

At 7:05 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:

Arthur Johnson-Supervisor  
Raymond O’Conor-Deputy Supervisor  
Robert Rice-Councilman  
Charles Gerber-Councilman  
Robert Pulsifer-Councilman

Also present were: Town Comptroller Jeffrey Reale, Town Planner Kate Maynard and Director of Planning and Engineering Keith Manz, Town Attorney Richard DeVall was not present.

**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 Councilman Pulsifer, the board adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION # 84**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLED**, to approve the amended minutes from the February 4, 2010 meeting.

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

**Exit 16 Linkage Study Application**

**Sandy Misiewicz**

**Supervisor Johnson** explained that a few months ago we submitted an application to the Capital District Transportation Committee regarding a linkage Study Application for the Exit 16 area. He then asked Town Planner Kate Maynard to address the board. **Kate** explained that the linkage study is an opportunity to look at both land use and transportation in different areas. This was called for in the Town’s Comprehensive Plan and in the Traffic Study at that time there were provisions made to supply a portion of the funds needed to provide for a match for that grant. A linkage study is a critical building blocker first step to begin the conversation in terms of receiving any Federal Transportation Funds. In general we put in a vision for a practical approach, it was meant to leverage off the existing blueprint we did not want to duplicate any efforts. Kate explained that Ms. Misiewicz had commitments at the last minute and could not be at the meeting but told her that there is money in there next year’s budget that they will be providing for a grant to the town for this particular step. Ms Misiewicz also told Kate that there are some concerns and sent Kate a draft resolution. One of the concerns is how the site fits in with the new visions, planning principles, and is the board interested in following through with as a study. The study overall is a \$40,000 initiative of that there is a required match of 20% to make our application more competitive she thought we ended up with a 22% match, so the local match which is prioritized in our traffic study, so the funds can be drawn from mitigation fees is a good \$2,500 match. **Kate** explained that approximately 95% of

projects that were approved went through a linkage study process. **Kate** explained that Ms. Misiewicz could come in next month or board members can call her directly.

**Councilman Gerber** asked when the grant award would be announced. **Kate** explained that a recommendation was made at the CDTC's last meeting and she thought it would be in April that they would make the announcement.

**Deputy Supervisor O'Conor**, asked Kate if she would put the presented resolution in a more formal package for Ms. Wisiewicz and the board members to review so she can get a good sense about our commitment. **Kate** agreed.

**Supervisor Johnson** asked Kate to invite Ms. Misiewicz to next month's meeting and after the board members have had a chance to review the resolution, we can move forward with this.

**Town Planner Title & Duties**

**(Reply from Civil Service)**

**Supervisor Johnson** explained that at last month's meeting this board adopted a resolution proposing to change the title of Director of Planning to Planning Advocate subject to the approval of the County Civil Service Department. This week the County replied and all the board members were provided with that response. The response was that the title of Planning Advocate did not exist in the County's classification system. The duties sent along with the request were consist with the current position we have for the title of Director of Planning so, therefore, the letter indicated that no change in the title was warranted. In based on the reply I really do not believe there is any action necessary by this board since her title is Director of Planning, it would remain the same with the duties specified in the Civil Service classification for the position. All board members agreed with the decision.

**Appointment (Planning Board)**

**Alternate member**

**Supervisor Johnson** explained that before the meeting the board interviewed potential vacancy for the Planning Board alternate member. However, Councilman O'Conor was not available to meet with Mr. Slone but agreed to call him the next day. Board took no action this month.

**Schuylerville Central School (Local Law)**

**Senior Citizen Exemption (Sliding Scale)**

**Supervisor Johnson** explained that the Schuylerville Central School is looking to raise their sliding scale for senior exemptions raising income limitations. He then asked Town Assessor Kathy Austin to elaborate on this item. Kathy Austin explained that it is for exemption purposes. Basically there is constantly a sliding scale it is not always updated every year and each school district has their own. She thought the last time they updated was four years ago.

**Supervisor Johnson** stated that it does not affect us because we do not have any local taxes. But it would affect the people in the Schuylerville School District. It is a local law so the board set a public hearing for April 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m..

