

Town of St. Armand
Tuesday, February 11, 2020
Public Hearing – Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2020 – Parking in the Town of St. Armand - 6:15 pm
Regular Board Meeting - 6:30 pm

These Meeting Minutes were approved by the Town Board on March 10, 2020.

A Public Hearing and the Regular Board Meeting of the Town of St. Armand were held on the above date and time at the Town Hall, Bloomingdale, NY.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Town Supervisor Davina Winemiller, Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates, Councilperson Jennifer Fuller, and Councilperson Karl Law.

A quorum of the Board was in attendance.

TOWN EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Highway Superintendent Douglas Snickles, Water Superintendent Jeffrey Cotter, Code Enforcement Officer Derrick Martineau, Wastewater Superintendent Stanley Ingison, and Town Clerk Barbara Darrah.

EXCUSED: Councilperson Donald Amell was excused from this meeting.

GUESTS: Community members Thomas Burman, Sandy Hayes and Warren McCarthy.

Notice was posted regarding the dates and times of the Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting.

Davina Winemiller called the Public Hearing to order at 6:31 pm and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Winemiller announced the Public Hearing was being held for proposed Local Law #1 of 2020 for parking in the Town of St. Armand. She asked Town Clerk Barbara Darrah to read the published Public Notice aloud.

Darrah: Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand, Essex County, NY, will meet at the Town of St. Armand Town Hall, 1702 NYS Route 3, Bloomingdale, NY, 12913 on the 11th day of February, 2020 at 6:15 pm for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing regarding the proposed Local Law #1 of 2020 for the parking in the Town of St. Armand. The public is invited to attend the hearing and all parties interested therein may be heard in favor or against any items contained therein. Published: January 30, 2020.

Winemiller: Does anyone from the audience have questions or concerns regarding the proposed local law? There were no questions or concerns.

Winemiller: Board members, you each have a draft of the proposed local laws and you also have a draft of the rules and regulations. Basically, the rules and regulations are the guidelines for the fines. Based on Article 45 of the New York State Vehicle Traffic Law, parking tickets cannot be more than \$150 for the first offense. I would like to go over the fines with you. I just assigned a denomination to each of the infractions based on what I thought the severity of what the violation was.

Winemiller went over each violation and the monetary fine assignments of the codes: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, and M. The Board agreed to all fines assigned to the violations.

Winemiller: I did speak with Mike at Madden's today and asked him if we can contract with them for towing. He stated he charged \$250 for towing and \$65 per day for storage. Unless the Board would like to use a different tow company.....

D. Joseph Bates: Who is going to enforce it?

Winemiller: The Judge will enforce it. In the Local Law, the tickets will be issued by the Town Supervisor or the Town's appointed employee. I contacted Lake Placid to see where they purchased their tickets from. It was Williamson Law Books, where Barb also orders other Town Clerk items. Barb and I picked out the one we thought was best from the samples Williamson sent us. (Showed the ticket to the Board). The actual one has an attached envelope. The cost is \$274 for 500 tickets.

Bates: Is that the least you can buy.

Winemiller: Yes, that's the least you can buy. I firmly believe we will make that up in the parking tickets that are issued. Tonight, we are just introducing the Local Law and then we will follow state requirements for the adoption.

Bates: And, there is going to be prior notification to the residents that may park there?

Winemiller: The residents park in their own driveways.....

Bates: Well, the people that are parking to use the actual trailhead, is there going to be any prior notification? I'm just thinking of our people who have been parking there like that probably every weekend for years....

Winemiller: The biggest thing that we are going to have to do is put up signage. We are going to have to purchase "No Parking" signs. That is going to cost us something. We get them through the DPW so they are at cost, but it is going to cost us something and we will have to install them there. So, that is notification.

Bates: That's notification enough.

Winemiller: This has been in the paper, it's not like its new news. Does anyone have any questions, comments or concerns regarding the parking Local Law?

Sandy Hayes: If you hire some kid to issue the tickets, would they be covered by Town Insurance if someone beats them up? That is going to happen. Someone is going to get beat up.

Winemiller: I'm going to be doing it first. I will be the one enforcing it first.

Jennifer Fuller: He (Sandy) makes a good point.

Winemiller: You are right. Any employee that we have is covered by our policy with the exception of Health Insurance, but if they are injured on the job, they are covered by our policy. We will put the signs up, word will get out and either they will park there, or they won't. Either they will get a ticket, or they won't. Lake Placid does it. They issue tickets like crazy. They have a huge income from issuing parking tickets.

Bates: In the Village.

