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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-March 1, 2018

Supervisor Johnson called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 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

Steve Streicher-Councilman

Duane Bogardus-Councilman

John Lant-Deputy Supervisor

John McEachron-Councilman

Also present was Director of Planning and Engineering, Ryan Riper, P. E. and Jeff Reale, Comptroller.

Approve Pending Minutes

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

RESOLUTION #83

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2018 meeting, as typed.

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

Public Comment Session

Roger Flynn of 15 Kendrick Hill Road said he is the President of the Board of Directors for the Wilton Food Pantry. The 7th annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, April 8, 2018 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Advance tickets are \$20 and are available on the website, wiltonfoodpantry.org. That is the only way to purchase tickets. The bowls are handcrafted by students at Skidmore College. Produced bowls are available for \$15. There is a silent auction with between 50 and 60 items ranging from gift certificates to local establishments and arts and crafts from local crafters. It will be held at the Saratoga-Wilton Elks Club. **Mr. Flynn** said he hoped everyone can get out and support the pant

Mr. Flynn thanked the board for the \$2,500 contribution. It goes a long way in helping our residents. We are trying to improve the efficiency at our location to enable our patrons to get in and get out. The number of people coming into the pantry is constantly growing. It is a great organization and there are several volunteers here tonight.

Supervisor Johnson said it's a great event and we should encourage people to attend. It is the major fundraiser for the pantry.

Mr. Flynn said he wanted to give some recognition to the Elks Club. We are reaching out to seniors who cannot get the pantry. With the help of the Elks Club we have started to deliver to the residents who cannot get out. The first month there were 10 people and the second month there were 20. It will most likely be over 30 people.

Supervisor Johnson asked if the Empty Bowls Fundraiser could put on the website. **Mr. Reale** noted it can also be put up on the sign.

Eric Rosenberg, 16 Craw Lane said when he first moved to the town and checked out the website to see what information was available. There was a link to sign up for emails and it was not working. He said last fall the issue with transparency and communication was brought up and it was fixed. He said he has signed up three or four times and has never received communication from the town. There are a lot of people in this town that feel the town does not communicate with them well and does not feel the town operates very transparently. That is an issue and a concern. There is a way, relatively inexpensive, to fix that. Since the town is asking for an email address, a regular newsletter could go out letting people know what is going on in the town. He said he didn't know the status of the new senior center and the courthouse, we should know these things and anything else going on in the town. Gavin Park has their own Facebook page but the town does not. Maybe we should have one as well. These communications could encourage people to come to meetings. There are a lot of people who feel there is no point in coming to the meetings because they feel the town board doesn't want us here and doesn't listen to them. Don't shoot the messenger. Whether you like it or not, that is what people are telling us. The Supervisor insisted the town operates transparently and communicates. People disagree with that. **Mr. Rosenberg** said he would like to start seeing regular emails from the town and a Facebook page and let people know what is going on.

Robin Corrigan, Director of Wilton Senior Center said she loves the Town of Wilton. The communication with the Seniors is 100%. Everything we have ever wanted we have received. She said she wanted to thank the entire board for everything they do. The van is very appreciated by all. It is going very well and we are getting paid for it. The seniors have been transported to a few funerals and they are now asking to go to Bingo. The town also gives the Senior Center \$10,000 for bus trips which helps out with the cost.

Nancy Gatlin of 28 Timbira Drive said she wanted to thank the Bicentennial Committee for the great gala. It was terrific and everyone had a great time. She said she is looking forward to the rest of the year.

Joanne Klepetar of 101 Parkhurst Road said she would like to talk about voter suppression. She said she was very disappointed to read in the Saratogian that the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors put to a vote, the proposal by Governor Cuomo, without knowing all the facts and figures. She said she thinks whenever you can include as many people as you can to vote, it's a good thing, no matter how you do it. In this case she said she was very disappointed but would like commend Supervisor Matt Vietch and Supervisor Gaston from Saratoga Springs. They are the only two supervisors who voted in favor of Cuomo's proposal. She said it's the first time this has been proposed with money attached so he has proposed \$7,000,000 to help with any added costs for the vote to happen. She said she hopes the supervisors turn the vote around and vote for this proposal.

