. Chartrand said if Kyer Farm Road does not make it to the list this year, can it be first on the list for next year? Highway Superintendent

Woodcock said it will. Years ago, a road would last 20 years but now with traffic impacts if a road lasts 12 years we are lucky.

Bid Award-Gavin Park

Mr. Riper stated the two low bidders are the recommended contractors. The work should be completed in time for the summer season. National Grid still has not given the town the final cost of bringing in primary power from Beverly Street. We have been in constant contact with National Grid and they have evaluated the site.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #91

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the bid from McBain Electric for \$134,138.00 for electrical upgrades at Gavin Park.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Lant, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5 to 0.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #92

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the bid from Monahan & Loughlin for \$81,590.00 for mechanical upgrades at Gavin Park.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Council Lant, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Wilton Planning Board-Appointment

Supervisor Johnson stated there is a vacancy on the Wilton Planning Board due to Don Needham's resignation. The first alternate is David Gabay. The second alternate is Brett Hebner. Historically, the Town Board appoints the first alternate to the position.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #93

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to appoint David Gabay to fill the vacant Wilton Planning Board position.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Supervisor Johnson noted Gerald Zabala was interested in a position on the planning board if it became available. Mr. Zabala is currently an alternate on the zoning board.

Easement Agreement

Supervisor Johnson stated the easement agreement is between the property owner, Frank Parillo and the Town of Wilton. It is an easement on the back of Mr. Parillo's property that allows for cross country skiing. There was an easement agreement in place with the Nature Conservancy but it is now Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park. The agreement is simply to change the name to Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park and it will allow them to groom the trails on the easement.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Klepetar, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #94

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize the Supervisor to sign a license agreement with Frank Parillo to allow access to his property from the Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park property.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Committee Reports

Councilman Lant said the Town's Emergency Plan has been updated. Larry Gordon, Coordinator did a great job. There will be a meeting with the two town fire chiefs and the Wilton Emergency Squad. Ryan Riper and Mark Mykins also did a great job and put a lot of time into it. Connie Towers said the food pantry is more than happy to be the emergency food supply if there is an emergency. Councilman Lant said the food pantry is part of the emergency plan.

Supervisor Johnson noted Robert Freeman from the New York State Committee on Open Government is scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

The annual Elks Club Flag Day Parade is schedule for June 14, 2014.

Comptroller's Report**1.) February 2014 Cash Disbursements**

General Fund	\$260,752
<u>Highway Fund</u>	<u>\$216,372</u>
Total	\$477,124

2.) 2014 Budget Transfers and Amendments

(See attached) Budget Transfers

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #95

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the budget transfers and amendments requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 4/3/14 report (attached) to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

3. County Waste Leaf Pickup Program

On a motion introduced by Councilman McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #96

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract and all related documents with County Waste to perform the 2014 Leaf Pickup Program in the amount of \$10,000.00.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, duly put to vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

4. Wilton Emergency Squad-Penflex Service Award Program

On a motion introduced by Councilman McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #97

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Service Award Program list of all the 2013 volunteer ambulance workers of the Wilton Emergency Squad, Inc.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

5. Disposal of Town Assets

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #98

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the sale of assets listed on the Comptroller's report of 4/3/2014 (see attached).

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, duly put to vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

6. Amend Resolution #26 Official Depositories

Jeff Reale said the maximum amount deposited in an official depository should be raised from \$8,000,000.00 to \$9,000,000.00.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #99

OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES RESOLVED,
pursuant to Town Law§64(1), Bk Lw §96-6
and Gen Mun Lw §93, to designate the
institutions listed below as Official

Depositories of the Town of Wilton:

Adirondack Trust Company

Saratoga Nat'l Bank & Trust Company

Key Bank of New York

NBT Bank

Ballston Spa National

HSBC (added 5/7/07) (resolution # 133)

All Official Depositories must enter into a Custodial Agreement with the Town of Wilton if deposits exceed \$250,000. Maximum investment amount for each institution is not to exceed **\$9,000,000**.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Klepetar, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

7. Contract Amendment

Mr. Reale stated that in the contract with William Marshall, Court Security Officer, he is to provide liability coverage for himself. Because of the cost, it is not worth it for him to purchase it. It would cost him more to buy the insurance than he would make. The Town of Wilton will cover the premium cost of liability insurance coverage. The town board would have to amend the current contract with Mr. Marshall to state the town will purchase the liability coverage. **Supervisor Johnson** said Mr. Marshall carries a weapon and has to have the coverage.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #100