Winemiller: Yes, in the Village. It is something we have to do. The reason that we are doing this is because the property owners in that area are tired of people parking in their driveways, parking in their yards, blocking the road. We are protecting the residents of St. Armand. Ever since the "Sixer" program, Baker Mountain has been accessed at least doubled if not tripled of people going up that mountain, and the residents are paying for it.

Bates: Is the Town of North Elba following suit?

Winemiller: (Showing the map) The strip that the Town of North Elba owns is minimal. They will not be involved. Any other comments on the parking?

RESOLUTION # 25

RESOLUTION # 25 OF 2020

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2020 ENTITLED "TOWN OF ST. ARMAND PARKING REGULATION LAW"

Councilperson Karl Law, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

Upon the passage of a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of St. Armand Town Board hereby introduces proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2020 entitled "TOWN OF ST. ARMAND PARKING REGULATION LAW" reading and provided as follows:

TOWN OF ST. ARMAND PARKING REGULATION LAW

LOCAL LAW NUMBER 1 OF 2020

A Local Law regulating parking on all Town roads, drives, streets, lanes and avenues in the Town of St. Armand.

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand as follows:

Section 1. Title.

This Local Law shall be entitled "TOWN OF ST. ARMAND PARKING REGULATION LAW."

Section 2. Definitions

The relevant provisions of Article I of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York shall apply and be definitive of the verbiage used in this Local Law and as to the meaning thereof, save as hereinafter set forth, including but not limited to "vehicle," "highway," "park," and "parked."

Section 3. No Parking Areas

From time to time, the Town Board shall establish certain designated "NO PARKING" areas within the Town. The No Parking areas and any associated timeframe of effectiveness shall be designated by the erection of "NO PARKING" signs which clearly communicate the areas in which parking is prohibited. Parking in violation of the directives of such lawfully erected signs shall be a traffic infraction subject to enforcement and penalty as provided herein.

Section 4. Parking Violations

The following shall constitute a parking violation:

- a) Double parking a vehicle alongside an already parked vehicle;
- b) Parking a vehicle in a manner that impedes the flow of traffic on a public road;
- c) Parking a vehicle in a manner that obstructs access to a fire hydrant;
- d) Parking a vehicle between two No Parking signs;
- e) Parking a vehicle so that any portion of the vehicle is within the area of a designated cross walk;

- f) Parking a vehicle so that any portion of the vehicle obstructs a driveway;
- g) Parking a vehicle on the side of a public roadway where the front of the vehicle faces the lane of oncoming traffic;
- h) Parking a vehicle in a designated handicapped parking area without displaying a handicap parking authorization;
- i) Parking a vehicle on the sidewalk;
- j) Parking a vehicle in such a manner that it blocks the entrance to a hiking trailhead

Section 5. Exceptions

The prohibitive provisions of this Local Law shall not apply to the parking of any such vehicles for the following purposes or reasons:

- a) When in compliance with the directives of a police officer or traffic control device, sign, or signal.
- b) When parking temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in the loading, unloading, or discharge of merchandise, passengers, or other personal property.
- c) When parking is exercised by a police officer, the operator of a fire fighting or fire protection vehicle or the operator of an Ambulance or other emergency vehicle while actually engaged in the conduct or exercise of the official duties of said officer or operator.
- d) When there occurs an actual malfunction of a vehicle which prohibits further operation thereof.

Section 6. Fines

Any person who violates this Local Law shall be deemed to have committed a traffic infraction under this Local Law and any person convicted of any such offense after a hearing thereon shall be punished in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York, including but not limited to Article 45 thereof or any other provisions relating thereto.

Section 7. Enforcement

- a) The Town of St. Armand Board hereby appoints the Town Supervisor the ability to issue parking tickets in the Town of St. Armand. Further, the Town of St. Armand Board may, at its discretion, hire Parking Attendants or grant other town officials the authority to issue parking tickets by rule or regulation. Furthermore, any police officer or peace officer may issue an appearance ticket for a violation of this Local Law.
- b) Such appearance ticket shall be in form prescribed by the Criminal Procedure Law of the State of New York and shall be returnable before a Town Justice of the Town of St. Armand.
- c) Such appearance ticket shall designate the date, time and place of the violation, the make, license plate number and State of issue thereof and color of the vehicle involved and the date, time and place of the required appearance before said Town Justice.
- d) Such appearance ticket shall be delivered in a manner that complies with the relevant provisions of New York State law. Furthermore, nothing in this Local Law shall limit the authority of the Town Justice of the Town of St. Armand to secure the attendance of the owner or driver of the vehicle as the case may be, should such owner or driver fail to appear in court as directed by a lawfully issued appearance ticket pursuant to this Local Law.

