

At 7:03 p.m., Supervisor Johnson called the regular Town Board 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 Deputy Town Clerk showed all board members present:

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

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

Public Comment

Supervisor Johnson asked if anyone had signed up to speak for the public comment session. No one had any comments.

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 # 150

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the September 2, 2010 meeting as typed without amendment.

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

Proclamation

Month of Young Adolescent

Supervisor Johnson read the Proclamation and asked the board for their approval.

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

RESOLUTION # 151

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to
approve the following proclamation:

Proclamation

IN CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF THE YOUNG ADOLESCENT

WHEREAS, the period of early adolescence (10- to 15-year olds) is a distinct, developmental period between childhood and full adolescence; and

WHEREAS, this period has been little understood nor its importance recognized; and

WHEREAS, youth between the ages of approximately 10- to 15-year olds undergo more extensive physical, mental, social, moral, and emotional changes, with the possible exception of infancy, than at any other time of life; and

WHEREAS, the attitudes and values young adolescents develop during these formative years largely determine their later behavior; and

WHEREAS, parents continue as primary models and guides, even as young adolescents give increased attention to peer groups; and

WHEREAS, the community itself is also a "classroom" in which young adolescents learn many lessons; and

WHEREAS, much valuable information and research about this important age group now exists and should be circulated;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that October be declared the Month of the Young Adolescent in Wilton, New York, South Glens Falls Middle School, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all those in Wilton, join the celebration by extending their knowledge about these critical years and undertaking actions that will support the healthy development of young adolescents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Seal of the Town of Wilton this 4th day of October, 2010

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

2011 Tentative Budget

**Tentative Budget received by Town Clerk
& copies distributed to Board Members**

Supervisor Johnson went over the following summary of the 2011 tentative budget; the total budget is just under six point nine million dollars (\$6,885,045). The estimated revenues between the General Fund

and the Highway Fund totals six million one hundred forty-nine thousand forty three dollars (\$6,149,043), obviously there is a deficit there, Supervisor Johnson wanted to submit to the Town Board a balanced budget, but could not do that. He explained that revenues are really flat and expenses are on the rise, so what he proposed to balance the budget is to use the fund balance in the General Fund of four hundred sixty-one thousand dollars (\$461,000) and two hundred seventy-five thousand (\$275,000) from the Highway Fund. Part of that two hundred seventy-five thousand is eighty thousand (\$80,000) that was put in the reserve for a truck purchase from last year. Supervisor Johnson went over the slide presentation: discussing the breakdown for appropriations (expenses) and revenues (sources of income) that make up the budget. Supervisor Johnson discussed the key points and on a positive note: there will be no town tax and this is the twenty-ninth year. The budget that is presented represents a six percent increase or \$414,000 over the 2010 amended budget. The General Fund increase is two percent or \$62,000 that is primarily to cover increased pension costs and healthcare. The Highway Fund is a fourteen percent increase and that represents about \$100,000 more to road improvements for this year then 2010, \$200,000 plus for the highway truck. He went on to mention increase costs, the town has not received the actual health insurance premium for this year, but our contractor is estimating a 20% increase in healthcare. The other big item is pension costs; there is a 40% increase over last year, which is mandated by New York State. The budget does include a 1.2% plus a cost of living adjustment for employees. This is based on the same index that the town uses every other year to determine what percentage the board gives the employees. The COLA only applies to full-time elected employees. It does not apply to part-time elected officials. Supervisor Johnson went on to state that all services that town residents have come to expect are included in the budget and there are no capital projects funded in the budget; not here or at the park. Supervisor Johnson stated that the budget will be reviewed by the Town Board in detail and there are some workshops scheduled for Friday October 22, Thursday October 28, and Friday October 29, they are open to the public and begin at 8:00 a.m. in the morning. The Board agreed to set a public hearing for the Preliminary Budget to be held on November 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m..

Dog Licensing law**Repealing Chapter 53 of the Code of Town of Wilton**

Supervisor Johnson stated that once again the State in its attempt to save money has moved the dog licensing responsibility from the state to the Town. The Town's current code needs to be changed to reflect a new law that gives that responsibility to the Town. He stated that the Board needs to set a public hearing for November 4th. The board has a copy of the law but they have not had a chance to look it over, there may be some changes to it but at least you have a draft to work from.

Attorney DeVall stated that the Town Clerk took the lead on this and did a lot of work to put it together. He did not have time to review it but the primary purpose is to simply reflect that the State of New York requires the town to collect all licensing fees. The Board agreed to set a public hearing for November 4, 2010 at 7:10 p.m..

Committee Reports (If Any)

Supervisor Johnson asked if there were any committee reports. He stated that there is a vacancy on the Historic Preservation Board, the current person is resigning at the end of the year and there is one person that is interested but if anyone knows someone else let us know.

Councilman Rice stated that Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park is hiring a new Director, Margo Olson, who comes from Skidmore with great credentials and will be a great asset. She will start November 1, 2010.

Comptroller's Report
(Including Bills & Transfers)

August 2010 Cash Disbursements

General Fund	\$276,484
Highway Fund	\$303,998
Total	\$580,482

Comptroller Reale stated that the disbursements listed in the Comptroller's report are for informational purposes only.

2010 Budget Transfers and Budget Amendments

The Town Board agreed to wait for the budget workshop to decide on a new truck for the Building and Grounds Department.

Personnel

Vacation Days (Roger Blauvelt)

Comptroller Reale explained that the Personnel Policy only allows a person to carry-over two weeks of vacation on their anniversary date. Roger Blauvelt is asking to carry over an additional four days on top of the two weeks so he can use them for medical leave.

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

RESOLUTION # 152

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Roger Blauvelt's request to carry-over four additional days vacation for medical purposes, to be used by November 5, 2010.

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

Highway Department
(Guardrails) Ernst Road

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

RESOLUTION # 153

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to replace the guard rails on Ernst Road now rather than wait till next year (money in budget for this year), in the amount of \$5,053.

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

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 Gerber, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Maynard, Town Clerk

Supervisor, Arthur Johnson

Councilman, Raymond O’Conor

Councilman, Charles Gerber

Councilman, Robert Rice

Councilman, Robert Pulsifer