**Committee Reports (If Any)**

**Councilman Gerber** explained that at the January meeting the Parks and Rec. commission and the director have come up with an Alternative Fund Development Program. He thought that Director Steve Porto would come in next month to address the board and give an update. Councilman Gerber discussed the outline of the steps needed to move forward it will provide funding as a not-for-profit organization. They would be able to solicit funds to do capital improvements at the park. we would not have to take money out of town funds or capital funds. The first step is to create a vision for the group that would be insuring the quality of living for our community through Wilton Parks and Recreation. Develop a mission that is to support Wilton Parks and Recreation by securing monies and resources building partnerships developing relationships providing funding to Wilton Parks and Recreation and

serving as advocates for Wilton Parks and Recreation. The next step is to get the Town Boards support of the mission and the vision statement and get an approval to start the process. The third step would be to have the Town Attorney create a 501C3 and the next step would be to appoint a task force of ten to fifteen people from the community to start a foundation. The ultimate goal is to be able to continue to growth and development programs at Gavin Park and any other parks the Town may put forth in the future and not be drain on the general fund.

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

**RESOLUTION # 85**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve the foundation of the Alternative Fund Development Program and;

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, to authorize the Parks Director Steve Porto to begin work putting together the task force of ten to fifteen people.

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

**FEMA**

**Supervisor Johnson** Stated that there are three on-line courses that all Town Board members and other personnel are required to take for FEMA. The deadline is approaching to take the test.

**Comptroller’s Report**

**(Including Bills & Transfers)**

**Budget (2010 Transfers and Amendments)**

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

**RESOLUTION # 86**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to approve the budget transfers and amendments requested for and listed in the Comptroller’s 3/4/10 report to the Town Board.

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

**Personnel**

a.) **Assessor’s office (Tina Westover)**

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

**RESOLUTION # 87**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, under the circumstances to approve the carryover of the extra 3 days for Tina Westover.

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

**b.) Park & Recreation (Part-Time Clerk)**

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

**RESOLUTION # 88**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to approve the request submitted by Parks Director Steve Porto to hire Diane Tompkins to the position of permanent part-time clerk at a rate of \$11.61/hr, start date March 10, 2010.

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

**Friends of Ulysses S. Grant Cottage**

**Comptroller Reale** explained to the board that he had received a letter from Lance Ingmire, President of Friends of Ulysses S. Grant Cottage, he was requesting additional funding. The Town has a contract with them for a \$1,000 a year. They are having some issues with the foundation.

**Supervisor Johnson** explained that the cottage itself is maintained and paid for by the State Parks and Recreation. But the visitor center is the responsibility of the Friends of Grant Cottage which is not-for-profit. Over the years the Town has given them \$1,000 and a couple of years ago the Town gave them additional funding when they were having financial difficulties. They want to put some exhibits in there, but there is foundation problems and water damage in the center, that’s why they are asking for funding. Supervisor Johnson stated that Mr. Ingmire would come to address the board next month if the board wanted him to.

**Deputy Supervisor O’Conor**, asked if Mr. Ingmire gave any indication what needed to be done and what the cost would be.

**Supervisor Johnson** stated it was about 15 and 20 thousand dollars. They are not asking the Town for that much, they just would like some help. The board agreed to have Mr. Ingmire come to the next Town Board meeting.

**Wilton Heritage Society 2009 Annual Report**

**Comptroller Reale** explained that the Wilton Heritage Society had submitted their annual report and it was distributed to the Town Board members.

**Correspondence**

The Town Board received a letter from Deborah Zellan, 35 Northern Pines Rd. Regarding: Quality of life in her neighborhood.

**NOT ON AGENDA**

**Highway Department (purchase equipment)**

**Highway Superintendent Woodcock** addressed the board requesting a revision in the budget to purchase one big truck and a pick-up for this year.

**Supervisor Johnson** stated that Superintendent Woodcock had put in for a truck in the 2010 budget, the board recognized the need for it and put in reserve \$80,000 and put the balance to purchase the truck in the 2011 budget. Now you mention a pick-up that was never mentioned in your budget. The board made a decision to fund the truck over a two year period primarily because of the economy, budget restraints and revenues being down. We are two months into the budget cycle and now you are looking to amend the budget.

**Superintendent Woodcock** stated that he had provided the board with his vehicle replacement plan which includes two vehicles for this year. The plan is for 14 years at around \$200,000 a year and stated that if we get behind we will never get caught up.

After a lengthy discussion the board decided to consult the Comptroller and do an analysis on the revenues to see if the funds are there to purchase the requested equipment.

**Supervisor Johnson:** thanked everyone for coming and entertained a motion to adjourn.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Pulsifer and seconded by Councilman Gerber, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

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Carol Maynard, Town Clerk

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Supervisor, Arthur Johnson

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Councilman, Raymond O’Conor

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