Section 8. Towing and Impoundment of Vehicles

- a) Any vehicle parked in violation of any provision of this Local Law or parked or abandoned on any public highway, including state highways, in the Town of St. Armand during a snow storm, flood, fire, or other public emergency, which interferes with the carrying out of necessary services by the Town, may be towed away and impounded by an impound company established by contract with the Town Board. Towed vehicles may be redeemed by the owner thereof by paying the removal and impound fees. Such fees shall be established by the Town Board by contract with the impound company.
- b) The Town Supervisor or his or her designee, shall promptly report the towing and impoundment of any vehicle, to the extent possible, to the owner of the vehicle and advise the owner of the amount required to redeem the same.
- c) The provisions of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York and in particular Section 1224 thereof shall be applicable in the event of an abandonment of a vehicle which is in the custody of an impound company pursuant to the provisions of this Local Law.

Section 9. Rules, Regulations, and Fees:

- a) The Town Board of the Town of St. Armand shall and is hereby authorized and empowered to hereafter and from time to time promulgate and establish such rules, provisions, regulations and schedule of fees or costs for towing, storage, or impoundment in addition to those set forth in this Local Law consistent with the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York or as otherwise may be provided for by statute.
- b) The Town Board of the Town of St. Armand shall further adopt and establish such administrative forms,

documents, and procedures as it may deem necessary and appropriate incident to the enforcement of this Local Law and the implementation hereof, and, further, said Town Board is hereby authorized and empowered to

designate and authorize personnel, being officers of the Town of St. Armand or otherwise, to assist in the enforcement and implementation of this Local Law.

Section 10. Severability

If any section or part of this Local Law is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section of this Local Law.

Section 11. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect upon the filing of the same with the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

Section 12. Statutory authority:

This local law is adopted to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York and Sections 1660 and 1224 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand shall hold and conduct a public hearing on the foregoing proposed local law on the 11th day of February, 2020, at 6:15 p.m. in the forenoon of that day, to hear any and all persons concerning the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Town of St. Armand will publish a notice of such hearing in the designated Town newspaper at least five days prior to said hearing.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilperson Jennifer Fuller and adopted by Roll Call vote as follows:

Town Supervisor Davina Winemiller	AYE
Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates	AYE
Councilperson Donald Amell	ABSENT
Councilperson Jennifer Fuller	AYE
Councilperson Karl Law	AYE

Dated: February 11, 2020

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Winemiller opened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:38 pm. Before she turned the meeting over to Highway Superintendent Douglas Snickles, she publicly thanked Snickles and the Highway Department for the excellent work they have been doing in clearing the streets, clearing the sidewalks and digging out the hydrants. She mentioned that they all worked Saturday and Sunday preparing the ice rink for the Pond Hockey Tournament.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Highway Superintendent Douglas Snickles presented the following written report to the Board:

Town of St. Armand Highway Report for the February 11, 2020 Board Meeting

- 1) Sidewalks are all cleaned up and fire hydrants are cleaned.
- 2) We had to bring the loader to Moody Pond in town to scrape ice.
Snickles: We are going to have to do something about the water run-off at Rockledge.
Winemiller: I think we put that on the schedule for this year to put a culvert in there.
- 3) We have been plowing and sanding every day.
Winemiller: Doug, can you tell us how much snow we have gotten this week?
Snickles: At least 20 inches.
- 4) I ordered broom bristles for Spring Clean-up
- 5) I called an engineer from the County on the Moody Pond project.
- 6) I met with the County on paving our roads this summer.
- 7) The County is paving part of St. Regis and the first part of the River Road.
- 8) The County asked if we had time to ditch River Road. We should be able to do that.
- 9) Installed a new window at the Youth Building.
- 10) We have been helping at the Youth Field to clean up for the Hockey Tournament.
- 11) Take #1 off the list because we are buried again at the moment.

12) Roads are back in shape, ends of driveways, fire Hydrants, working on mailboxes and sidewalks.

Supervisor Winemiller addressed the Board regarding undeveloped property at Rockledge and asked Doug to approach the Board and discuss the map indicating that property. Winemiller reported a realtor had approached her with the map and asked about the possibility of having an actual road developed for access to the affected lots. The thought process behind it is if we had a road, the owners could sell the properties for building and therefore the Town could have more tax revenue. Snickles stated it would be a lot of work because there is only a "goat path" there currently. You can't drive around it.

