

**SPECIAL YEAR-END MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF SARATOGA, 12 SPRING ST,
SCHUYLERVILLE, NY
Thursday, December 27, 2012
11:00 a.m.**

Supervisor Thomas Wood opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 11:05 a.m.

Roll call: Ruth Drumm, Town Clerk, called the roll. Supervisor Thomas Wood - present, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – absent (arrived at 11:14 a.m.), Councilman Fred Drumm- absent (arrived at 11:24 a.m.), Councilman Charles Hanehan – present, Councilman James Jennings - present

Also present: Town Attorney William Reynolds, Deputy Town Clerk Linda McCabe, Highway Superintendent Don Ormsby Jr.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None

Old Business:

- ❖ **Village of Victory – Fire Protection-** The board reviewed the QSFD response to the Dissolution Committee’s letter.
- ❖ **Uri Kaufman- Leitner Group-** the board decided that as long as the questions are answered it would be OK to use the Leitner Group that did the preliminary study on the mill.
- ❖ **Empire Building Products** – They are out except for the Mahogany Doors and the custom built table. It was decided that he should pay \$2,000 rent for December and the table should remain. It was also decided that Supervisor Thomas Wood should let them know they can remove the Mahogany Doors **as soon as possible.**
- ❖ **Dave Caswell** – will no longer clean the highway garage. It will be cleaned by the highway employees.
- ❖ **Board of Assessment Review Vacancy-** The two applicants will be interviewed at the next agenda meeting, January 10th, 2013.
- ❖ **Highway’s Dump Truck** – Sold to Town of Hadley for **\$10,000.**
- ❖ **ERSI- Fence and Phone Conversation** – the board was brought up to date on the asbestos removal project. Ken Martin will prepare the spec’s for the remainder of the work to be put out for bid.

New business:

On a motion by Councilman Charles Hanehan, seconded by Councilman Michael McLoughlin, the following Resolution #12-124 – Acquisition of Abandoned Champlain Canal Property was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye,

Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilman James Jennings – aye, and Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye. Carried 5 – 0.

WHEREAS, the Town of Saratoga agrees to pursue acquisition of certain Abandoned Champlain Canal Lands, SBL # 170.-1-1.1, south of Schuylerville from the New York State Office of General Services (OGS) for use as a portion of the Champlain Canalway Trail (CCT) as passed with Resolution #12-108, dated 12/10/2012; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga authorizes Supervisor Thomas N. Wood III to act on behalf of the Town of Saratoga for all transactions deemed necessary to complete the acquisition.

On a motion by Councilman Fred Drumm, seconded by Councilman James Jennings, the following Resolution #12-125 – 2012 Budget Amendment was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilman James Jennings – aye, and Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye. Carried 5 – 0.

WHEREAS, a budget amendment is needed, therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga to increase Buildings A1620.2 by \$25,000 offset by appropriated fund balance (increase appropriated fund balance by \$25,000 in 2011).

On a motion by Councilman Charles Hanehan, seconded by Councilman James Jennings, the following Resolution #12-126 – Amend Resolution #11-93 was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilman James Jennings – aye, and Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye. Carried 5 – 0.

WHEREAS, an amendment is needed to Resolution #11-93 to read as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga recognizes the need for improvements to the north wing, second floor space including interior renovations and heat and air conditioning improvements; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga to transfer up to \$25,000 for such improvements from the Building Reserve Account # H 1620.4 to General Fund Buildings A1620.2 following the 30 day requirement of Permissive Referendum rules and procedures.

On a motion by Councilman Fred Drumm, seconded by Councilman Michael McLoughlin, the following Resolution #12-127 – Amend Resolution #12-33 was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilman James Jennings – aye, and Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye. Carried 5 – 0.

WHEREAS, an amendment is needed to Resolution #12-33 to read as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga recognizes the need for improvements to the north wing, second floor space including interior renovations and heat and air conditioning improvements; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga to transfer \$25,000 for such improvements from Building Reserve Account # H 1620.4 to General Fund Buildings A1620.2 following the 30 day requirement of Permissive Referendum rules and procedures.

Communications: None

Privilege of the floor: No one

Upcoming Meetings:

- ❖ **Agenda meeting – Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.**
- ❖ **Regular town board meeting – Monday, January 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. (Organizational Meeting)**

Audit the Bills: On a motion by Councilman Charles Hanehan and seconded by Councilman Fred Drumm, the following **Resolution #12-128 - Approving the payment of bills in Abstract 13G** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilman James Jennings - aye. Carried 5 – 0.

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga that the bills be paid on Abstract #13G (12/27/2012) in the following amounts:

General Fund A	Voucher No. 447 through 467	\$ 31,153.98
General Fund B	Voucher No. 86 through 96	\$ 5,513.56
Highway DB	Voucher No. 241 through 256	\$ 14,299.97
Youth Y	Voucher No. 3	\$ 1,569.67
Schuyler Park H	Voucher No. 21	\$ 7.80
	Grand Total	\$ 52,544.98

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Fred Drumm and seconded by Councilman James Jennings at 12:36 p.m. Supervisor Thomas Wood III – aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilman James Jennings - aye
Carried 5 - 0

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Drumm
Town Clerk