



Town of Ballston Town Board Special Meeting
June 28, 2011

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ballston was held on Tuesday evening, June 28, 2011 at the Town Hall on Charlton Road. Members present were Supervisor Patricia Southworth, Councilwoman Mary Beth Hynes, Councilman Jeremy Knight, Councilman Timothy Szczepaniak and Councilwoman Kimberly Ireland. Also present were Town Attorney Murry Brower and Town Clerk Muriel Swatling.

Supervisor Southworth called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The first item on the Agenda was a presentation by Matthew Spataro of the Spataro Insurance Agency regarding the quotes received for the Town's insurance renewal which comes due in July. The top two contenders are Selective with a quote of \$39,839 and Trident with a quote of \$33,756. Quotes were also requested from Travelers who declined due to unable to compete with the pricing; CAN who declined due to unable to compete with pricing; and Houston Casualty who was not willing to amend coverage to conform with the RFP or waive requirements to implement driver selection procedures to include specific employees not being allowed to drive. The premium quoted "as is" was \$42,277.

By adding the Crime Policy with a premium of \$3,134.; the Owners Contractors Protective Policy with a premium of \$200. and the Highway Performance Bond with a premium of \$120., the total cost of the premiums including Selective would be \$43,293. and the total cost of the premiums including Trident would be \$37,210. The total premiums paid for 2010 including Selective were \$45,629.

Mr. Spataro informed the Board that Selective did state that they would provide a fixed rate that would not increase over the next three (3) years barring an unforeseen catastrophe, the additional purchase of land and/or buildings, major equipment purchases, etc.

Trinity Construction has requested their final payment in the amount of \$23,922.85 for the construction of the Pump Station connecting the Town of Ballston to the Saratoga County Water System. Edwin Vopelak of C. T. Male has confirmed that the work has been completed.

11-115: A motion was made by Timothy Szczepaniak and seconded by Mary Beth Hynes to approve the final payment to Trinity Construction in the amount of \$23,922.85 for the construction of the Pump Station to connect the Town of Ballston to the Saratoga County Water System. Roll Call: Ayes – all; Noes – none. Carried.

A motion was made by Jeremy Knight and seconded by Timothy Szczepaniak that General Fund bills #236 through #282 totaling \$33,624.86; Highway Fund bills #223 through #263 totaling \$247,244.41; Water District bills #49 through #61 totaling \$32,716.48; Park District No. 1 bills #10 through #13 totaling \$1,737.71 and Gravel Pit bills #16 through #19 totaling \$4,178.86 be paid. Roll Call: Ayes – all; Noes – none. Carried.

Privilege of the Floor:

George Seymour asked the Town Board that when considering filling the position of the Assistant Water Superintendent, look at making it a part-time position or eliminating the position.



Councilman Szczepaniak replied that the Assistant Water Superintendent is already a part-time position.

Denis Grimard, on behalf of the residents of Kileen Manor, told the Town Board that the problems with the idling trains have been resolved to the satisfaction of the residents and thanked the Town for efforts to help reach the solution.

Supervisor Southworth said complaints have been received regarding noise issues. One of the complaints has been the use of lawn mowers either late at night or early in the morning. Possibly the Town should look into reviewing our noise ordinance.

Polly Windels said that the Town should not only look at the air-conditioning in the Meeting Room but look at reviewing the air-conditioning/heating systems in both buildings. It might be beneficial to investigate solar systems.

Councilman Szczepaniak replied that he has options to share at next week's meeting regarding the air-conditioning.

Polly Windels stated that there are more efficient systems. Go big.

Councilwoman Ireland said that NYSERTA is doing energy audits. There are programs that allow for financing. The utility has energy efficiency programs. It makes sense to look at some of these options.

11-116: A motion was made by Timothy Szczepaniak and seconded by Mary Beth Hynes to move to Executive Session regarding proposed, pending or current litigation. Roll Call: Ayes – all; Noes – none. Carried.

11-117: A motion was made by Timothy Szczepaniak and seconded by Jeremy Knight to move out of Executive Session and reopen the regular meeting. Roll Call: Ayes – all; Noes – none. Carried.

No action as taken during the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Mary Beth Hynes and seconded by Jeremy Knight to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Ayes – all; Noes – none. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel K. Swatling

Town Clerk