Bates: There is a turn around right here (indicating the map) and then it turns to sand.

Winemiller: Maybe we need to get more information before we decide. I think the thought process makes sense.

Bates: Well, depending on what it's going to take.

Snickles: They should get the road up to specs and then sell them. Not us.

Winemiller: Maybe we should wait until the summer so we can actually get up there. Does anyone have any questions for Doug?

Sandy Hayes: Just to comment on that road business. Never, never do work on private roads. I know something about this. I have done 37 of them. I have one right behind my house that the people want the Town to take over. The Town is not responsible for building a road. I did a nice one in Gabriels; I have one in Merrillville. It cost my clients over a half million dollars. We have to build it to the specs and then the Town will let the engineer see if it is up to specs. Don't ever put a dime into private property. That's up to the developer.

Winemiller: Is that a private road?

Snickles: That far in, it has to be. That's a dead end; that's where we stop.

Winemiller: Well, I guess that answers that question. We don't need to look into it further.

Snickles: I thought you were talking about down at the river. Someone wants to develop that, too.

Hayes: It costs my people a lot of money. The Town should not help the developer out. I would love a town road on Curtis Way and James Way and so would 27 people that live there.

Winemiller: That's true. So, I think if that's the case, then I think we should just say no.

The Board agreed

Winemiller: Rockledge is a no. Thank you very much Sandy. It is great to have your insight.

Hayes: That's what I do for a living. My clients have to live with that rule.

WATER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Water Superintendent Jeffrey Cotter presented the following written report to the Board:

Town of St. Armand Water Report for the February 11, 2020 Board Meeting

1. Water line Froze on Union St. - On 1/20/20, I received a call from Lorna Snickles of 35 Union St. She reported that her water meter froze and ruptured. I responded to her residence and gave her a few used meter bases that I had. She had a plumber on the scene, and he was working on her water line.
2. 9 Academy Water Meter Problem - On 1/22/20, I checked out the water reader at 9 Academy at Barb's request. On previous readings, the reader appeared to be running in reverse. I checked it out and it continues to run in reverse. Reported this information to Barb.
3. New Meter and Reader installed - On 1/25/20, I inspected a new meter and reader that was installed at Lorna Snickles' residence at 35 Union St. The meter and reader were installed properly, and I forwarded the starting reading to Barb.
4. 797 St. Regis Apartment Reading- On 1/27/20, I obtained a reading at Barb's request at 797 St. Regis Ave. apartment #1. The current tenant was moving out.
5. Two Residence Readings for Barb - On 1/28/20, I obtained two readings for Barb at her request, one at 44 Poplar and one at 16 Main Street. The reader at 44 Polar had recently been checked and the wires were not connected (last Quarter). When I checked the wires on 1/28/20 the wires were connected and 16,000 gallons of water have registered, so it appears the meter is functioning normally now. At 16 Main Street, the wires had recently been connected also and the meter appears to be working normally now also.
6. Monthly Coliform test was sent out from a sample taken from the Youth Center Building on 1/28/20. The sample returned from the lab with the results being negative.
7. Reading for Barb at 59 Prospect - On 2/3/20, I obtained a reading for Barb at 59 Prospect St.
8. Met With Mr. Simpson of Oregon's Plains Road - On 2/10/20, I met with Mr. Simpson of Oregon's Plains Road to discuss shutting off his water service to allow for a repair of his water meter which is leaking. He will be hiring a plumber and will notify me when he needs his service shut off to allow for the repair of his meter.
9. Met With Mr. Burman of St. Regis Ave. - On 2/10/20, I met with Mr. Burman of St. Regis Ave. to look at a water meter he was getting ready to install at his residence on St. Regis Ave. The meter was a stand-alone type meter and would not allow for remote readings. He said he would get another meter that allows for remote readings.

Winemiller: Tom came in to speak to me and after discussing the situation with him, Tom realized he could access the meter. Tom came back over a couple days later and I ordered a meter for him on Ebay and it turned out when it arrived, it was the wrong meter. It did not have the pulse reader for the remote meter reader. Today, I called Gunners, where we get some of our supplies, and I personally purchased 5 meters, exactly the right thing you need. One is going to Tom, and I will have four left for the people who need them. I put them on my credit card and I will be responsible for that. Tom, we should have that new one for you in a couple of days.

Darrah: (To Winemiller): Are you charging the people for the meters?

Winemiller: I am going to charge them exactly what I paid for them and the shipping. I am buying five of them and there was shipping, so I will break that down. I won't make a penny on them, I am just doing it to be helpful.

