# **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

At 7:02 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 Charles Gerber-Councilman Larry Gordon-Councilman

Also present: Town Attorney, Richard DeVall, Town Planner, Kate Maynard and Town Comptroller, Jeffrey Reale.

## **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 Gerber, the board adopted the following resolution:

# RESOLUTION # 74

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2009 meeting as typed without amendment.

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

<u>Appointment</u> (Town Board Member) Shirley Needham To fill Councilman McGaughey's Position. Term to expire 12/31/09

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

# RESOLUTION # 75

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** to appoint Shirley Needham to fill the remaining term of Councilman Ian McGaughey's position, term to expire 12/31/09.

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

Councilman Gerber abstained from voting.

Supervisor Johnson stated that before Mrs. Needham takes the Oath of Office he wanted to introduce some guests: Our new Assemblyman, from the 112<sup>th</sup> District, Tony Jordon, Donald Needham, Shirley's Husband, her daughter and many friends. Supervisor Johnson then asked Mrs. Needham to step up to the dais and Judge Gerald Worth then issued the Oath of Office. Supervisor Johnson then invited Mrs. Needham to join the board up on the dais. She did so at 7:10 p.m..

Ernst Road (PUDD) LL# 1 of 2009 Richard Woodcock Last discussed 4/3/08

Supervisor Johnson asked Greg Beswick, from Tommell and Associates to address the board regarding this item. Mr. Beswick stated that this project was presented to the board back in April of 2008. We have received a favorable recommendation from the Town's Planning Board. Mr. Beswick went over the following changes to the original project submitted, that were requested in a letter to the Town Board from Kate Maynard, the Town Planner. The request had asked for some traffic calming measures on the access and public road connection. We have added some curves and vertical alignment to provide the traffic calming measures. The second one is setbacks: the setback that we have shown is a 20 ft. setback from the right-of-way line, which equates to a 36 ft. setback from the edge of road. The third one: We have provided a rendering of what we would like the buildings to look like. Mr. Beswick stated that the board has been provided a copy of the local law discussing the conservation easements and potential pathways in the development. Mr. Woodcock discussed the character and design of the buildings. Supervisor Johnson: What kind of rental market are you asking? Mr. Woodcock stated that it would be somewhere between \$800 and \$1100. There are four units on top and four units on the bottom all two bedrooms. Supervisor Johnson asked Kate Maynard if the Town had gotten a positive recommendation from Saratoga County Planning Board. Mrs. Maynard stated that the Town had gotten approval from the County. Supervisor Johnson asked Town Attorney DeVall if he had reviewed the PUD legislation. Attorney DeVall explained that he had reviewed the legislation and would like to have the specific terms of the conservation easement included in the legislation. After some discussion the board set the required public hearing for March 5, at 7:00 p.m..

## <u>Real Property Exemption for Seniors</u> LL# 2 of 2009 Last revised 2/3/05

**Supervisor Johnson** explained that this is a revision the school district does to up-grade the income limits for seniors which only affects the school taxes. The board set the required public hearing for March 5, at 7:10 p.m..

# Wilton Global Job Development Corp. Blue Print for Main Street Ray O'Conor

Supervisor Johnson explained that years ago we had Wilton Global Job Development Corporation involved in Ace Hardware and Target Distribution Center. Raymond O'Conor was president of Wilton Global, we are going to revisit that again. Supervisor Johnson then asked Deputy Supervisor O'Conor, to discuss this item. Deputy Supervisor O'Conor explained that sixteen years ago when the State decided to close Wilton Development Center we created a notfor-profit job development company. While our core mission was to turn around the Wilton Developmental Center after working on and creating the Ace Distribution Center and turning the Wilton Developmental Center into uses for the D.A. Collins Company that we wound up working on the Target Distribution Center and talking to other companies interested in coming to Wilton. Deputy Supervisor O'Conor stated that we have taken for granted the success we have had over the years, but there is nothing like a recession to get you to rethinking about a number of things: one is keeping the economic engine in our community going which includes both the exit 16 area and taking a look at the exit 15 area. After some discussion with Supervisor Johnson we have put a list of folks to reconstitute our board of directors. Our goal is to put together a game plan for continued economic success in the community. The L.A Group will assist us with this. Councilman Gerber asked where the funding comes from to support the goals and efforts of the group. Deputy Supervisor O'Conor stated that there has never been any compensated staff or directors. With all the projects that we have done the total expenditure was about \$70,000. There was an initial sum of \$ 5,000 put up by the Town and we still have about \$1400 of that left. Other monies for marketing materials came from a video from the County Economic Development fund and lastly there is a pool of assets being held by the Saratoga County IDA that is exactly intended for economic development. Supervisor Johnson stated that it is a really good time to get this going.