Support for the Adirondack Aquatic Center

Supervisor Johnson said this is a project being proposed in the Town of Malta. The Supervisor from Malta asked all of the towns to support the concept of the aquatic center in the county. It is a great economic development boom for the entire county. It is not in competition with any other site. It's a great project that will only enhance competition and bring more people into the Saratoga County for our hotels, restaurants and things of that nature. There is no financial impact or contribution from the town. It is a not for profit organization raising their own funds. It is a \$40 million proposed project. They have the land.

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

RESOLUTION #84

WHEREAS, THE Adirondack Aquatic Center (AAC), a 501(c)(3) corporation formed in 2014, envisions an aquatic center with a location at the heart of Saratoga county near the I-87 Exit 12 interchange, providing convenient access to residents of Saratoga County; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Wilton recognizes that aquatic sports and pool activities are enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities on a year-round basis; and

WHEREAS, activities envisioned by AAC include learning to swim, aquatic exercise, aquatic therapy and aquatic completion; and

WHEREAS, the town of Wilton finds that the addition of this new recreational opportunity enriches the county and the region; now, therefore, it is

RESOLVED, that the Town of Wilton fully supports the Adirondack Aquatic Center in its endeavors.

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

Camp Saratoga Delegan Pond Fishing Program

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

RESOLUTION #85

Camp Saratoga Delegan Pond, Scout Pond, Fishing Program

The Town of Wilton Town Board, owners of property known as Camp Saratoga will stock Scout Pond for resident fishing.

1. The stocking program is for the **Town of Wilton's handicapped residents and youths under age 16 only.**
2. April 1st to October 15th, will be reserved for fishing by Town of Wilton resident **youths age 16 or under and handicapped individuals** and may be assisted by an immediate adult family member.
3. Fishing limit is 2 per day.
4. **No** live bait is permitted (worms and lures permitted).

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

Committee Reports

Councilman Streicher said the first pocket park committee met and discussed a few sites.

Comptroller's Report

1.) 2017 Budget Transfers and Budget Amendments

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

RESOLUTION #86

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the final 2018 budget amendments requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 3/1/2018 Report (attached) to the Town Board.

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

2.) Wilton Emergency Squad-Penflex Service Award Program

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

RESOLUTION #87

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2017 PENFLEX Service Award Program points listing of all volunteer ambulance workers at the Wilton Emergency Squad.

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

3.) Disposal of Assets

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

RESOLUTION #88

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request from Highway Superintendent Woodcock to dispose and

sell Asset ID#1345, 1993 Ford F800 Dump Truck online at Auctions International.

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

4.) Personnel

a.

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

RESOLUTION #89

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the hiring of Mary Salica to the vacant Recreation Leader position at a starting base rate of \$19.14 per hour, full benefits and a 35 hour work week, effective March 12, 2018.

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

b.

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

RESOLUTION #90

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, accept the resignation of Richard Streicher, Highway Department, with deep regret.

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

c.

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

RESOLUTION #91

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, accept the resignation of Karen James, Receptionist, with regret.

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

Executive Session

Supervisor Johnson said there will be an Executive Session.

Councilman Streicher made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. for Executive Session to discuss the appointment of a particular individual. The motion was seconded by **Councilman McEachron** with all board members in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

Councilman McEachron made a motion to reconvene at 7:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by **Deputy Supervisor Lant** with all board members in favor.

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

RESOLUTION #92

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, appoint David Catalfamo to the vacant Wilton Planning Board alternate position with a term of 3/1/18-12/31/18.

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

On a motion introduced by **Councilman Streicher** and seconded by **Deputy Supervisor Lant** all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

Supervisor, Arthur Johnson

Councilman, Steve Streicher

Deputy Supervisor, John Lant

Councilman, John McEachron

Councilwoman Bogardus