Darrah: So, you will just let me know what the breakdown is?

Winemiller: Yes, I will let you know as soon as I get the bill how much they will be.

10. Completed the DEC Annual Water Withdrawal Report - On 2/10/20, I completed the DEC Annual Water Withdrawal Report and submitted the report to DEC by fax. They responded with an email to me stating that they have received the Town of St. Armand's Annual Water Withdrawal Report.

Jeff: Thank you, Stan and Barb, for helping me get the water and sewer figures for 2019 and what the prices were for the cost of selling the water over the four quarters. I haven't opened up the lock yet on Rockledge. I don't know how much frost we have yet, so I may open that up before Friday. Thanks again Doug, for clearing out the hydrants.

Winemiller: One thing I forgot to mention is Kevin Woodruff had requested a hydrant map. Jeff had an old one on his wall at the pump house and it came from Essex County. So, I called Essex County and they do not have it anymore. Jeff and I agreed that when we can find the hydrants (due to snow), we will locate the GPS locations and get that information to Essex County and they will plot it and make a brand new hydrant map. Once we have that done, we will have new hydrant map for the Town and the Fire Department. I also want to thank Jeff for all the work you do and it is appreciated. Does anyone have any questions for Jeff?

Darrah: Jeff, if you can please stay for a moment while the Board reviews the adjustments for the Water and Sewer billing, in case they have any questions for you?

Cotter: Sure. Two of them are the ones I talked about earlier?

Darrah: Yes.

The Board reviewed four Water and Sewer adjustments.

Cotter: Do you know how many meters were replaced before the deadline? Was it thirty or fifty?

Darrah: We had 51 people who were estimated. We were down to 12 for the mandate. And, there are three more that are going to be, so it looks like nine.

Burman: So, you have nine that are not complying?

Darrah: Yes. And, they haven't contacted me since they received the bill where they were doubled.

Cotter: The report always asks how many customers are metered and not metered?

Darrah: The goal is to motivate the customers to comply with the mandate, and they are complying. Of the final 12, three more are in the process of complying.

Cotter: Also, the consumption is down.

Winemiller: That is good. I think it is a combination of the readers and the new hydrant at the ice rink.

So just for the record, all four adjustments were approved?

The board agreed all four adjustments were approved.

There were no further questions for Jeff.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer Derrick Martineau presented the following written report to the Board:

Town of St. Armand Code Enforcement Officer Report for the February 11, 2020 Board Meeting

1. Returned 6 calls and 5 emails with questions on codes.
2. No new permits issued
3. Inspections on ongoing open permits.
4. Working on the paperwork to file NYS Annual Code Enforcement Activities.
5. Update on Moose Pond and Monroe Glad. Both are finally able to move forward to final stages. Final letters will be sent to both parties tomorrow giving the final 10 business day notice to comply. After which point I will have vehicles removed at owner's expense.

Mr. Gladd will be made to pay fines that were agreed upon by attorneys and condemnation will take place. Once this happens, he will be granted a certain amount of time to repair or demo the structure. If this is not done it can be demolished at the owner's expense. This should all be taken care of by March.

I know it has taken some time. No one wants this completed more than I do. It has consumed an enormous amount of my time.

Martineau: Outside of those, I am working on my annual report for New York State. I have until the first of April to complete, but I should have it done within the next week. New code books are coming out in March and they are going back to the State codes, rather than the current International codes.

Someone had called into the Town regarding an unsafe chimney on a residence on Goodspeed Road. I investigated and red tagged it. The owners contacted me the next day and it had been rectified and safe now.

Darrah: What do you do in that case? How do you address it? What happens?

Martineau: I went there with an extinguisher. I went in and extinguished it and I have red tags that I put on it, and I take pictures of the fact that it was red-tagged. So, if I leave and they continue to use it, I have proof that it was tagged, dated and timed. There have been times that I have taken the pipe, so they can't use it. I made sure they had another heat source, so I didn't leave them with nothing. They did have a monitor.

Darrah: I have another question. Could you please send me the address and contact number of the new owners of the ice cream stand? That water meter does not work either, and they need to be notified to fix it.

Martineau: I will send that to you tomorrow.

Winemiller: Does anyone have any questions for Derrick?

There were no further questions.

Winemiller: Thank you for making the trip tonight on these roads.

Martineau: I wish Doug was still here. You can tell when you hit the town line. There is a big difference in the condition. I drive a lot of roads and you can tell where St. Armand begins.