# Zoning Board (Resignation) Glenn Zingarino Term to expire 12/31/12

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

# **RESOLUTION #76**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** to accept the resignation submitted by Glenn Zingarino as member of the Town Zoning Board, term to expire 12/31/12 and;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,** to appoint Rocco Angerami to the full-time position of member of the Zoning Board to fill Glenn Zingarino's term.

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

<u>Highway Department</u> Agreement to spend highway funds Submitted by the Highway Superintendent For fiscal year 2009

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

### RESOLUTION # 77

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** to authorize the Town Board to sign the agreement to Spend Highway Funds submitted by the Highway Superintendent.

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

### <u>Appointment (Historic Preservation Board)</u> Elizabeth Harrington

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

## **RESOLUTION # 78**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** to appoint Elizabeth Harrington as member of the Historic Preservation Board, new term 1/1/09-12/31/13.

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

### **<u>Committee Reports</u>** (If Any)

Supervisor Johnson asked if there were any committee reports, there were none.

<u>Comptroller's Report</u> (Including Bills & Transfers)

### 2008 Budget (Budget Transfers & Amendments)

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

### RESOLUTION # 79

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** to approve the 2008 budget transfers & amendments requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 2/5/09 report to the Town Board.

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

### Personnel

#### Sole Assessor

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

### **RESOLUTION # 80**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** to appoint Larry Quinn to the position of Sole Assessor to finish Marge Little's 6 year term ending 9/30/13. Effective date is 2/1/09, this position has been granted Grade 9 step 8 status with full benefits.

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

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# **Independent Contractor** (Larry Quinn)

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

### RESOLUTION # 81

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** to hire Larry Quinn as an independent contractor to work with Marge Little for all hours up to his appointment date of 2/1/09 at a rate of \$31.67/hr.

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

However, on February 11, 2009 Mr. Quinn called Supervisor Johnson and is no longer interested in the Sole Assessor position. Further action will be taken at the March meeting to accept his resignation.

# Education Building Department

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

## RESOLUTION # 82

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** to approve the following employees to attend the Northern Adirondack Code Officials Conference in Lake Placid from March 1-5<sup>th</sup>: Mark Mykins, Terrance Anthony and Scott Harrington.

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

## **Education**

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

# RESOLUTION # 83

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** to authorize Shirley Needham (new Town Councilwoman) to attend the annual NYC Association of Towns Meeting held on February 16-18, 2009.

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

Councilwoman Needham abstained from voting.

#### **Data Processing**

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

### RESOLUTION # 84

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that for a period not to exceed sixty days and a rate not to exceed \$70 an hour we authorize the hiring of a computer professional to work a maximum of seven hours per week for the next eight weeks.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,** to approve a budget transfer from A1990 Contingency the required amount of \$3,920 to A1680.4 Data Processing.

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

### Parks Department

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

### RESOLUTION # 85

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** to approve one time only, the request submitted by Steve Porto to compensate sport clinicians and program coordinators to cover the 2008 Gorilla Basketball and Soccer, this should be retroactive in the amount of \$250 for each program.

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

# **Informational**

Annual reports- Reports for 2008 were filed by the Building Department, Town Clerk, Engineering Department, Zoning Department and a Planning Development report use submitted. Copies were provided to the Town Board.

<u>Correspondence:</u> Letter from NYS Dept. of Transportation to Commissioner of Public Works at Saratoga county re: Speed Limit Request, Dimmick Road & Ballard Road-Speed Limit not warranted at this time for either location.

## Executive Session (Pending litigation & personnel issues)

**Supervisor Johnson** stated that the board needed to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel issues and pending litigation.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Conor, and seconded by Councilman Gerber, the board adjourned to executive session at 8:14 p.m..

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Conor, and seconded by Councilman Gordon, the board reconvened the Regular Town Board meeting at 9:15 p.m..

No action taken in executive session.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Conor and seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Needham the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Maynard, Town Clerk
 Supervisor, Arthur Johnson
 Councilman, Raymond O'Conor
 Councilman, Charles Gerber
 Councilman, Larry Gordon
 Councilwoman, Shirley Needham