

At 7:00 p.m., Supervisor Johnson called the regular meeting to order.

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 except Councilman Gordon, who was absent.

Arthur Johnson-Supervisor
Raymond O’Conor-Deputy Supervisor
Ian McGaughey-Councilman
Charles Gerber-Councilman
Lawrence Gordon-Councilman-Absent

Also present were Town attorney Richard DeVall, Town Comptroller Jeffrey Reale and Director of Planning and Engineering Keith Manz.

Approve Pending Minutes

Supervisor Johnson asked for a motion and a second to approve the pending minutes from the last meeting.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 144

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2007 meeting as typed, without amendment.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McGaughey, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

High Rock PUD (amendment)
Local Law No. 1 of 2003

Supervisor Johnson explained that there is a request to amend the High Rock PUD which is the car dealership on Rte. 9. He then asked if anyone was at the meeting regarding this request. **Mr. Steve Elabree**, from T-Mobile, Omnipoint Communications,

Inc. addressed the board by explaining that he was at the meeting representing Mr. Rosetti, owner of the High Rock PUD property. He stated that Omnipoint Communications had entered into a lease agreement with Mr. Rosetti on the property, so we are submitting our proposed amendment to the PUD to allow the telecommunications use as outlined in your ordinance §129-176 (L). This is not currently listed in the PUD. **Deputy Supervisor O’Conor** stated that he thought the Telecommunications Act said that municipalities have to allow for them within their zoning regulations, but that does not give you a carte-blanc to put them anywhere. **Engineer Manz** explained that this is a PUD, which is its own zoning, so telecommunication towers is not allowed in there, so it is up to the Town Board to decide if that use should be in the PUD. **Supervisor Johnson** asked where the tower would be located on the property. **Mr. Elabree** stated it would go in the back of the property. **Deputy Supervisor O’Conor** explained that in general for telecommunication towers there are a series of steps that have to be followed: The first step is there has to be a demonstrated need for the tower. The second is: We want the applicant to have looked at existing towers for co-location, before establishing new towers. After some discussion the board told Mr. Elabree they wanted him to come back to the Town Board and show a compelling necessity to the establishment of the tower before even considering it. The entire board agreed. **Mr. Elabree** thanked the board for their time. No action taken.

Resolution for Grant
Sarah Clarkin

Supervisor Johnson asked Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park Director Sarah Clarkin, to address the board on this issue. **Ms. Clarkin** stated a Town resolution is required to apply for a grant from Saratoga County under its Farmland/open Space Preservation Program for a project located within the Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park Study Area. The project is located on Ruggles Road. **Deputy Supervisor O’Conor** asked if this requires a match on behalf of the Town. **Ms. Clarkin** stated she believed the applicant is the Nature Conservancy with the Town’s support. So the match would come from the Nature Conservancy.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 145

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to support the grant to be submitted to Saratoga County. The resolution for the grant is as follows:

WHEREAS, The Town of Wilton is applying to Saratoga County for a grant under its Farmland/Open Space Preservation Program for a project located within the Wilton Wildlife

Preserve & Park Study Area, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of this Board; and

WHEREAS, the project, located on Ruggles Road, will benefit the Town of Wilton and advance the mission of the Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement under the rules and regulations of this grant's application, said entity must obtain the "approval" of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Wilton hereby does approve and endorse its application for a grant under the Saratoga County Farmland/Open Space Preservation Program for a project known as Wilton: Blanding's Turtle Conservation Corridor Addition.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Gerber, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park
Quarterly Report

Supervisor Johnson recognized Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park Director Sarah Clarkin. **Ms. Clarkin**, highlighted some of the interesting events and outreach programs that were available through the Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park Program. Ms Clarkin stated that she wanted to commend Cheri Brunault, our current intern for making the program as successful as it was this year. She then went over some of the programs such as the 5-K Fun Run Series and the Karner Blue Butterfly program that will be coming up. Ms. Clarkin stated that Rami Cummings a student from Empire State College is participating in a 15-week 150-hour internship at the WWPP, helping with the Karner blue butterfly monitoring, lupin pod collection and seed cleaning, elementary school visits, general public programming, exhibit development, and habitat maintenance. She also stated that the WWPP offices are in the process of moving to the new office space at 80 Scout Road the grand opening on Saturday afternoon, September 8th. She thanked the board for the new space.