Winemiller: Before I turn the floor over to Stan, I just wanted to say thank you very much for all of your hard work. This snowstorm caused Stan to help more than he needed to by clearing the Transfer station, which helped the highway department out tremendously to not have to take care of that. Winemiller also thanked Stan for assisting with putting the I&M Plan together for the DEC's deadline. Your time and attention is truly appreciated.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wastewater Superintendent Stanley Ingison presented the following written report to the Board.

Town of St. Armand Wastewater Report for the February 11, 2020 Board Meeting

- 1) Did daily collections, testing and recorded data.
- 2) Did daily checks of all systems at the PTB and WWTP and recorded the data.
- 3) Wrote up the DEC monthly operating report and the discharge monitoring report and submitted them digitally.
- 4) Did weekly generator checks.
- 5) Did weekly greasing of the paddle wheel drive and clarifier drives.
- 6) I did the weekly flexing of all the aeration diffusers.
- 7) Davina and I got the 2019 wastewater I & M plan written and put together with all the data from the year's projects including the full I & I study done by AES.
- 8) I met with Jim from Ampersand Electric and went over some of the possibilities for expanding the volume of solar panels for use in supplementing the Town's power production available to offset the costs of power use by the Township. We also went over the coolant system maintenance work needed with the Pre-Treatment building generator and they will give us a quote for doing the work.

Winemiller: This is the generator repair we spoke of last month. I emailed you (Board) the quote. It is \$732.56. Can I get a motion to approve this estimate?

Bates: I'll move.

Winemiller: Can I get a second?

Jennifer Fuller: I'll second.

Winemiller: All in favor.

Board: Aye.

- 9) I did oil and filter changes on all the blowers this past month.

- 10) I continue to work on the St. Armand Wastewater Department Comprehensive Improvement and Repair Program.

Ingison: One thing, I think you (to Winemiller) wanted to mention the sewer issue at the Simpson house.

Winemiller: Yes, I did want to tell you (the Board) about that. Tracy Kratts' apartment house on State Street and Mike Simpson's house on Oregon Plains Road: The sewer line from Tracys' apartment building runs down and connects into Mike Simpson's sewer line and then goes down. It was done way before either one of them bought their properties. In 2015, there was a problem and Roto-Rooter came and blew the line and there was a lot of damage done to Simpson's house. It was so bad, the Simpsons ended up moving into their front yard in a tent. A couple of weekends ago the line was plugged again. They contacted Stan and he advised him not to pressure blow. They did work together and the tenants assisted Stan in working on the line. Mike Simpson came in to talk to me about it. Stan and I suggested that Kratts and Simpsons get together and come to the Town Hall and explain what can be done to fix the problem once and for all and hopefully, we can get the work done this Spring/Summer so that never happens again. It's no one's fault. It makes sense to me that they do it together and pay for it together, and the whole thing is done.

Winemiller: Are there any further questions for Stan?

Bates: Did Jim say anything about adding on to the Solar is doable? Or didn't he say?

Ingison: He wants to bring his equipment and look at what the tree line issue will be before he makes a commitment. We can definitely do things, maybe it's not going to be as nice as everybody would like it to be; there will be some infiltration.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 26 OF 2020

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION # 19 OF 2020 TOWN OF ST. ARMAND FIRE CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE

Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Resolution #19 of 2020 of the Town of St. Armand, authorizing Town Supervisor Davina Winemiller to execute the 2020 Fire Contract with the Village of Saranac Lake was passed on January 14, 2020, and

WHEREAS the Village has provided the services of the Village of Saranac Lake Fire Department for the fire protection and rescue services pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 209-b and fire police protection pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 209-c to the Town, and

WHEREAS, Resolution # 19 of 2020 stated the amount of the Fire Contract agreement with the Village of Saranac Lake as \$25,037.10, payable by February 1, 2020, and

WHEREAS, upon the Town of St. Armand's receipt of the 2020 Fire Contract from the Village of Saranac Lake, the actual amount in the contract is stated as \$27,689.96, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand agrees to the provisions set with the Fire Contract Agreement for 2020,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED the Town of St. Armand shall abide by the 2020 Fire Contract Agreement with the Village of Saranac Lake for January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, and agrees to pay the total sum of \$27,689.96 for the fire protection and rescue services pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 209-b and 209-c. to the Town of St. Armand, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this Resolution is retroactive as of January 1, 2020.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilperson Karl Law and adopted by Roll Call Vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Winemiller	AYE
Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates	AYE
Councilperson Donald Amell	ABSENT
Councilperson Jennifer Fuller	AYE
Councilperson Karl Law	AYE