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the amendment to the Court Security Officer's Contract to include liability insurance coverage paid by the town.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron, duly put to vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Highway Trucks

Councilman McEachron said Highway Superintendent Woodcock would like to replace his personal vehicle. There are a total of five trucks being replaced with three new ones. **Highway Superintendent Woodcock** said last year the town budgeted for a medium duty truck. It was ordered and is almost complete. The town then set aside \$150,000.00 in the reserve account that needs approval to use. **Mr. Reale** said \$3,000.00 was rolled over from last year for a total of \$153,000.00. **Highway Superintendent Woodcock** a 1993 truck, a 1990 truck, the Gavin Park Dodge pickup, the personal vehicle and the 1993 tandem truck. Instead of getting another expensive personal pickup, a smaller SUV is a better choice. **Councilman Lant** asked if there is a price list. **Highway Superintendent Woodcock** said the prices are between \$25,000.00 and \$53,000.00. **Supervisor Johnson** asked if the auction price will offset the price of the new vehicles. **Highway Superintendent Woodcock** said he wasn't sure not knowing what he would get at the auction. **Councilman Lant** said he thought it would make more sense to get a truck and plow and hand it down in a few years when the department needs another truck and get a new personal vehicle. **Councilman McEachron** said that made sense to him. There are three foremen in the department. If a new truck is purchase, it could be passed down to a foreman in a few years and auction off the 4th truck. It may be a little bigger than what is needed but it is more practical. **Highway Superintendent Woodcock** said there is a truck that is used to get parts. There are numerous ways a vehicle can be used if it's passed down and run until it won't run anymore. That is what has been done in the past. To add another four wheel drive pickup truck with a plow for the superintendent to do the job is not being conservative. **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** said it should be discussed with some prices. **Highway Superintendent Woodcock** said the town asked for a program for roads and for vehicles and received one. At some point in time the town needs to start following the program. **Councilman McEachron** said he was under the impression there was more money available. There is \$153,000.00. That may not be enough but there will be a meeting with some pricing.

Not on the Agenda

Councilwoman Klepetar said on this Saturday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., officials from town government will be at the mall entrance to Healthy Living, answering questions, taking complaints and compliments.

Councilwoman Klepetar asked if the town could sponsor the Wilton Food Pantry's Empty Bowls Fundraiser. **Mr. Reale** said there hasn't been any money set aside in the budget and how much money is being requested. **Supervisor Johnson** said the budget could always be amended. **Mr. Reale** said there is normally a contract for services and they do supply a service. It should be in writing in a contract form. The town could enter into a contract for \$1,000.00 for the pantry to supply food for the needy in the Town of Wilton.

Councilman McEachron said it should be put in the budget for next year. **Councilman Lant** said the budget could be amended for this year. **Deputy Supervisor Striecher** asked how much money is being requested. **Ms. Towers** said the sponsorships are \$1,000.00 and \$500.00. **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** said he would rather have everyone on the board donate \$100.00. **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** said the board represents everyone. **Councilman Lant** he has already sponsored the event for \$500.00. **Ms. Towers** said the pantry has provided for 251 families. Last year 25,042 meals were distributed. **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** said the pantry does a great job.

On a motion introduced by Councilman McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #101

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the budget transfer (GL 100-615.040-599.400) and amendment requested for \$1,000.00 for the Wilton Food Pantry.

FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED, authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract and all related documents with the Wilton Food Pantry.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Klepetar, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Connie Towers thanked the board. The Wilton Food Pantry has served 251 families this year. Last year the pantry distributed 25,042 meals.

Executive Session

Supervisor Johnson said there will be an Executive Session.

Deputy Supervisor Streicher made a motion to adjourn for Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman McEachron with all board members in favor.

Deputy Supervisor Streicher made a motion to reconvene at 8:28 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman McEachron with all board members in favor.

No action was taken in executive session.

Adjournment

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, and seconded by Councilman McEachron, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

Supervisor, Arthur Johnson

Councilman, John Lant

Councilwoman, Joanne Klepetar

_____ Deputy Supervisor, Steve Streicher

_____ Councilman, John McEachron