

At 7:05 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 Town Clerk showed all board members present.

Arthur Johnson-Supervisor
Raymond O'Connor-Deputy Supervisor
Robert Rice-Councilman
Charles Gerber-Councilman
Robert Pulsifer-Councilman

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

Public Comment

Supervisor Johnson asked if anyone had signed up for the public comment session. He then recognized Connie Towers a resident from Ernst Road.

Connie Towers asked the Town Board to think long and hard about voting on a proposed Ridgeview Commons amendment for storage units on that PUDD. Number one: The H-1 Hamlet is not zoned for it. Two: The Hamlet atmosphere is unfinished right now. Three: The storage units should be in a C-1 or C-2 zone. Four: Take a stroll along Ernst Road where I live and see how that storage facility has affected us in our neighborhood. Five: Go back and review the public hearing from last June see what has been done, what was proposed and what has been finished. Six: When the applicant came before the Town to add storage at the February meeting as a principle permitted use and she thought the PUDD had a primary use. She wants the board to do their homework and then make a decision.

Supervisor Johnson thanked Mrs. Towers for her comments and stated that the applicant has withdrawn has request to include storage on that particular piece.

Approve Pending Minutes

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

RESOLUTION # 81

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2011 meeting as typed without amendment.

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

Presentation (Steve Porto)**At request of Town Board**

Park Director Steve Porto presented a thorough quarterly report to the board. He went over some of the ways the park serves the Town such as the different programs available for adults and children, numbers and some new programs that will be available. He stated that opening day for Wilton Youth Baseball is May 7th for the start of the outside programs. Also opening on May 7th is the birthday party program which has been very successful. Mr. Porto went over several activities available in the summer day program and he wanted everyone to know that Park Fest is July 9th this year with the largest offer of free activities and events that the park has ever had. There is also an employee Olympics program at the park which is an internal department kind of thing to boost morale and build teams in the departments. The park has also upgraded the software program which gives a lot more capabilities that the park did not have. He went over all the additions to the park and the financial benefits over the years. He explained that the park is considering, as a community service, a Wilton Job Fair/Business Expo on May 26th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Gavin Park. He stated that Gavin Park's special events, boosts our local economy. These events will bring in about 410 teams with 7500 + actual athletes, which includes their coaches and their support staff. That is about 50,000 people at Gavin Park. According to the Saratoga Tourism Bureau, that would bring about 2 to 4 million dollars to our local economy. He went over the department's financial problems and the solution to some of those problems. To offset these problems, Saratoga Tourism is putting together a regional sports commission that will take all the large vendors in the Capital District and group them as one so the park can make offers to these large championship Regional and National tournaments, which will create a lot of revenue for the park. He explained that the park is in the end stages of putting together the Alternative Fund Development Program or what is known as the Friends of Wilton Recreation Foundation, a 501C3 a private entity. This will be an alternative funding source so that the Town's General Fund will not be impacted as heavily as it is right now. Mr. Porto went over the future plans for the park, such as, developing future park sites, continue to partner with our local school districts, maybe expand program offerings as the budget allows, and possibly, update the park master plan. He explained that the financial update for the first quarter on April 2, 2010, the park had posted revenue of \$49,900. On April 5, 2011, with one extra business day, the park's posted revenue was \$62,205, which is a 24% increase over last year. Mr. Porto thanked the board.

Supervisor Johnson thanked Mr. Porto for coming.

Ridgeview Commons PUDD (amendment)**G&R Construction**

Last discussed 3/3/11

Received comment from Saratoga Co. Planning Board

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Supervisor Johnson explained that Ridgeview Commons PUDD had come before the board a couple of months ago and it was referred to the Town and County Planning Boards. The Town Planning Board recommended approval of the lot line adjustments for purposes of financing and recommended against

the storage part of the project. The County Planning Board had the same concerns regarding storage and asked for additional information.

A representative from G&R Construction told the board that the applicant has pulled the storage and just wants to go for a five foot setback on two existing buildings for financial reasons.

Supervisor Johnson recommended that G&R construction contact the County Planning Board to let them know they had pulled the storage part of the application.

The board set a public hearing for May 5th, at 7:00 p.m..

Knollwood Development (sign)

Ray O'Connor

Supervisor Johnson asked Deputy Supervisor O'Connor to explain.

Deputy Supervisor O'Connor explained that last year Nicholas Naumkin, a twelve year boy who was accidentally shot and killed at the home of a friend. It was a very traumatic incident not just for the family that lives on Knollwood Drive but for the entire neighborhood. The neighbors contacted the Supervisor and himself about putting a sign to pay tribute to this unfortunate young boy who was killed. He then asked the Highway Superintendent if that would be an issue.