February 11, 2020

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

MOTION TO PAY MONTHLY BILLS

Payment vouchers for the month of February were presented to the Board for approval as follows:

General Vouchers # 36 - # 72 in the amount of \$ 17,122.78
Trust and Agency Fund Vouchers # 8 - # 13 in the amount of \$ 1,424.86
Highway Vouchers # 21 - # 36 in the amount of \$ 39,947.06
Highway Outside Vouchers - None
Water and Sewer Vouchers # 15 - # 28 in the amount of \$ 4,706.45
Rockledge Water District Voucher # 1 in the amount of \$ 14.32
"B" Fund Vouchers - None
Fire Protection Voucher # 1 in the amount of \$ 30,975.00
I & I Fund Vouchers - None

Councilperson Karl Law made the Motion to approve payment of this month's bills; the Motion was seconded by Councilperson Jennifer Fuller. A Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Supervisor Davina Winemiller	AYE
Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates	AYE

Councilperson Donald Amell	ABSENT
Councilperson Jennifer Fuller	AYE
Councilperson Karl Law	AYE

All in favor. Motion carried.

Dated: February 11, 2020

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Winemiller requested the Supervisor’s Monthly Report for January 2020 be extended until the March 2020 Board Meeting. Donna Bramer had a family emergency. The Board approved the extension. All in favor. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND MOTION TO APPROVE PREVIOUS MONTH’S MINUTES

Councilperson Jennifer Fuller made the Motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2020. The Motion was seconded by Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates. All in favor. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK’S MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Barbara Darrah gave the following report for the month of January 2020:

There were (6) Dog Licenses for January 2020:

Spayed Females (3)	\$ 21.00
Neutered Males (3)	\$ 21.00
Total Revenue Earned	\$ 42.00

Paid to Town Supervisor: \$ 36.00 Paid to NYS Agriculture & Markets: \$ 6.00

WATER AND SEWER BILLING MONTHLY REPORT

The 1st quarter billing was in the amount of \$79,269.20. Bills were mailed on January 18, 2020, and due on February 19th, 2020. As of February 11, 2020, the Water and Sewer Receivable balance is \$54,112.49. There were 10 customers who received double estimate billing due to continued non-working meters or readers. Because there were no readings on those cards from the meter reader, I asked Jeff to go out and check those readers to make sure they had not been repaired and we just didn’t know. Jeff came back and stated those meters or readers had not been repaired.

OLD BUSINESS

Cemetery benches: Winemiller reported she received and forwarded to the Board two new quotes for the benches for Brookside Cemetery and the memorial bench for Roger Oliver. One from Adam Ross Cut Stone and Rock of Ages.

Fuel Bids: Winemiller reported we did our due diligence in filing the bid in the newspaper and it was posted on Essex County’s website. The fuel bids were due today and we received one bid from Hyde Fuel. The bid was opened and read by Barb and I at noon today. I reviewed the state contract price through Essex County. I then called Hyde’s because I needed a little more clarification from Peter. It turns out Hyde’s is treating us more than fairly. For example, the regular diesel at state contract price is \$2.5662 and Hyde’s is charging \$2.1636. Every single fuel that we purchase from Hyde’s is less than the state contract price. It fluctuates because they go by a weekly journal of rack price. They are doing rack plus .25 based on rack price. I suggest we continue with Hyde Fuel at this point. Does the Board agree?

Karl Law made a motion to accept Hyde Fuel. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Fuller. Roll Call Vote:

Town Supervisor Davina Winemiller	AYE
Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates	ABSTAINED*
Councilperson Donald Amell	ABSENT
Councilperson Jennifer Fuller	AYE
Councilperson Karl Law	AYE

* due to affiliation with Hyde Fuel.

All in favor. Motion Carried

Income Survey Update: Winemiller reported she did not have the final numbers for the Board right now, but it looks like after mailing out 2 rounds of mailings, phone calls, and approaching anyone who walked into the Town Hall it looks like we got the numbers we needed to meet the minimum percentage of returned surveys.

North Elba Rockledge Water Users: Winemiller reported the Resolution was sent to Jay Rand in North Elba, along with the map copy so they could see it. I also had to write a letter to Essex County to add these parcels to our tax parcels. I do not know how long the process will take, but I would say next year.

Town Hall Stairway: Winemiller reported the requested engineer design from AEDA, which came in at \$5,000. Jeff from Jeffords Steel came to the Town Hall and measured everything. The quote from Jeffords to build the stairs came in at \$18,198.00. Then the cost to install the stairs was \$9,280.00. We had set aside \$25,000 for this, so the total quote for the stairs is \$2,478 over. We can easily use carryover fund balance. Can I get a motion to accept and award this bid?