Not on Agenda

Supervisor Johnson explained that the board had a lengthy agenda and there were some folks here who were here last month and Mr. Zinn, a resident from Knollwood Drive and a member of that group, has requested to address the board. **Mr. Zinn** thanked the board for listening and then went over information a certified practicing hydrologists had given him regarding future solutions for the high water table in that area, which would be very expensive. It may well be that the Town eventually will have to plan developments for extreme events, such as years of unusually high water tables as seen in 2006. Mr. Zinn then asked the board to take a proactive approach on the situation. **Deputy Supervisor O'Connor** stated that he had conversations with Senator Farley and Assemblyman Roy McDonald and their staff looking at State level programs where they can assist on individual levels to try and recoup expenditure costs related to the high water and the drainage problems. In both cases Senator Farley's office and Assemblyman McDonald's office, said that they did not know of any program to do that on an individual basis or on a Town wide basis unless there has been a disaster area designated by the Governor. **Supervisor Johnson** explained there is a potential to create drainage districts if there is a place to move the water. That is something that would be set up and paid for by the residents that live within that district. **Mr. Zinn** stated that you are looking at a limited number of residents right now. If you think about a solution, you should look toward the future. **Mr. Paul Keller**, a resident, thanked the board for all the assistance he received every time he e-mailed or called someone responded. **Councilman Gerber** explained that if the entire Town wanted to absorb a tax to pay for such a system that would be a town wide decision not a just a local community issue. If there is a solution the Town would not turn a deaf ear we would take appropriate action. **Mr. Zinn** stated that if you know that something needs to be done I would say to the community the town has studied this very carefully and this is what we feel needs to be done. Then they can vote on whether or not they want to go along with it. **Supervisor Johnson** thanked the residents for coming.

Glenburnie & Sheffield Rd.

Resident wants stop signs

Supervisor Johnson explained there was a request from a resident for two additional stop signs at Glenburnie & Sheffield Rd. He asked Engineer Manz to comment. Engineer Manz stated he had looked at that and it is not needed there. Highway Superintendent Kirklin Woodcock stated that you don't use stop signs to control speed. After some discussion the board decided to have Engineer Manz contact the resident and tell them we will try law enforcement patrols in the area first. If that doesn't work we will reconsider the stop signs. (No action taken)

Not on Agenda

Beverly St. (Stop Signs)

Resident wants stop sign removed.

Supervisor Johnson explained that while we are on stop signs we have another request from a resident to remove a stop sign on Beverly St. After some discussion the board decided to leave the stop sign where it is. (No action taken)

Road Acceptance (Blue Lupine Lane)

Keith Manz

Town Attorney Richard DeVall, asked that this item be tabled until next month.

Z3 Consultants, Inc.

Perform electrical inspections in the Town of Wilton

Roger Blauvelt

Supervisor Johnson explained that Mr. Blauvelt had requested that this company be added to the list to perform electrical inspections in the Town of Wilton. He then asked Engineer Manz if he was all right with that. **Engineer Manz** stated that he thought if a company was certified you had to let them be on our approved list. The board agreed that more research needs to be done on this company to verify their certification before the board makes a decision. (No action taken)

Wilton Historic Society

(Protection for historic sites)

Ray O'Conor

Last discussed 6/7/07

Deputy Supervisor O'Conor stated that he has been working with the Town Historian and the Historical Society about taking some action in order to protect historic sites in the community. He then went on to state that in addition to the code it would create a Historic Preservation Board a group of five people that have a showing interest in historic preservation in the community. To whom a referral would be made either by the Planning Department or the Building Department and within thirty days the historic preservation board would have to review the project and issue a certificate of appropriateness. Deputy Supervisor O'Conor also stated that he would like to take a month or two to give everyone a chance to look at this and comment on it, then set a public hearing.

Supervisor O’Conor explained to the board that he wanted to recognize a company he works with a lot, Glens Falls Printing. They gave the Friends of Ulysses S. Grant Cottage a large supply of brochures, to be sold at the cottage, depicting the life of Ulysses S. Grant, his memoirs and the history of the cottage that was written by Tom Lewis, from Skidmore College. The board agreed to send them an appreciation certificate for their work.

Parkhurst Road (Re-Name)
Robert Roeckle (911 Coordinator)

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

RESOLUTION # 146

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the changes on Parkhurst Road requested by Robert Roeckle (911 Coordinator).

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor O’Conor, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Resignation (Zoning Board)
Jeff Purner
Term to expire 12/31/09

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 147

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Jeff Purner, from the position of member of the Zoning Board, effective immediately term to expire 12/31/09.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Gerber, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Appointments (Zoning Board)

a.) Member

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 148

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to appoint Dave Towne to the position of member of the Zoning Board effective immediately, term to expire 12/31/09. (To replace Jeff Purner)

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Gerber, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

b.) Zoning Board (Alternate)

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

RESOLUTION # 149

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to appoint Rocco Angerami to the position of alternate member of the Zoning Board effective immediately, term to expire 12/31/07. (To replace Dave Towne)

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor O’Conor, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

**Resolution for Town-Wide
Reassessment for the year 2008**

Art Johnson

Supervisor Johnson explained that 2004, was the last time the town did a town-wide revaluation project, which was done by our Town Assessment office. We think it is a good time to do this again for 2008. Our Assessment office would redo it in-house again. The process would begin now and be completed in 2008.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 150

TITLE: The Town of Wilton Acknowledges and Supports the Reassessment Project.