Highway Superintendent Kirklin Woodcock stated it would not be an issue, but he thought the board should research it and see if that's what they really want to do. He would work with his liaison on the board and see what they could come up with.

Councilman Pulsifer stated that the board needs to think about one thing: a lot of families have tragedies, so before we do something like that, is it going to open the door to every family that has a tragedy? He stated he was not against it, but the board needs to think about this. It could end up as a town wide situation.

Supervisor Johnson asked Deputy Supervisor O'Connor to work with the neighborhood people to see exactly what they want to do.

Deputy Supervisor O'Connor agreed to do that.

Wilton Preservation Board (resignation)

Dagmar Helenek submitted her resignation (eff. 3/11/11)

Term to expire 1/31/2012

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

RESOLUTION # 82

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept with regret the resignation submitted by Dagmar Helenek as member

of the Historic Preservation Board effective 3/11/11.

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

Committee Reports (If Any)

Supervisor Johnson asked if anyone had any committee reports. He stated that what he had was not a committee report but the matter came in today. The Wilton Fire District has submitted a request for the board to waive fees for the application for Building and Zoning permits for their substation on Edie Road and the board has waived fees before for governmental agencies.

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

RESOLUTION # 83

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Wilton Fire District's submitted request to waive the fees for the application for Building and Zoning permits for the substation on Edie Road.

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

**Comptroller's Report
(Including Bills & Transfers)****2011 February Cash Disbursements (Informational)**

General Fund	\$234,910
Highway Fund	<u>\$432,070</u>
Total	\$666,980

2011 Budget Transfer and Amendments

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

RESOLUTION # 84

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the budget transfers and amendments requested for and listed in the

Comptroller's 4/11/11 report to the Town Board.

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

Personnel

a.) Medicare (out of state retiree)

Comptroller Jeff Reale explained that the Town has a retiree who moved out of the area; the current Medicare plan will not cover the retiree out of state. The Town would have to change plans for this individual with an additional cost to the Town of approximately \$100/month. After some discussion the board decided to allow the retiree to move to the other plan and pay the difference. NO other action taken.

b.) Education (Building Department)

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

RESOLUTION # 85

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request submitted by Mark Mykins and Scott Harrington to attend the Onsite Wastewater Design 1 Training May 4th and 5th, in Lake Placid. Total cost is approximately \$251 pp.

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

Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan-Town of Malta

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

RESOLUTION # 86

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the contract for the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan-Town of Malta and;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract.

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

Wilton Emergency Squad

The Wilton Emergency Squad has submitted their 2010 Audited Financial Report.

Penflex Service Award Program

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

RESOLUTION # 87

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Service Award Program list of all 2010 volunteer ambulance workers of the Wilton Emergency Squad, Inc.

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

Not on Agenda

Highway Department (Old Truck and Sweeper)

Highway Superintendent Kirklin Woodcock explained to the board that he wanted to replace the wrecked truck out back and the sweeper. He had a quote for a new truck at \$198,723 w/plow covered under State contract.

Councilman Pulsifer, the liaison for the Highway Department, stated that this is one of those things that the Fund Balance is there for. This was an accident and he was in favor of replacing that truck.

Supervisor Johnson stated that the board discussed this last month and the board decided to deal with it at budget time.

Superintendent Woodcock explained that he has to start the procedure to get the truck now in order to get it by October for the winter season.

Sweeper

Superintendent Woodcock explained that the sweeper also has to be replaced as it is broken down again.

He stated the Town could rent a sweeper for \$8,000 a month. He suggested the board go to the lease side of this, get some information on it, and after two or three years get rid of it.

Councilman Gerber asked Superintendent Woodcock to look into a straight lease, a lease to purchase and then a straight outright purchase, so the board can compare the numbers.

NO action taken

Supervisor Johnson stated that the board needed to adjourn to executive session on an individual personnel matter.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Rice, and seconded by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, the board adjourned to executive session at 7:57 p.m..

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, and seconded by Councilman Rice, the board reconvened the Regular Town Board Meeting at 8:30 p.m..

NO action taken in executive session.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Pulsifer, and seconded by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Maynard, Town Clerk

Supervisor, Arthur Johnson

Councilman, Raymond O'Connor

Councilman, Charles Gerber

Councilman, Robert Pulsifer

Councilman, Robert Rice