Jennifer Fuller: I'll make that motion.

Karl Law: I'll second that motion.

Winemiller: All in Favor?

Board: AYE

Winemiller: Motion carried.

Trudeau Property for Cemetery Extension: Winemiller reported: Sandy Hayes has been instrumental with the right of way issue. I completed the full APA application, and adjusted and returned. I believe we are going to get APA approval in the mail any day now. Dan Tedford did the easement release. We are going to give them a right of way for repairs to the dam, etc. We should have ownership by Spring of 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

DEC Meeting – January 31st: Winemiller reported that she and several other Town Supervisors attended the State of the State for 2021 Budget from Commissioner Basil Seggos. I asked how much money is going to the Water and Sewer infrastructure? He was going to speak to the Governor on our behalf. He asked me to get with Bob Stegman, DEC Region 5 Commissioner. I talked to Bob and he asked for the Town's situation in writing and he was going to Albany and talk to the legislature.

FEMA: Winemiller reported the Halloween storm, 98% of what we did was County Roads, therefore we will be submitted for funds through the County.

Justice Court Grant Awarded: Winemiller reported the Town was awarded the Justice Court Grant and she asked the Board to approve the two contracts for the bench and all the repairs based on the grant.

The Board approved the contracts for the grants.

Purchase of new Photocopier: Winemiller presented the Board with samples of various problematic issues with the current photocopier. New copier quotes from Symquest and Usherwood were distributed to the Board for consideration of a new purchase. One or two of the photocopier quotes from Usherwood are color. Right now in the budget, we have \$900 for the copier itself for the toner. Each one of the new copiers were \$225.00 per year includes toner and maintenance, (\$25 per month). The Board agreed we needed to purchase a new copier and gave Davina and Barbara the option to choose which one fit the Town's needs.

Slab Hollow Chimney Repair: Winemiller reported Slab Hollow cleaned the chimney and it only cost \$75.00. There was a recommendation for the repair of the chimney because the flue tiles are falling apart and flaking and they recommend installation of a stainless steel liner. They will be sending a quote for repair. The Board agreed we should proceed with repair.

Volunteer Task Force: Winemiller handed out the meeting schedules for the Volunteer Task Forces. There were three volunteers for the Highway Garage, four for the Affordable Housing committee. There was only one person interested in the Veteran's Memorial Park. There were 10 volunteers for the Youth committee.

Pond Hockey Tournament: Winemiller reported the tournament went very smoothly and everyone had fun.

Winemiller: One thing that is not on the list of New Business, but last month we talked about was the town-owned old dump property; the 16 acres up on the end of West Main Street. We had said we didn't want to sell it or a house going up there. I received an email from New York Green Light Initiative. They help municipalities with solar or wind farming. I spoke with a representative in Albany and the next round of funding will be opening soon. What do you think Sandy? What do you think about putting solar up on that 16 acres? It would connect to the system. We would generate the power which would go into the grid and then we would receive a

credit on our town bills. Because the residents pay our electricity bills, I think it makes sense to try to generate some of our own if we can get grant funds.....we have a 16 acre piece.....what do you (Board) think?

Hayes: You better find out about the right of way.

Winemiller: Yes. I have to look into that.

Bates: You want to find out what they are going to find when they start digging up there.

Winemiller: But, it has been abandoned for 50 years. Hasn't it?

Hayes: Since my father convinced the Town into buying it when he was Mayor. It's getting close to 70 years. But, the right of way is the biggest problem.

Winemiller: If we can get that straightened away.....I just thought instead of just having 16 acres sitting there, we own it, it's out of the way, it wouldn't be offensive to people, I don't think. Do you folks (Board) want me to pursue that? I think it makes sense to try to do something positive with the piece. If we can get grant funds for it, why not? If we can save people some money. We might be able to generate enough electricity to pay for the

Town Hall, the garage and the Youth building.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS FROM GUESTS AND STAFF:

Winemiller asked those present if there were any questions or concerns from guests?

Hayes: No. Let's go.

Warrene: No. I'm a happy camper.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Deputy Supervisor D. Joseph Bates made a Motion to Adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Jennifer Fuller and the Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

I, Barbara J. Darrah, Town Clerk for the Town of St. Armand, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct transcript of the Public Hearing and the Regular Board Meeting minutes held on the above-referenced date.

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

Dated: February 11, 2020