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilton last had a reassessment in 2004, and;

WHEREAS, the Assessment roll has dropped to 71% equalization rate, and;

WHEREAS, the Town Board and Assessor feel the values of the properties in the Town of Wilton are no longer equal and fair,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Wilton supports the reassessment project to begin July 2007 and end in 2008 to make all the assessments in the town fair and equal.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Gerber, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Committee Reports (If Any)

Supervisor Johnson asked if there were any committee reports. **Engineer Manz** stated that in two weeks the salt shed and the fuel island will be done.

Comptroller's Report
(Including Bills & Transfers)

Budget (2007 Transfers)

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 151

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the budget transfers for 2007 requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 7/5/07 report to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McGaughey, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Personnel

a.) **Resignation** (Debbie Martin)

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 152

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation submitted by Debbie Martin with regret, effective July 6, 2007.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Gerber, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

b.) **Appointments** (Tammy Morgan & Sue Baldwin)

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 153

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request from Engineer Manz, to appoint Tammy Morgan to the position vacated by Debbie Martin, and;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, to appoint Sue Baldwin into a full-time position with benefits and assume the position Tammy Morgan has vacated, effective July 10, 2007.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Gerber, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Building Maintenance

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 154

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the increase in Appropriated Fund Balance A599 in the amount of \$11,000 for the following accounts: Add \$8,000 for A1620.4 Repairs and Maintenance and \$3,000 for A1620.2 Equipment and Capital Outlays.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McGaughey, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

CP # 440 (80 Scout Road/Camp Saratoga)

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 155

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to close out Capital Project # 440 (80 Scout Road/Camp Saratoga) and;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, to transfer any balance left back to General Fund.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Gerber, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Assessors Department Revaluation Budget

Comptroller Reale explained that the revaluation is expected to take 18 months to complete at a total cost not to exceed \$155,000, starting July 1, 2007-December 31, 2008. Progress reports will be required from the Sole Assessor on a quarterly basis or sooner if required by the Town Board. **Supervisor Johnson** stated that the total budget is \$155,000 we did get estimates to go to an outside contractor which was in the neighborhood of \$225,000 to \$250,000 so it made sense to do it in-house. Under Town Law we can not contract with the Assessor to do the revaluation, but Town Law allows us to increase the salaries for a specific period of time to complete the revaluation. This is separate and above what the assessment office duties are now.

On a motion introduced Deputy Supervisor O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 156

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve a 2007 budget amendment in the amount of \$61,600 to increase A1357.1 Assessment Update and A599 Fund Balance Appropriation for the following:

- a.) Increase Sole Assessor Marge Little salary by \$31,600 A1357.1
- b.) Increase the salary budget line A1357.1 by an additional \$20,000 for additional hours to be worked by the Assessor’s staff related to the revaluation project.
- c.) Increase A1357.4 Contractual by \$10,000 to cover all contractual cost associated with the revaluation i.e. postage, professional service etc..

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McGaughey, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Parks Department (Fall Soccer Program)

Comptroller Reale explained that the Parks Department has implemented a new town recreation soccer program to start in the fall. If the Town Board approves this program, there is no budget for it. It looks like the revenue they would take in would be about \$11,000 and you can see on the e-mail the expenses are about \$10,000. **Councilman Gerber** stated that the contract we signed with Saratoga Soccer earlier this year stated that one of the things required was to help the town implement its own recreational soccer program. **Deputy Supervisor O’Conor**, stated that he would not hire a program director if you want to pay a consulting fee that’s fine. I don’t want this to end up a line item on the budget.

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

RESOLUTION # 157

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the soccer program and approve the budget with the caveat that we change that title of Program Director to Consultant.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor O’Conor, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Not on Agenda

Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Kirklin Woodcock, stated that he supported all the fire houses in the Town, but there is a problem on mutual aid calls. One day I had four pieces of equipment down in the shop, two I really needed. A mutual aide call came in and the firemen that went, sat at a fire house for two and a half hours. I am looking to the board for help on this. **Deputy Supervisor O’Conor**, stated maybe the board could revisit the Town’s policy before the next meeting.

Supervisor Johnson: If there is no other business, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O’Conor, and seconded by Councilman McGaughey, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m., all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Maynard, Town Clerk

Supervisor, Arthur Johnson

Councilman, Raymond O’Conor

Councilman, Charles Gerber

Councilman, Larry Gordon

Councilman, Ian McGaughey